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WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE?

- The Message of Fatima was authenticated by the Miracle of the Sun – a public miracle without precedent. The date and place of the miracle were foretold months in advance and it was witnessed by tens of thousands – believers and unbelievers alike. Fatima is no mere private revelation. In 1982, Pope John Paul II said: *"The Message of Fatima imposes an obligation on the whole Church."*

- The Church has formally approved the authenticity of the Fatima apparitions. In 1930, after an extensive investigation, the Bishop of Leiria, in which Fatima is located, declared that the visions of the children "are worthy of belief."

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WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

The Fatima Message is Heaven's solution – and the only solution – for the crisis besetting us. **It is never too late to have recourse to Jesus and Mary.**

When devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is established by the practice of the First Saturday devotion and the Consecration of Russia, **Russia will convert to the Catholic Faith and peace will reign. Until then, the crisis will worsen, leading to the annihilation of nations and the loss of many souls.**

To obtain the graces necessary for the proper Consecration of Russia and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart, we must do what Our Lady of Fatima requested:

- 1 CEASE OFFENDING GOD** and stay in the state of grace;
- 2 Pray the ROSARY** daily;
- 3 Practice the FIRST SATURDAY** devotion monthly;
- 4 Be enrolled in and wear the BROWN SCAPULAR;**
- 5 OFFER PRAYERS and SACRIFICES**, especially our daily duty well performed, in reparation for sin and for the conversion of sinners;
- 6 CONSECRATE** ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and
- 7 Pray and sacrifice** for the Pope and bishops to consecrate Russia as requested by Heaven.

Time is short; we must act now!

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