

# Little Known Apparitions

## August 29, 1931- Rianjo, Spain

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My confessor orders me to inform Your Excellency of what took place a little while ago between the Good Lord and myself: as I was asking God for the conversion of Russia, Spain and Portugal, it seemed to me that His Divine Majesty said to me:

*“You console Me a great deal by asking Me for the conversion of those poor nations. Ask it also of My Mother frequently, saying: Sweet Heart of Mary, be the salvation of Russia, Spain, Portugal, Europe and the whole world. At other times say: By your pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, obtain for me the conversion of Russia, Spain, Portugal, Europe and the entire world.”*

Then Jesus said:

*‘Make it known to My ministers, that given they follow the example of the King of France in delaying the execution of My request, that they will follow him into misfortune. It will never be too late to have recourse to Jesus and Mary.’*

Later, in an intimate communication, Our Lady complained to me, saying:

*“They did not wish to heed my request!... Like the King of France, they will repent and do it, but it will be late. Russia will have already spread her errors throughout the world, provoking wars, and persecutions of the Church: the Holy Father will have much to suffer.”*

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## **ACT OF CONSECRATION**

Finally John Paul II made the conscration on march 25, 1984, but it was late, Russia had already spread her errors throughout the world as are Lady had said they would if the poopes failed to heed Her requestsImmediately after the Holy Year Mass for Families:

1. "We have recourse to your protection, holy Mother of God".

As we utter the words of this antiphon with which the Church of Christ has prayed for centuries, we find ourselves today before you, Mother, in the Jubilee Year of the Redemption.

We find ourselves united with all the pastors of the Church in a particular bond whereby we constitute a body and a college, just as by Christ's wish the Apostles constituted a body and college with Peter.

In the bond of this union, we utter the words of the present Act, in which we wish to include, once more, the Church's hopes and anxieties for the modern world.

Forty years ago and again ten years later, your servant Pope Pius XII, having before his eyes the painful experiences of the human family, entrusted and consecrated to your Immaculate Heart the whole world, especially the peoples for which by reason of their situation you have particular love and solicitude.

This world of individuals and nations we too have before our eyes today: the world of the second millennium that is drawing to a close, the modern world, our world!

The Church, mindful of the Lord's words: "Go... and make disciples of all nations... and lo, I am with you always, to the

close of the age" (Mt 28:19-20), has, at the Second Vatican Council, given fresh life to her awareness of her mission in this world.

And therefore, O Mother of individuals and peoples, you who know all their sufferings and their hopes, you who have a mother's awareness of all the struggles between good and evil, between light and darkness, which afflict the modern world, accept the cry which we, moved by the Holy Spirit, address directly to your Heart. Embrace, with the love of the Mother and Handmaid of the Lord, this human world of ours, which we entrust and consecrate to you, for we are full of concern for the earthly and eternal destiny of individuals and peoples.

In a special way we entrust and consecrate to you those individuals and nations which particularly need to be thus entrusted and consecrated.

"We have recourse to your protection, holy Mother of God": despise not our petitions in our necessities.

2. Behold, as we stand before you, Mother of Christ, before your Immaculate Heart, we desire, together with the whole Church, to unite ourselves with the consecration which, for love of us, your Son made of himself to the Father: "For their sake", he said, "I consecrate myself that they also may be consecrated in the truth" (Jn 17:19). We wish to unite ourselves with our Redeemer in this his consecration for the world and for the human race, which, in his divine Heart, has the power to obtain pardon and to secure reparation.

The power of this consecration lasts for all time and embraces all individuals, peoples and nations. It overcomes every evil that the spirit of darkness is able to awaken, and has in fact awakened in our times, in the heart of man and in his history.

How deeply we feel the need for the consecration of humanity and the world—our modern world—in union with Christ himself! For the redeeming work of Christ must be shared in by the

world through the Church.

The present year of the Redemption shows this: the special Jubilee of the whole Church.

Above all creatures, may you be blessed, you, the Handmaid of the Lord, who in the fullest way obeyed the divine call!

Hail to you, who are wholly united to the redeeming consecration of your Son!

Mother of the Church! Enlighten the People of God along the paths of faith, hope and love! Enlighten especially the peoples whose consecration and entrustment by us you are awaiting. Help us to live in the truth of the consecration of Christ for the entire human family of the modern world.

