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**“Do you suffer a great deal? Don’t lose heart. I will never forsake you.
My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.”**

– Our Lady of Fatima, Second Apparition

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

Dear [Name],@

Faithful Catholics share in a pain that few others understand.

Holy Mother Church infallibly teaches that we will spend eternity in either Heaven or hell. The possibility of hell is terrifying, but our Faith shows us how to avoid such a fate. If we die in the state of grace – with no mortal sin – we will go to Heaven. After baptism, we remain in the state of grace by accepting all of Divine Revelation and obeying the Commandments of God and His Church. If we sin grievously we must make a good Confession. While such a path is not easy, we know that with God’s grace, we can save our soul.

Understandably, many of us are very concerned about the souls of family members and friends who are not Catholic or who have fallen away from the Faith. Some of them lead objectively sinful lives and have abandoned the path of salvation.

We worry to the point of anguish that our loved ones could end up in hell.

Our secular society encourages the lifestyles of our wayward loved ones. Even worse, many are now feeling abandoned by their shepherds. Churches are closed. Sacraments are restricted. Some prelates openly promote heresies and immorality, all the while teaching that hell is empty.

At Fatima, Our Lady provided us with a “secret weapon” that is particularly effective in the epic battle for the souls of our loved ones. During Her second apparition at Fatima, on June 13, 1917, She told the children that Our Lord wills to establish in the world devotion to Her Immaculate Heart.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is our refuge and will lead the souls of our loved ones to God.

During Her fourth apparition, on August 19, 1917, Our Lady said something extraordinary: “Pray! Pray a great deal and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them.” Our prayers and sacrifices, or lack thereof, help determine whether many souls, including those of our loved ones, will spend eternity in Heaven or hell.

Yet worrying about our family members and friends and having warm feelings towards the Immaculate Heart is not enough. We must take concrete and consistent action to counter the efforts of the devil, the flesh and the world and help win the battle for their souls.

In the enclosed brochure, you will find a Spiritual Plan of Action which you can use in the fight

for souls. The Plan is particularly powerful because it employs spiritual practices promoted by Our Lady of Fatima and the three children to increase devotion to the Immaculate Heart.

In fighting for the souls of our loved ones, we should be patient and confident.

When we implement the Plan of Action in the enclosed brochure, we must beware the temptation of impatience, which can derail the efforts of even the most faithful Catholics. If we faithfully follow the Plan, we might see no change in our loved ones six months, a year, five years or even a decade or more from now. We must not be discouraged and *we cannot give up!*

In the past, some of us may have been away from the Faith or had extended periods of sin in our lives. How patient God was with us then! If He now wishes to be patient with our wayward loved ones, who are we to complain? Our attitude must be: "On God's time, not ours." We should be ready to remain faithful in our devotion to the Immaculate Heart for the rest of our lives to obtain the necessary graces to save our loved ones.

Our Lord tells us the parable of the widow who continually beseeched a judge to give her justice (see Luke 18: 1-8). The judge finally relented out of weariness from the widow's 'troublesome pestering.' The Gospel explains that Our Lord told this parable so that we might always pray and not lose heart. Let us be confident that Our Lord and Our Lady will never forsake us but will instead reward our consistent efforts on behalf of our loved ones with the salvation of their souls.

Please help us distribute the enclosed brochure to all who need it.

We need your help to distribute the enclosed brochure far and wide. Many other faithful Catholics with family members or friends far from the Faith do not realize the importance of devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in winning back those souls. If you know of others who could benefit from this brochure, do not hesitate to request additional copies by completing the enclosed form.

Producing this brochure and other quality Catholic materials (like our upcoming booklets on the Brown Scapular and the Rosary) is an expensive endeavor. Thank you for any financial support you can provide to help defray our costs. In your charity, please keep The Fatima Center in your daily prayers, as we continue to work for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

David Rodríguez, Content Director for The Fatima Center

P.S. My weekly video Catechism series, *Building on a Firm Foundation*, has started on our website and YouTube channel with a new episode every Tuesday. Do also check out new videos from Fr. Michael Rodríguez, Fr. Karl Stehlin, Fr. Shannon Collins, Christopher Ferrara, Kennedy Hall and others.