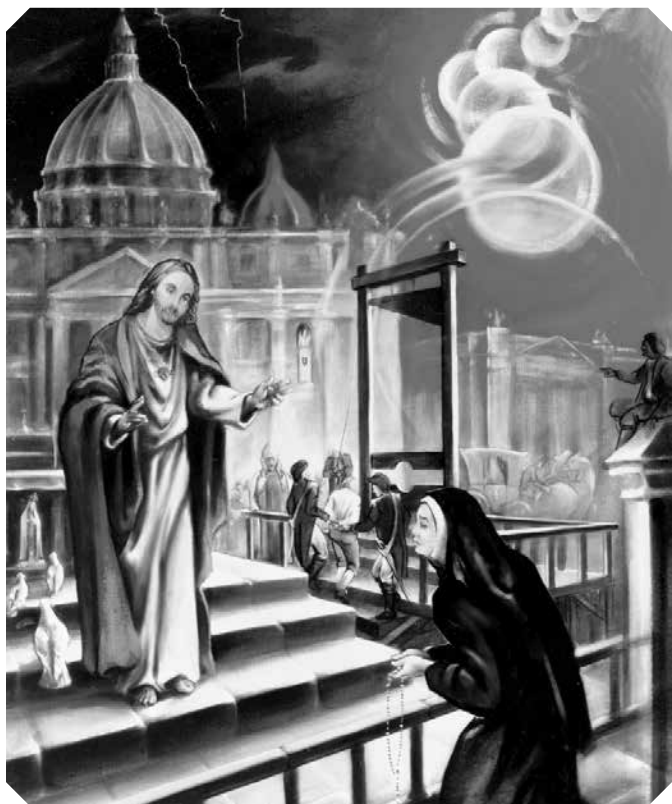


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## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



## “The Message of Fatima imposes an obligation on the Church.”

... Pope John Paul II

### 1 Q: What is a “consecration”?

**A:** It is a ceremony by which a person, group of persons, or thing is set apart as sacred and dedicated to the service of God or another sacred purpose.

### 2 Q: What is meant by “the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary”?

**A:** At Fatima, on July 13, 1917, Our Lady told Lucia that God “is about to punish the world for its sins, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church, and of the Holy Father. To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays.” On June 13, 1929, Our Lady returned as She had promised to make Heaven’s formal request for the Consecration of Russia. She announced: “The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father to make, and to order that in union with him and at the same time all the bishops of the world make, the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart,” promising to convert it because of this day of prayer and worldwide reparation.

Our Lady’s request is very simple: Russia—an anti-Catholic country for centuries and the fount of so much evil in the 20th Century—must be exorcised of its evil, set apart and made sacred by the means God has chosen: its solemn and public consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by the Pope in union with all the Catholic bishops of the world. When this solemn and public act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is at last performed, Our Lady will intervene with Her inestimable merits to bring an end to the punishments of God that have justly plagued the world throughout the past century, and now threaten to overwhelm us entirely. By this act, the whole world—beginning with Russia—will be converted to the Catholic Faith and the world will be given a period of peace.

Russia is the vessel of election chosen by God to stop the progression of the worst crisis in the history of the Catholic Church (a crisis encompassing nearly 60 years) and the moral, demonic decline of the world. But this will not happen without this act of Consecration. So long as the Consecration is delayed, there can be no hope for an end to the wars and persecutions—no escape from the coming general martyrdom and annihilation—of which Heaven has warned us and from which the great mercy of God desires to spare us.

### 3 Q: Why is it necessary to consecrate Russia in particular?

**A:** Because God wills it. As Our Lady told Sister Lucy at Fatima: “Russia will be the instrument of chastisement chosen by Heaven to punish the whole world if we do not beforehand obtain the conversion of that poor nation ...”

And as Sister Lucy disclosed in her published memoirs and letters, Our Lord Himself confided to her that He would not convert Russia unless the consecration were done, “Because I want My whole Church to recognize that consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that it may extend its cult later on, and put the devotion to this Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to My Sacred Heart.” Sister Lucy has explained that because Russia is a well-defined territory, the conversion of Russia after its consecration to the Immaculate Heart would be undeniable proof that the conversion resulted from the consecration and nothing else. The establishment in the world of devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary would thus be confirmed by God Himself in the most dramatic manner.

### 4 Q: And what if the Consecration of Russia is not done?

**A:** At Fatima, Our Lady warned that if the consecration were not done as She requested, then “Russia will spread its errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions against the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be annihilated.” By the same token, the miraculous conversion of Russia after its consecration by the Pope and the bishops, and the resulting peace in the world, will be a sign of the power of God’s grace acting through ministers of His Church and the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### 5 Q: How exactly is this consecration supposed to be accomplished?

