

Appendix II: The Consecration of Russia is Not Accomplished

It is now more than 60 years since Father de Marchi wrote this beautiful book on Our Lady of Fatima; yet Our Lady's request for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary remains unheeded.

Pope John Paul II consecrated the *world* to Our Lady of Fatima in 1982, 1984, 1991 and 2000 A.D. Though numerous graces were obtained for the world due to these consecrations, they still do not fulfill what Our Lady requested.

Sister Lucia was consistent in her testimony that the consecration Our Lady requested was for that of Russia, not the world.

Without this consecration, Russia will not be converted and the world will not have peace. This fact must be stressed in modern times when wars and rumors of war are continually on the rise, and when the potential devastation caused by today's powerful weapons of warfare far exceeds anything ever experienced in history.

Thus it is useful to review Sister Lucia's consistent testimony regarding Our Lady's request that the Pope, in union with all the bishops of the world, consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart. The request for the Consecration of Russia goes back to the very beginning of Our Lady's visitations at Fatima.

On July 13, 1917, at Fatima, on the same day She had given the children the vision of Hell, Our Lady promised to return to ask for the Consecration of Russia.

True to Her word, the Virgin appeared again to Lucia on June 13, 1929 in Tuy, Spain. Lucia, now a Dorothean nun named Sister Lucia (she would not become a Carmelite until 1948), was praying in the convent chapel during the Holy Hour of Adoration and Reparation. The request for the Consecration of Russia was accompanied by a most unique vision of the Blessed Trinity. Sister Lucia writes:

"I had requested and obtained permission from my superiors and confessor to make the Holy Hour from 11:00 pm until midnight from Thursday to Friday. Being alone one night, I knelt down before the Communion rail in the middle of the chapel to say the prayers of the Angel, lying prostrate. Feeling tired, I got up and knelt, and continued to say them with my arms in the form of a cross. The only light came from the sanctuary lamp.

"Suddenly a supernatural light illumined the whole chapel and on the altar appeared a cross of light which reached to the ceiling. In a brighter part could be seen, on the upper part of the Cross, the face of a Man and His body to the waist. On His breast was an equally luminous Dove, and nailed to the Cross, the body of another Man.

"A little below the waist, suspended in mid-air, was to be seen a Chalice and a large Host onto which fell some drops of Blood from the face of the Crucified and from a wound on His breast. These drops ran down over the Host and fell into the Chalice. Under the right arm of the Cross was Our Lady [Our Lady of Fatima with Her Immaculate Heart in Her hand] ... Under the left arm (of the Cross), some big letters, as if it were crystal-clear water running down over the altar, formed these words: '*Grace and Mercy*'."

As with the Miracle of the Sun, there is no phenomenon like it ever before recorded. Thus did God Himself signify the singular importance of what Our Lady of Fatima was

about to tell Sister Lucia in the miraculous presence of the Most Holy Trinity:

“The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father to make, in union with all the bishops of the world, the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means.”

God Himself requests this. Sister Lucia received this request from the lips of the Mother of God Herself, speaking in God’s Name, in the presence of the very Godhead, the Most Holy Trinity. The immense gravity of this request is certainly beyond our comprehension.

Sister Lucia immediately conveyed the divine request to her confessor, Father Jose Bernardo Goncalves, as reflected in her published correspondence with him.

For the next seventy-five years — the same Lucia who would not deny the truth of Fatima even though imprisoned and threatened with a horrible death by the Masonic Mayor of Ourem — gave the same testimony: Our Lady, as God’s messenger, had requested the solemn public Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart in a ceremony to be conducted jointly by the Pope and all the world’s bishops.

Throughout her life, Sister Lucia remained steadfast that Our Lady did not ask for the Pope to consecrate the world, but Russia.

