

# Follow the Will of God Through the Intercession of His Holy Mother, Mary

The following article is an excerpt of a speech given by Father Gruner at Cork, Ireland, only a month before he passed away on April 29, 2015. Through his words, he leaves behind us a spiritual legacy of his ongoing direction – to save our souls and to continue spreading the Fatima Message of warning and hope.

This article has been placed last in this issue of *The Fatima Crusader* so that the final message you receive from reading it are Father' Gruner's inspiring words to you personally – to persevere and never lose hope.

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## God Will Not Save Us Without Our Cooperation

I've often wondered – if Our Lady will ultimately triumph, then what should I do? Why should I bother doing anything? After all, She's going to do it all. Then again, Saint Augustine tells us that God, Who created us without our consent, will not save us without our cooperation.

If we are going to have the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, it will be *Her* triumph; it will only be by *Her* merits and *Her* prayers. Nevertheless, we are expected to do our part. So, the plan of God is to make it obvious to every man, woman

and child on the face of the earth that what was given to them is only through the intercession and the merits of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Let me go through some facts with you. In 6,000 years of recorded history, there have been over 14,400 wars. I met a man from Eastern Europe who was a Three Star General. He was younger than I and he told me that, in his lifetime, he had already been in 23 wars! And there will be worse wars around the corner; worse in such a way that they won't be very long – not like the Second World War – but much more destructive.

I was just reading the prophecy of Marie-Julie Jahenny. In it, she says that three-quarters of mankind will be wiped out. God wants to prevent that but He has a condition – He wants us to recognize that it's through the merits and the intercession of Our Lady.

Without Her intercession, we don't deserve it. With Her intervention, we still don't deserve it. But God will give it to us because of Her. He insists that She gets the credit for it. How is She going to get credit for it? – by the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All of history is governed by God, and God has ordained that Russia is either the instrument of justice or of mercy.

If we bring about the Consecration of Russia – by our prayers, actions and our words – and it's done in time, then Russia will be an instrument of mercy evangelizing the whole world. The whole world will become not just Catholic, but fervently practicing Catholics – through this mentality of Russia. But Russia can't do that unless it's consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Consecration is a word which people, perhaps, don't

understand. Some people think of it as an exorcism. Properly speaking, it is the setting aside of a person, place, or thing, or a country for a holy purpose.

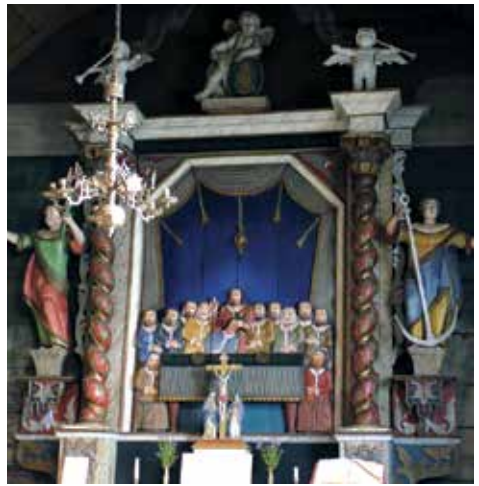
After David was anointed king by the prophet, he was able to kill a bear with his bare hands. Now, I know I wouldn't take on a bear if I had a choice but he did. He took on a bear and apparently a lion as well, and won both times!

That is why King Solomon then allowed David to fight against Goliath, who was a giant of a man. King David was able to do all these things because he was consecrated; he would not have been able to do that without being consecrated.

### **Mystery of Iniquity The Evil of Our Time**

There is a lot of evil in the world and this evil is organized. Paganism of our time pretends not to be organized but it's been organized for a long time; in fact, since the beginning of history.

Father Paul Kramer's book, *The Mystery of Iniquity*, refers to a quotation from Saint Paul, stating that the mystery of iniquity is very operative in our time. It will bring about World War III and the annihilation of nations as well as the



**The Latin Mass was celebrated on Sunday in an old museum church which we rented after being refused to celebrate Mass at one of the two Catholic churches left in Sweden.**

enslavement of the rest of the world.

This mystery of iniquity, of course, is working for the devil. It is not just bad angels who are working with the devil – we are also talking about human beings who follow the devil.

We should not be surprised that nature abhors a vacuum and so does the spirit. We are either going to work for and be faithful to God, or we are going to work for the devil. We may think we're doing our own thing but that's just a front for the devil to have you work for him. Unless we are working for God, we are working for the devil.

As Our Lord said: "Either you are for Me or against Me." We are coming to this conclusion of history but not a conclusion forever, because Our Lady told us that in the end Her Immaculate Heart will triumph, the Holy Father will consecrate Russia, Russia will be converted and a period of peace will be given to mankind.

### **God Chose Us For This Time**

History will go on – it's not the end of the world – but we are coming to a corner, a change in history that has never before been seen by mankind.

It's good for us to, perhaps, reflect upon the fact that we, ourselves, didn't choose to be born in this time, but here we are – God chose us for this time. It's for us to rise to the occasion in both the temporal realm and the spiritual realm.

### **The Third Secret Is a Prophecy**

Saint Paul told us in 2 Thessalonians that the Antichrist cannot come until the "great apostasy". "The great apostasy" is talked about in the Third Secret because Cardinal Ciappi – the papal theologian to Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I, and John Paul II – told us, among other things, that, in the Third Secret, it is foretold that the "great apostasy" in the Church begins at the top.