**A:** True to Her word at Fatima, Our Lady appeared to Sister Lucy at Tuy, Spain, on June 13, 1929, to say that: “The moment has come when 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.” The phrase “by this means” is crucial, because it signifies that the consecration is not merely a symbol of the coming conversion of Russia, but *the very means by which it will be accomplished*. Thus, without the act of consecration there will be no conversion of Russia, and without the conversion of Russia, Russia’s errors

will continue to infest the world, producing the persecution of the Church, the martyrdom of the good, the suffering of the Holy Father and ultimately the annihilation of nations forewarned at Fatima.

Over the ensuing decades, Sister Lucy has explained time and again that the act of consecration requires that the Pope “choose a date upon which His Holiness *commands* the bishops of the entire world to make, each in his own Cathedral, and at the same time as the Pope, a solemn and public ceremony of Reparation and consecration of Russia ...”

### 6 Q: But isn’t Fatima just a private apparition no Catholic has to believe?

**A:** Far from it. It is not private; it is a public prophetic revelation, which makes the apparitions at Fatima unique with regard to Church-approved Marian apparitions. The urgency and importance of Our Lady of Fatima’s Message was confirmed by a public miracle of unprecedented magnitude foretold three months in advance—the day, the time and the place (the first time in salvation history that a miracle was predicted in its exact time and place)—and thus, the Miracle of the Sun was witnessed by more than 70,000 people. The hundreds of detailed testimonies of the witnesses to this miracle leave no reasonable doubt as to the truth of the Fatima apparitions and Message. In fact, all of the Popes since the apparitions in 1917, have recognized that the Message is authentic. Pope John Paul II acknowledged that “The Message of Fatima is addressed to every human being,” and in 1982 at Fatima he insisted that it “imposes an obligation on the Church.”

Our Lady of Fatima also foretold of future world events, the occurrence of which confirmed the Fatima Message to be a true prophecy. On July 13, 1917 She also accurately predicted: the end of World War I, the emergence of Russia as a world power which would spread its errors (including Communism, materialism and abortion) throughout the world, the election of a Pope who would be named Pius XI, and the waging of a second World War following a strange light in the night sky.

Our Lady also warned that failure to honor Her requests would result in the loss of many souls, further wars, persecutions of the Church and of the Pope, and that “various nations will be annihilated.” The physical annihilation of nations predicted at Fatima has not yet occurred, but many fear that it will soon happen, given the growing immorality and corruption in the Church and the world. But the spiritual annihilation of nations is well under way and can be witnessed by the crisis within the Catholic Church—the great apostasy or falling away from the Faith as foretold in the

book of the Apocalypse.

Thus, the Message of Fatima is in a class of its own. In our time, God has sent His Mother to intervene in human history in an unprecedented way, which has been recognized by Catholic scholars and theologians as a “public prophetic revelation.”

### 7 Q: Didn’t the Pope succeed in performing the Consecration of Russia in 1984?

**A:** No. As Sister Lucy herself declared in a September 1985 interview, the attempted consecration of March 25, 1984, *did not satisfy Our Lady’s requests* because “there was no participation of the bishops and there was no mention of Russia.” In consecrating the world in general on that date without mentioning Russia, the Holy Father himself acknowledged in the presence of tens of thousands of witnesses, both during and after the ceremony, that the people of Russia were still “*awaiting* our consecration and confiding.” The next day these statements were reported in the Pope’s own newspaper, *L’Osservatore Romano*, and the Italian Bishops’ publication, *Avvenire*.

### 8 Q: Wasn’t the consecration of the world by the Pope in 1984 enough to fulfill Our Lady’s request?

**A:** No. For her entire life since the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, Sister Lucy had insisted that Russia must be specifically mentioned.

For example, in a 1978 interview with her confidant, Father Umberto Pasquale, and in a letter to Father Pasquale in 1980, Sister Lucy responded to the question: “Has Our Lady ever spoken to you about the consecration of the world?” During the interview, Sister Lucy answered:

“No, Father Umberto! Never! At the Cova da Iria in 1917 Our Lady promised: ‘I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia ...’ In 1929, at Tuy, [Spain] 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*.”

And, in the 1980 letter (dated April 13 of that year), Sister Lucy confirmed what she had said in the interview, stating in her own handwriting that “Our Lady of Fatima, in Her request, referred *only to the consecration of Russia*.” Both the 1978 interview and the 1980 letter (photographically reproduced) were published in the May 12, 1982, Italian edition of *L’Osservatore Romano*.

Does not our own common sense tell us that if Our Lady of Fatima requested the Consecration of Russia, then Rus-

sia must at least be *mentioned* in the act of consecration? We might also reasonably ask what possible reason there could be for not uttering one simple word—Russia—in the act of consecrating Russia. The most frequent explanation given for this omission is fear of offending the [schismatic] Orthodox. Yet Our Lady had no such fear when She said Russia (which includes the schismatic Orthodox) will convert.