On May 18, 1936, Sister Lucia wrote to her confessor, Father Goncalves, in response to his question: Should I still insist on the consecration of Russia?” She replied,

“Should you insist? I do not know. Recently I was speaking with Our Lord and asked Him why He would not convert Russia without the Pope doing that consecration. Jesus replied, ‘Because I want My whole Church to recognize that consecration as a Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that later on it will put the devotion to the Immaculate Heart beside devotion to My Sacred Heart.’”

On October 24, 1940, Sister Lucia was ordered by one of her spiritual directors, the Bishop of Gurza, to write to the Pope and ask for the consecration of the *world* with “special mention” of Russia. The bishop’s action was an attempt to get the Pope to do at least something along the lines of a consecration, since during the previous eleven years Pius XI and Pius XII had failed to respond to the repeated requests to consecrate Russia.

Sister Lucia’s correspondence reveals that she was upset by this instruction, as she knew Our Lady had requested *only* the Consecration of Russia, not the world. Since she was put under obedience, however, Sister Lucia went to Our Lord in prayer before the exposed Blessed Sacrament to ask Him what she should do.

Our Lord responded to her that if the Pope did what the Bishop of Gurza had asked for, He would deign to reward this act by shortening the days of World War II, but that it would not bring about *world* peace, as would the explicit Consecration of Russia by the Pope together with all the bishops. Thus on December 2, 1940, Sister Lucia wrote to the Pope requesting the consecration of the world with special mention of Russia.

It is clear that the consecration of the *world*, as was later performed by Pius XII, was not what Our Lady had requested. Sister Lucia confirmed this in a letter she wrote to Father Umberto decades later on April 13, 1980, in which she explained that she only made this request in 1940 under obedience to her bishop confessor, but the consecration of the world is not what Our Lady had laid down as a condition for the conversion of Russia and world peace.

Nonetheless, on October 31, 1942, and again on December 8, 1942, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world, with an oblique mention of Russia, and Our Lord thus kept His promise to shorten World War II. Indirect testimony of this comes from Winston

Churchill. In his six-volume work on WWII, Churchill wrote that in early 1943 (almost immediately after the consecration performed by Pius XII), “the hinges of fate” turned in favor of the Allies, and that thereafter the Allies won almost every battle, whereas before they had almost always lost.

Our Lord also confirmed His promise during Lent of 1943, when He told Sister Lucia that while “the present distress (i.e. WWII) would be shortened” on account of the consecration of the world by Pope Pius XII, world peace would not be granted without the explicit Consecration of Russia by the Pope and the bishops.

Shortly thereafter, on July 15, 1946, the eminent author and historian William Thomas Walsh interviewed Sister Lucia, which is recounted in his great work, *Our Lady of Fatima*, (a book that sold over a million copies). During this interview, which appears at the book’s end, Mr. Walsh asked her pointed questions about the correct procedure for the Consecration:

“Finally we came to the important subject of the second July secret, of which so many different and conflicting versions have been published. Lucia made it plain that Our Lady did not ask for the consecration of *the world* to Her Immaculate Heart. What She demanded specifically was the consecration of *Russia*. She did not comment, of course, on the fact that Pope Pius XII had consecrated the world, not Russia, to the Immaculate Heart in 1942. But she said more than once, and with deliberate emphasis:

‘What Our Lady wants is that the Pope and all the bishops in the world shall consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart on one special day. If this is done, She will convert Russia and there will be peace. If it is not done, the errors of Russia will spread through every country in the world.’¹

Sister Lucia is clear and forthright. The collegial consecration requested by Heaven is the Consecration of *Russia*, not the *world*, which must be done by the Pope in union with the world’s bishops on the same day.

There is also the little-known revelation of Our Lady to Sister Lucia in the early 1950s, which is recounted in *Il Pellegrinaggio Della Meraviglie*, published under the auspices of the Catholic Bishops of Italy. The Virgin Mary appeared to Sister Lucia in May 1952 and said

“Make it known to the Holy Father that ***I am always awaiting the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart. Without the Consecration, Russia will not be able to convert, nor will the world have peace.***”²

Thus, 10 years after Pope Pius XII’s 1942 consecration of the world, we have Our Lady reminding Sister Lucia that Russia will not be converted, nor will there be peace, unless and until Russia is consecrated by name.

