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“Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” – 2 Corinthians 6:2

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Month of the Holy Souls

Dear Friend of Our Lady,

My name is David Rodríguez and I began working as The Fatima Center’s Content Director this past July. Many of you may know my older brother, Fr. Michael Rodríguez. I am married and have six children.

I have just returned from Rome as I was on The Fatima Center’s Rapid Response team. There we offered many Rosaries and prayers of reparation on your behalf. I also provided daily video reports on the Synod, which can be viewed at our website, www.fatima.org.

One of my primary responsibilities is to work towards having Our Lady’s Message of Fatima reach a wider audience through creative and dynamic means. As part of this effort, I assisted in the design, content, and image selection for the enclosed calendar, which is a gift from Our Lady’s Apostolate to you.

It is your prayers and support that allow us to continue the vital work begun by Father Nicholas Gruner, our founder, and we want you to know that we are grateful for all that you do. We hope this calendar serves to strengthen your faith, its beauty enkindles your hope in Our Lady’s promises, and may it serve as an evangelizing tool of your ardent charity for God and neighbor.

This calendar demonstrates that Our Lady’s numerous supernatural apparitions have reached a crescendo at Fatima. Never before has the Church Militant faced such a dark hour, for now the divine light of faith is nearly completely extinguished. Yet never before has the Church been offered such tremendous grace: the Reign of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in which there shall be world peace and a glorious restoration of the Catholic Faith.

Our Blessed Mother came to us at Fatima to gather us under Her mantle and tell us what we must do to save ourselves and our world. If we will only listen to Her words and do the simple things She asks, Our Lady promises us peace in the world and salvation in the hereafter.

She does not ask anything complicated or difficult. Is it really beyond anyone’s ability to pray the Rosary or mediate upon its Holy Mysteries? Should we not all wear Her Brown Scapular? Even the Five First Saturday Devotion can be completed by First Communicants. Is it not a simple thing for the Pope and the bishops to say a prayer consecrating Russia to Her Immaculate Heart? A few moments of united prayer is all that Our Lady asks of them.

Why hasn’t the Consecration of Russia been done? Is it because too few Catholics *know* and *believe* in the Fatima Message? Is it because we have not trusted in Our Lady? If Catholics worldwide hear and obey Our Lady of Fatima, so much grace will be poured out upon the Church and its leaders that the Consecration will, at long last, be performed. It is our hope that with this calendar, you will more easily be able to share this urgent, though joyous, message of

grace and truth.

Throughout the centuries, the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared in many places. Her heavenly message, always emphasizing what mankind needs most at that time, is essentially the same. With great maternal solicitude She lovingly pleads: **TURN TO GOD NOW! LIFT YOUR EYES TO HEAVEN BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE! I AM HERE, WAITING TO HELP YOU. COME TO ME!**

Whenever you look at this beautiful calendar, may it remind you that Our Lady unceasingly intercedes on our behalf. Each month features an apparition of Our Lady which God providentially weaved into Her singular role. In order to better explain the connections between these apparitions, I gave a presentation in Rome which can be viewed at our website. I hope this calendar and video will help you share the Fatima Message with others.

The Fatima Center's mission has become ever more crucial as darkness spreads over the world. In 2019, we hosted conferences; increased our activity among the youth; spread the Message in Ireland and Poland; our Rapid Response Team proclaimed the truth in Rome; and we distributed Rosaries, sacramentals and literature throughout the world.

In 2020, we must continue to expand our work. Not only are there many Catholics who don't know the Message of Fatima, but many Catholics no longer know the basics of the Faith. Many don't realize that at Fatima, more than any other Marian apparition, Our Lady emphasized foundational Catholic doctrines, all of which are under terrible attack today.

We have listed some of these key truths in your calendar. Throughout the coming year, we will be using our resources and special events to spread the Message of Fatima and show its connection to the foundations of Catholic doctrine and worship. We have some exciting things planned for 2020, which we will tell you about at the start of the New Year.

For now, we ask for your prayers for the survival and success of The Fatima Center. We have many enemies. And every initiative we undertake has its costs. We struggle financially. We know that many of you may also be hard-pressed. But if we stick together, if you help us in any way you can, Our Lady will reward you and we will continue the good fight.

We have more calendars available for your friends and family. Let us know if you would like more. If you can help us to cover the cost of printing and mailing, it will be much appreciated. We hope this calendar will help bring you an increase of faith, hope and charity in 2020.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

David Rodríguez
The Fatima Center Content Director

P.S. Please accept the gift of this beautiful calendar. With your help, Father Gruner was able to bring the Message of Fatima to many spiritually hungry souls. With your continued help, we will be able to carry on this vital work. May this calendar sanctify your days and help you to consecrate your life to Our Lord and Our Lady. And please, help us continue this work by your generosity to the apostolate.