3. In entrusting to you, oh Mother, the world, all individuals and peoples, we also entrust to you this very consecration of the world, placing it in your motherly Heart.

Immaculate Heart! Help us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths towards the future!

From famine and war, deliver us.

From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, deliver us.

From sins against the life of man from its very beginning, deliver us.

From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us.

From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international, deliver us.

From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver

us.

From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God, deliver us.

From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.

From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us, deliver us.

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Accept, Oh Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings, laden with the sufferings of whole societies.

Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit to conquer all sin: individual sin and the "sin of the world", in all its manifestations.

Let there be revealed, once more, in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the Redemption: the power of merciful Love! May it put a stop to evil! May it transform consciences! May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of Hope!

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## **Further Little Known Apparitions – Tuy, Spain**

**June 13, 1929 – Tuy, Northwest Spain at the Convent of Saint Dorothy – Sister Lucia Speaking:**

*"I had sought and obtained permission from my superiors and confessor to make a Holy Hour from eleven o'clock until*

*midnight, every Thursday to Friday. Being alone one night, I knelt near the altar rails in the middle of the chapel and, prostrate, I prayed the prayers of the Angel. Feeling tired, I then stood up and continued to say the prayers with my arms in the form of a cross. The only light was that of the sanctuary lamp."*

*"Suddenly the whole chapel was illumined by a supernatural light, and above the altar appeared a cross of light, reaching to the ceiling. In a brighter light on the upper part of the cross, could be seen the face of a man and his body as far as the waist, upon his breast was a dove also of light and nailed to the cross was the body of another man."*

*"A little below the waist, I could see a chalice and a large host suspended in the air, on to which drops of blood were falling from the face of Jesus Crucified and from the wound in His side. These drops ran down on to the host and fell into the chalice."*

*"Beneath the right arm of the cross was Our Lady and in her hand was her Immaculate Heart. (It was Our Lady of Fatima, with her Immaculate Heart in her left hand, without sword or roses, but with a crown of thorns and flames). Under the left arm of the cross, large letters, as if of crystal clear water which ran down upon the altar, formed these words: **Grace and Mercy**" (Memoirs of Sister Lucia).*

**"I understood that it was the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity which was shown to me, and I received lights about this mystery which I am not permitted to reveal."**

Our Lady then said to me:

***“THE MOMENT HAS COME IN WHICH GOD ASKS THE HOLY FATHER, IN UNION WITH ALL THE BISHOPS OF THE WORLD, TO MAKE THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA TO MY IMMACULATE HEART, PROMISING TO SAVE IT (That is Russia only) BY THIS MEANS.”***

***“THERE ARE SO MANY SOULS WHOM THE JUSTICE OF GOD CONDEMNS FOR SINS COMMITTED AGAINST ME, THAT I HAVE COME TO ASK REPARATION: SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR THIS INTENTION AND PRAY.”***

**May 29, 1930**

Lucy's confessor later gave her a series of questions about the apparitions at Pontevedra. One of the questions was: "Why five Saturdays and not nine or seven, in honor of the Sorrows of Our Lady?" Upon receiving the questions, Lucia prayed to Our Lord to enlighten her with the answer, which a few days later she gave to her confessor. This is what she wrote:

*As I was in the chapel with Our Lord part of the night of **May 29-30, 1930**, and speaking to Our Lord about questions... I suddenly found myself more intimately possessed by the Divine Presence, and if I am not mistaken, here is what was revealed to me:*

***“My daughter, the motive is simple: there are five ways in which people offend and blaspheme against the Immaculate Heart of Mary”:***

- The blasphemies against the ***Immaculate Conception***.
- The blasphemies against Her ***Virginity***.
- The blasphemies against Her ***Divine Maternity***, refusing accept Her as the Mother of all mankind.
- The blasphemies of those who try publicly to ***implant in***

*children's hearts indifference*, contempt and even hate against this Immaculate Mother.

- The offences of those who insult Her directly in Her *sacred images*.