Thirty years later, in 1982, Sister Lucia’s testimony remains steadfast. On May 12, 1982, the day before the attempted 1982 consecration, the Vatican’s own *L’Osservatore Romano* published an interview of Sister Lucia by Father Umberto Maria Pasquale, a Salesian priest, during which she told Father Umberto that Our Lady had never requested the consecration of the world, but *only* the Consecration of Russia:

“At a certain moment I said to her: ‘Sister, I should like to ask you a ques-

¹ *Our Lady of Fatima*, William Thomas Walsh, (Image-Doubleday, New York, *Imprimatur* 1947) p. 221. Emphasis in the original.

² *Il Pellegrinaggio Della Meraviglie*, p. 440, Rome, 1960. This same work, published under the auspices of the Italian episcopate, affirms that this message was communicated to Pope Pius XII in June. Also, Canon Barthas mentioned that apparition in his communication to the Mariological Congress of Lisbon-Fatima, in 1967; see *De Primordiis cultus marianae, Acta congressus mariologici-mariana in Lusitania anno 1967 celebrati*, p. 517, Rome, 1970. See *Fatima: Tragedy and Triumph*, pp. 21 and 37.

tion. If you cannot answer me, let it be. But if you can answer it, I would be most grateful to you ... Has Our Lady ever spoken to you about the consecration of *the world* to Her Immaculate Heart?"

"**No**, Father Umberto! **Never!** At the Cova da Iria in 1917 Our Lady had promised: ***I shall come to ask for the Consecration of Russia ...*** In 1929, at Tuy, as She had promised, Our Lady came back to tell me that the moment had come to ask the Holy Father for the consecration of ***that country*** (Russia)."

This testimony was confirmed by Sister Lucia in a handwritten letter to Father Umberto, which the priest also published (photo reprint appears on this page). A translation of the letter reads:

J + M.
 Rev. do Senhor P. Umberto
 Respondeo a sua pergunta
 ta seguinte:
 Nossa Senhora, em Fatima, vir
 seu pedido, e se refere a consa-
 gração da Russia.
 ...
 Coimbra 13 IV - 1980
 S. Lucia

"Reverend Father Umberto, in replying to your question, I will clarify: Our Lady of Fatima, in Her request, referred only to the Consecration of Russia ... -- Coimbra 13 IV - 1980 (signed) Sister Lucia".

Again, on March 19, 1983, at the request of the Holy Father, Sister Lucia met with the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Portalupi, Dr. Lacerda, and Father Messias Coelho. During this meeting, Sister Lucia confirmed that Pope John Paul's consecration of 1982 did not fulfill the requests of Our Lady. Sister Lucia said:

"In the act of offering of May 13, 1982, Russia did not appear as

being the object of the consecration. And each bishop did not organize in his own diocese a public and solemn ceremony of reparation and Consecration of Russia. Pope John Paul II simply renewed the consecration of the world executed by Pius XII on October 31, 1942. From this consecration we can expect some benefits, but not the conversion of Russia."

She concluded, "***The Consecration of Russia has not been done as Our Lady had demanded it.*** I was not able to say it (previously) because I did not have the permission of the Holy See."³

A year later, on March 25, 1984, Pope John Paul II made an Act of Offering wherein he again consecrated "the world", not Russia. As with the 1982 consecration, "each bishop did not organize in his own diocese a public and solemn ceremony of reparation and Consecration of Russia".

Fatima author Frère François writes, "In the months which followed the Act of Offering of March 25, 1984, which was only a renewal of the act of 1982, the principal scholars of Fatima agreed in saying that the Consecration of Russia had not yet been done as Heaven wished it."