**9 Q: But doesn't the "collapse of Communism" after the 1984 consecration ceremony show that Russia is beginning to convert and that the consecration must have been effective, despite its failure to mention Russia?**

**A:** Hardly. For centuries Russia has been a rabidly anti-Catholic country. That is why even today, years after the 1984 consecration of the world, less than 0.8% of the population of Russia is Catholic. Due to the long-held views of the Russian Orthodox Church, Catholicism is barely tolerated and not recognized by the state as a legitimately Russian religion.

In 1997 (13 years after John Paul II's act of 1984) Russia enacted legislation which discriminates against the Catholic Church and in favor of Russian Orthodoxy, Judaism, Islam and Buddhism. Catholic parishes are required to apply for an annual "registration" which can be revoked at will by any local bureaucrat, while priests and nuns are given only three-month visas which possibly might not be renewed. At the time, the Vatican condemned the law as a great setback for the Church in Russia. Also, Catholics have often been seen as outsiders, even if they are ethnically Russian.

The Russian Revolution, which has been exported in various forms to other nations, confirms Our Lady's prophecy of the spread of Russia's errors throughout the world. Today Islam is the second most widely professed religion in Russia. Compare this with the true miracle of conversion which occurred after the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico in the 16th Century: within nine years some 9 million Aztecs turned from devil-worship and human sacrifice and were converted and baptized as Catholics. Yet in Russia today, more than 34 years after the 1984 consecration of the world, we see barely a trickle of converts.

Even the Russian Orthodox patriarch, Alexi II, publicly admitted on December 24, 1998, that since the supposed "fall of communism" in Russia, Christian culture "is not only being pushed into the background and oblivion, but is also being mocked and ridiculed ... as something extinct and unnecessary." Alexi also decried the "rise of neo-paganism... totalitarian sects, black magic practitioners, astrolo-

gers, and occultists" in "post-communist" Russia.

Most telling of all: In 2017 alone—the year of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and the 100th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution—more than 30,600,000 children had been slaughtered in the womb around the world—including Russia, where legalized abortion began. The worldwide total since 1980 is approximately 1,479,232,412—that is, almost 1.5 billion. The war on the unborn is the greatest war in the history of the world. Thus, it should be obvious to anyone with common sense that the period of peace promised by Our Lady if Russia were properly consecrated has yet to occur.

The conversion of Russia promised by Our Lady of Fatima has simply not happened. This can only mean that the consecration has not been done, for Our Lady's promises cannot be false.

**10 Q: Isn't it too late for the Consecration of Russia anyway, since Russia's errors have already spread throughout the world?**

**A:** No! As Our Lord Himself confided to Sister Lucy at Rianjo in August of 1931: "*They did not wish to heed My request! Make it known to My ministers, given that they follow the example of the King of France in delaying the execution of My command, like him they will follow him into misfortune ... they will do it, but it will be late.*" That is, Russia will already have spread its errors in the world and the Catholic clergy will have suffered persecution by the time the Consecration is done. Then turning His attention, so to speak, to us, to the Catholic faithful and Catholic priests, He said, "*It is never too late to have recourse to Jesus and Mary.*"

So the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will ultimately be done, and, as Our Lady promised at Fatima: "In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, which will be converted, and a period of peace will be given to mankind."

**11 Q: What is so urgent about the Consecration now?**

**A:** As Our Lady warned at Fatima: "If My requests are not granted, Russia will spread its errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions against the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and *various nations will be annihilated.*"

We have yet to witness the *physical annihilation* of nations foretold at Fatima. But the *spiritual annihilation* is well under way and the lon-

ger the delay, the greater the number of souls that will spend eternity in hell. Must we wait until the physical annihilation of nations occurs and many more souls are lost before we finally do exactly what Our Lady commanded us to do in God's name? Simple prudence should tell us that we cannot delay even one moment longer the Consecration of Russia, and only *Russia*, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**12 Q: But if the Pope feels he has done the consecration, what right does anyone have to question him about the consecration now?**

**A:** No Pope has ever publicly and officially stated that the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary has been done. On the contrary, John Paul II (whose March 25, 1984 consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is claimed to have satisfied the Fatima request) publicly stated—even *after* that ceremony—that the consecration requested by Our Lady of Fatima has yet to be done. In view of this, the faithful have every right to petition their Pope for the explicit Consecration of Russia according to Our Lady's precise instructions.

In fact, the God-given right of the faithful to petition the Supreme Pontiff in matters affecting the good of the Church was infallibly defined as Catholic doctrine by two ecumenical councils: Vatican I (1870) and the Second Council of Lyon (1274), and is also guaranteed by the current Code of Canon Law (Canon 212).

The good of the Church and the safety of the whole world demand absolute certainty that the requests of Our Lady of Fatima have been carried out. The matter will be settled only when the definitive consecration is performed, or when the Pope declares in an official, binding way to the whole Church that he has already performed the consecration in a manner sufficient to satisfy Our Lady's requests. Neither event has occurred, and therefore the matter remains open to free discussion and petitions by the faithful, who have every right to address a matter of such obvious importance for the Church and the world.

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