*“Here, my daughter, is the reason why the Immaculate Heart of Mary made Me ask for this little act of reparation and, in consideration of it, move My mercy to forgive those souls who had the misfortune of offending Her. As for you, try incessantly with all your prayers and sacrifices to move Me to mercy toward those poor souls.”*

*“And if one could not accomplish all those obligations on a Saturday, would Sunday not do?”*

*“The practice of this devotion will be equally accepted on the Sunday following the first Saturday, when, for just reasons, My priests will allow it.”*

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## **FURTHER APPARITIONS – PONTEVEDRA SPAIN:**

### **(1) December 10, 1925 – Pontevedra Spain**

After discerning for some time the wish to become a religious, in 1925 eighteen-year-old Lucy joined the **Dorothean Sisters**. She became a postulant at the Order's convent at **Pontevedra, Spain** where **Our Lady**, as She promised in 1917, came to reveal to Lucy the first part of God's plan for the salvation of sinners and world peace: the reparatory Communion of the First Saturdays of the month.

Lucy, referring to herself in the third person, describes the encounter:

*“On December 10, 1925, the Most Holy Virgin Herself appeared, and beside Her, borne by a luminous cloud, the Child Jesus. The Most Holy Virgin put Her hand on her shoulder and showed her, at the same time, a Heart surrounded by thorns which She held in the other hand. At that same moment, the Child said to her“:*

*‘Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce It at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them.’*

Then the Most Holy Virgin said:

*‘Look, My daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and announce in My name that I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall receive the sacrament of Confession, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep*

*Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to My Immaculate Heart.*

## **(2) February 15, 1926 – Pontevedra Spain**

DESPITE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS on the part of her confessors, Lucy was soon supernaturally urged to continue working to make Our Lady's request known. As recorded in her memoirs, Lucy stated,

*"On the 15th [of February 1926], I was very busy with my chores, and I scarcely thought of it [the apparition of the preceding December 10]. I was about to empty the garbage can outside the garden. At the same place, several months previously, I had met a child whom I had asked if he knew the Hail Mary. He had replied yes, and I had asked him to say it for me, in order to hear him. But as he would not say it alone, I had recited it three times with him."*

*"At the end of the three Hail Mary's, I asked him to say it alone. As he remained silent and did not appear capable of saying it alone, I asked him if he knew the church of Saint Mary. He answered yes. I then told him to go there every day and to pray thus: '**Oh my Heavenly Mother, give me Your Child Jesus!**' I taught him that prayer and departed."*

*"Then on February 15, while returning as usual [to empty a garbage can outside of the garden], I found there a child who appeared to me to be the same (as previously), and I then asked him: '**Have you asked Our Heavenly Mother for the Child Jesus?**' The Child turned to me and said: '**And have you revealed to the world what the Heavenly Mother has asked***

**you?’ And saying that, He transformed Himself into a resplendent Child. Recognizing then that it was Jesus, I said to Him”:**

**‘My Jesus! You know very well what my confessor said to me in the letter I read to you. He said that this vision had to be repeated, there had to be facts permitting us to believe it, and that the Mother Superior alone could not spread this devotion.”**

**‘It is true that the Mother Superior, alone, can do nothing, but with My grace, she can do anything. It is enough that your confessor gives you permission, and that your Superior announces this for it to be believed by the people, even if they do not know who it was revealed to.”**

**‘But my confessor said in his letter that this devotion already exists in the world, because many souls receive Thee every first Saturday of the month, in honor of Our Lady and the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.’**

**‘It is true, My daughter, that many souls begin, but few persevere to the very end, and those who persevere do it to receive the graces promised (that is, not out of love for the Blessed Mother). The souls who make the five first Saturdays with fervor and to make reparation to the Heart of your Heavenly Mother, please Me more than those who make fifteen, but are lukewarm and indifferent.’**

**‘My Jesus! Many souls find it difficult to confess on Saturday. Will You allow a confession within eight days to be valid?’**

**‘Yes. It can even be made later on, provided that the souls are in the state of grace when they receive Me on the first**

*Saturday, and that they had the intention of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Mary.'*

*'My Jesus! And those who forget to form this intention?'*

*'They can form it at the next confession, taking advantage of their first opportunity to go to confession.'*

After that the Child Jesus disappeared without saying anything more.

