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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

Q: Why is it necessary to consecrate Russia in particular?
A: Because God wills it. At Our Lady told Sister Lucy at Fatima, “Russia will be the vessel of chastisement chosen by Heaven to punish the whole world if we do not beforehand obtain the conversion of that poor nation…”

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 persecution of the Church. The Holy Father will be martyred, the bishops will have much to suffer, and various nations will be annihilated.” By the same token, the miraculous conversion of Russia after its consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be “a sign of My Sacred Heart.”

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 faithful will be tried, 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 to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be a sign of the Sacred Heart.

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.”

Q: But isn’t Fatima just a private apparition no Catholic has to believe in?
A: Far from it. It is not private; it is a public prophetic revelation, which made the definition of this apparition by Pope Leo XIII a papal pronouncement 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 after the apparitions—the prophecy that the planet would come to an end in time, resulting in a world disaster that would be witnessed by tens of thousands of people, 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.”

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 responded: “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 me to tell me that the moment had come to ask the Holy Father for the consecration of Russia.”

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.” But of nations as such, as the 1978 interview of Our Lady 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.

**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 Catholic 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 some 9 million Aztecs turned from devil-worship and human sacrifice and were converted and baptized as Catholics. Yet in Russia years some 9 million Aztecs turned from devil-worship and human sacrifice and were converted and baptized as Catholics. Yet in Russia years some 9 million Aztecs turned from devil-worship and human sacrifice and were converted and baptized as Catholics. Yet in Russia years some 9 million Aztecs turned from devil-worship and human sacrifice and were converted and baptized as Catholics.

**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.”

**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 longer 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.

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