Such was the conviction of Father Antonio Maria Martins,⁴ and of Father Messias Coelho who, on the eve of March 25, 1984, had announced in *Mensagem de Fatima*, of which he is the publisher-editor, "Consecration of Russia: It will not be done yet this

³ Reported within an article by Father Pierre Caillon of Centre Saint Jean 61500 Sees, (Orne) France. This article was published by the monthly periodical *Fidelité Catholique*, B.P. 217-56402, Auray Cedex, France. English translation from *The Fatima Crusader*, Issue 13-14 (Oct.-Dec., 1983), p. 3.

⁴ See *Fatima e o Coração de Maria*, pp. 101-102.

time.” He said this even though he acknowledged: “It is certain the more contains the less. Apparently therefore, the ‘consecration of the world’ will perhaps give the impression of having the power to take the place of consecrating specifically Russia.”⁵

Let us remember that to consecrate means to dedicate, to set aside a person(s), place or thing for a holy purpose. The Consecration of Russia means that Russia (the Nation and the Country of Russia) is distinguished, is set aside from the rest of the world and dedicated to the service of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Thus it is clear that the Consecration of Russia needs to specify, to distinguish Russia from the rest of the world. In brief, the Consecration of Russia needs to name Russia in the Consecration Prayer. This is an undeniable fact and St. Thomas Aquinas says: “Against a fact there is no argument.” Besides all this we also have the testimony of Sister Lucia herself.

On Thursday, March 22, 1984, two days before the Act of Offering, the Carmel of Coimbra was celebrating Sister Lucia’s seventy-seventh birthday. She received on that day, as was her custom, her old friend Mrs. Eugenia Pestana. After extending good wishes to her Carmelite friend, Mrs. Pestana asked, “Then Lucia, Sunday is the Consecration?” Sister Lucia, who had already received and read the text of the Pope’s consecration formula made a negative sign and declared “That consecration cannot have a decisive character.”⁶

The “decisive character”, which is the stamp of the proper consecration, is the miraculous conversion of Russia.

Today, it must be emphasized, since many have been confused on this issue by false ecumenism, that the conversion of Russia means conversion to *Catholicism*. This is not only a point of common sense, but it is also found in the testimony of Father Joaquin Alonso, probably the top Fatima expert of the 20th Century. Father Alonso, who had many interviews with Sister Lucia, wrote in 1976:

“... we should affirm that Lucia always thought that the ‘conversion’ of Russia is not to be limited to the return of the Russian People to the Orthodox Christian religions, rejecting the Marxist atheism of the Soviets, but rather, it refers purely, plainly and simply to the total, integral conversion of Russia to the one true Church of Christ, the Catholic Church.”⁷

In a 1985 interview in *Sol de Fatima*, Sister Lucia was asked if the Pope fulfilled the request of Our Lady when he consecrated the world in 1984. Sister Lucia replied:

“*There was no participation of all the bishops, and there was no mention of Russia.*” She was then asked, “*So the consecration was not done as requested by Our Lady?*” to which she replied: “*No. Many bishops attached no importance to this act.*”⁸

Even Father Rene Laurentin, well-known for his progressivist views, admitted in 1986, “Sister Lucia remains unsatisfied⁹ ... Lucia seems to think that the Consecration has ‘not been made’ as Our Lady wanted it.”¹⁰

⁵ *Fatima, Tragedy and Triumph*, pp. 172-173

⁶ *Ibid.*, pp. 167-168.

⁷ *La Verdad Sobre el Secreto de Fatima, Fatima sin mitos*, Father Joaquin Alonso, (2nd edition, Ejercito Azul, Madrid, 1988) p. 78. English translation by Joseph Cain. Original Spanish reads: “... *podriamos decir que Lucia ha pensado siempre que ‘conversion’ de Rusia no se entiende solo de un retorno de los pueblos de Rusia a la religion cristiano-ortodoxa, rechazando el afeismo marxista y ateo de los, soviets, sino que se refiere pura y llanmente a la conversion total e integral du un retorno a la unica y verdadera Iglesia, la catolico-romana.*”

⁸ *Sol de Fatima*, September 1985.