When you use the words "the great apostasy", there is only one "great apostasy" – at least the only one that is predicted in Sacred Scripture.

How do we know it's in our time? Looking around us, it certainly should be evident if you know enough about the faith. But we also have the prophecy of Scripture as well as Our Lady of Fatima.

How do we know that? Sister Lucy said it is a foretelling of the

future. When she was asked why the Third Secret should not be released before 1960, she said: “Because, it will be clearer then.” But how is a prophecy clearer, except when it starts to be realized? We also know the end of the prophecy, because it ended with the words:

“In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph, the Holy Father will consecrate Russia. Russia will be converted and a period of peace given to mankind.”

We have not had the consecration of Russia and we don’t have the period of peace. I think we can all agree upon that. We are in that period between 1960 and the great triumph of Our Lady. We are living in it, whether we like it or not. We are given a choice to do nothing or a choice to not listen to Our Lady – which would be the *wrong* choice.

The Church, by and large, has not listened, nor has it in the past. In the 1950’s, Pope Pius XII was pleased to let himself be called the Pope of Fatima for consecrating Russia – but he did this *without* the bishops.

Then again, he didn’t have the benefit of my 37 years of publishing –explaining that it has to be *all the bishops*, it has

to be the *name of Russia*, and it has to be *all together at the same time*.

Why are these precise conditions set down in the Message of Fatima? Because God wants Our Lady’s triumph – the grace of changing the course of history by stopping wars in their tracks – to be credited to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The prophecies of Isaiah and Micah in the Old Testament tell us: “They will turn their swords into plowshares. They will learn the art of war no more.”

Every nation has its code of warfare. In the 1960’s, I taught English to the Italians so they could go to school to learn how to fight wars with the Americans in Belgium, in NATO. The schools of war are everywhere.

### **They Will Learn the Art of War No More**

Every generation learns how to conduct war. Well, after the triumph of Our Lady, they will learn the art of war no more. The next generation will not know how to conduct a war or even start a war. Today, we see a great attempt to start war in the Ukraine, and with Russia and with China. They will learn the art of war no more but something has to change.

## **We Must Amend Our Lives**

We are told at Fatima that war is a punishment for sin. On October 13, 1917 – the day of the Miracle of the Sun – Our Lady said:

“They [the faithful] must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. Do not offend the Lord Our God any more, for He is already too much offended!”

Lucy tells us that when Our Lady expressed these words, She was very sad. Lucy wished that she had some means to be able to express that to the world. But as Pope John Paul II said when he went to Fatima:

“The world is going in the opposite direction from the Message of Fatima.”

In 1917, as you know, homosexuality was not legalized, nor was abortion. As Pope John Paul II pointed out, sin has become institutionalized. That is, it has become an institution.

Now, most of the governments all over the world – most of them in the West – are telling us it is a right to commit sin, a right to kill babies in the womb, a right to commit the act of sodomy. Well, sin is sin. God has not changed His mind.

God tells us that these two sins that cry up to Heaven for vengeance, are well enshrined in our age and so we are reaping up a punishment.

## **There Are Two Solutions**

One is for ourselves personally and one is for our country and for the world. As followers of Jesus Christ, we should love our neighbors and pray for their well-being – even for sinners. The other solution is that we should be taking care of our own and ourselves especially.

Let us be confident in God. If we do what God wants, God will take care of us.

We have entered the time of confusion foretold in Scripture. But we must stand for the truth and adhere to the dogmas of our Faith.

## **Follow the Truth**

We need to start thinking for ourselves when a prelate of any status, even the Pope, tells us to do something contrary to the faith, or contrary to what the Church has always done.

The reason why we believe the faith is because it is the truth. How do we know it's the truth? Because God told us. God, Who is All Holy, cannot tell a lie and God, Who is All Knowing, cannot



be mistaken. When God tells us something, we know it is true. When somebody contradicts what is true, you know it is false.

As Scripture tells us, Jesus Christ is the same today, yesterday and forever. He is the same Person with the same teaching.

Saint Paul tells us: “If I, or even an angel from Heaven, were to come down and tell you a gospel different from what I preach to you, let him be anathema” – because he, in that case, would be telling you a falsehood.

So, if an angel or an apostle could be condemned for teaching a wrong doctrine, so, too, can a Pope or bishop or a Cardinal or a priest. We are warned in Sacred Scripture that this will happen.

You can find it in Chapter 20 of the Acts of the Apostles, in which Saint Paul, speaking to the priests in Ephesus, said: “After I leave, wolves will enter in among you.” He was talking to priests and bishops, telling them that from their own selves, some will speak perverse things to bring the faithful to follow them instead of Christ.

If you look at the history of heresy, you have the great heresy of Arius, a priest. You have the heresy of Luther, a priest.

Nestorius, the Archbishop of Constantinople, taught heresy. You have many other heresies which come from priests or bishops.

It was a layman, on one occasion, in 429 AD, who recognized that something was a heresy and it wasn't even defined yet. He stood up in the church on Christmas day during the sermon at Mass and said: “That's a heresy,” and left. Half the church left with him. It was two years later that the Council of Ephesus was held, and defined against Nestorius.

### **God Gave Us the Rosary As Our Special Help In These Times**

So we are living in the times that we didn't choose to live in, but we have special helps if we will take them. Lucy has told us that God has given more power to the Rosary in our day than ever before and that there is no problem in the world that cannot be solved by the prayer of the Rosary.

So let us take up the Rosary. Padre Pio called it his weapon. Let us pray the Rosary every day.



### **God Bless You**