⁹ *Chrètiens-Magazine*, March 1987, #8. Cited from *Fatima: Tragedy and Triumph*, p. 189.

¹⁰ Father Laurentin, “*Multiplication des apparitions de la Vierge aujourd’hui*”, p. 45, Fayard, September, 1988. Cited from *Fatima: Tragedy and Triumph*, p. 189.

Then on July 20, 1987, Sister Lucia was interviewed quickly outside her convent while voting. Here she told journalist Enrique Romero that the Consecration of Russia has not been done as requested.¹¹

Much more testimony could be given on this point, the most powerful being the fact that the world has not been blessed with peace even after Pope John Paul II's consecration of the world. We have seen wars in Kosovo, Somalia, El Salvador, the attack on the Twin Towers in the United States, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the war between Russia and Georgia (which prompted even secular journalists in late summer, 2008 to admit "the Cold War never ended"¹²), and more rumors of war on the horizon.

Neither have we seen any sign of Russia's conversion to the Catholic Faith; a land where the largest religion is the schismatic Orthodox, who reject many Catholic truths including that of the Papacy and the Immaculate Conception. The next largest is Islam, followed by a collection of Protestant denominations. Catholicism is still a minority religion in Russia, on a par in numbers with small sects such as Jehovah's Witnesses, the Mormons, the Quakers, the Hare Krishnas, the Moonies, the Unification Church, and the Church of Scientology.¹³

Immorality is rampant in Russia, including a divorce rate that equals that of the United States. In 1998, 14 years after the 1984 consecration of the world, the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress stated that Russia had the highest abortion rate in the world — 3.5 million abortions in Russia *every year*.¹⁴

Thus it is impossible to agree with those who claim "any further discussion or request for the Consecration of Russia is without basis".

"Pray a great deal for the Holy Father", Jesus told Sister Lucia. "He will do it but it will be late." How late it will be, and whether the terrible consequences of the annihilation of nations can be avoided, depends on our prayers and sacrifices.

And it depends on the men whom Our Lord referred to as "My ministers". It is they — the Pope and bishops of the Catholic Church — who have the power and the duty to heed Our Lady's requests to consecrate Russia and thus avoid the annihilation of "various nations" as a punishment for man's sins, which is one of the last unfulfilled warnings of the Fatima prophecy.

Thus it is these very ministers who must be petitioned to fulfill what Pope John Paul II himself called the *obligation* imposed on the Church by Our Lady of Fatima.

Let us never forget Our Lady's promise and prediction: "In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph, the Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me. It will be converted and a period of peace will be given to mankind."

The Fatima Message urges us to pray for the Consecration of Russia so that this triumph may come soon, and the annihilation of nations be averted. Our Lord told us, "It is never too late to have recourse to Jesus and Mary." Our Lady of Fatima urges us to pray, especially the Rosary, for as She told us at Fatima, "Only Our Lady of the Rosary can help you."

¹¹ This testimony of Sister Lucia was reported in the early August (1985) edition of *Para Ti* published in Argentina. See *World Enslavement or Peace ... It's Up to the Pope*, Fr. Nicholas Gruner (Immaculate Heart Publications, 1989), pp. 212-213.

¹² Dr. Ivan Eland of the Independent Institute, who has been Director of Defense Policy Studies at the Cato Institute, and spent 15 years working for Congress on national security issues, noted on August 15, "...contrary to Secretary [Condoleezza] Rice's implication, Russia is not bringing back the Cold War. *In fact, it never ended.*" See "Crisis in the Caucasus", *The Independent Institute*, August 15, 2008.

¹³ *Fatima in Twilight*, Mark Fellows (Niagara Falls: Marmion Publications, 2003), p. 288.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 289.