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## **Fatima – Bolshevik Revolution and Miracle of the Sun – October 13, 1917**

**DURING HER SEPTEMBER 13 VISIT**, The Virgin Mary asked Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia to persevere in their prayers and filled them with anticipation as they waited and prepared for some spectacular events that She said were to take place during her next visit on October 13:

*"Continue to pray the rosary in order to obtain the end of the war. In October Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Saint Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world."*

She had kept all of her promises to this point, She had

comforted them, and revealed many extraordinary things; thus, they had no reason to doubt Her when She promised a visit by Saint Joseph and the Child Jesus, Himself accompanied by a special blessing for the entire world. These future events, however, were most likely to be *private* revelations, *like the others had been*. But, then Our Lady spoke several words that must have sparked joy in their souls. Until this time, despite crowds in the tens of thousands, it was only the three who experienced the supernatural phenomena; many, including their own parents, members of the clergy, regional press agents, and government officials either were or remained skeptical of the whole series of events reported by the children. NOW, however, now the Lady was promising a miracle, **a miracle not for their eyes only, but a PUBLIC MIRACLE**. The public nature of this miracle was plainly revealed in the words “so that ALL may believe.”

*“In October, I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.”*

As the three persevered in their prayers throughout September, news of the promised miracle was circulating throughout the broad Iberian countryside. A public miracle announced by the Mother of God to take place on October 13 caught everyone’s attention. On October 12, 1917, World War I was raging at a fever pitch.

The British army was stretched out along a six mile front making slight progress, German advances were being checked along the entire French front; pounding wind and rain however put a halt to any further advances on either side. Despite this torrential down pour from the evening of October 12 and into the very next day right up until the time of the apparition, an immense crowd (a crowd consisting of faithful devotees and skeptical mockers among them atheists and Masonic press agents and government officials) undeterred by the horrendous weather gathered and made their way for miles by

foot to the Cova de Iria.

The children had to rise and leave home early on the stormy morning of the 13th. With the August imprisonment still fresh in their minds and the hush of threats circulating in the air, they were accompanied by a vanguard of family and friends to protect them from the swarming multitude and agents of liberalism sweeping Europe Spain and Portugal. Around noon time when Our Lady finally did appear, She told them that it was Her wish that a **chapel be built there in her honor** and asked them **to pray the rosary every day**. She also assured them that the **war was going to soon end**. She also instructed the children that people who were asking for cures must **amend their lives and ask forgiveness** for their sins.

*"What do you want of me?"*

*"I want a chapel built here in my honor. I want you to continue saying the Rosary every day. The war will end soon, and the soldiers will return to their homes."*

*"Yes. Yes."*

*"Will you tell me your name?"*

*"I am the Lady of the Rosary."*

Again, looking very sad, She said:'

*"Do not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already much offended"*

After this, She opened both hands and make them reflect on the sun. She then ascended toward the luminous disc while continuing to reflect Her own light directly onto it.

Then Lucia cried out for everyone to look at the sun.

Although the rain had stopped, ominous clouds continued to obscure the sun, which suddenly burst through the darkness as a soft spinning disk of silver.

*"Look at the sun!"*

### **The "Miracle of the Sun" Witnessed by 70,000 on October 13, 1917**

A reporter for the Lisbon newspaper "*O Dia*" wrote:

*"...The silver sun, enveloped in the same gauzy grey light, was seen to whirl and turn in the circle of broken clouds... The light turned a beautiful blue, as if it had come through the stained-glass windows of a cathedral, and spread itself over the people who knelt with outstretched hands... people wept and prayed with uncovered heads, in the presence of a miracle they had awaited. The seconds seemed like hours, so vivid were they."*

**Dr. Almeida Garrett, professor of natural sciences** at the University of Coimbra, was present and was frightened by the spinning sun. Afterward, he wrote:

*"Suddenly I heard the screams coming from thousands of throats, it must have been about 2 PM..I looked in the same direction as all the other pairs of eyes and saw the suns as a disk, sharply outlined, sparkling, glowing, and painless fro the eyes to gaze at. The sun's disc did not remain immobile. This was not the sparkling of a heavenly body, for it spun round on itself in a mad whirl, when suddenly a clamor was heard from all the people. The sun, whirling, seemed to loosen itself from the firmament and advance*

*threateningly upon the earth as if to crush us with its huge fiery weight. The sensation during those moments was terrible...all the colors in the atmosphere changed. All the objects around me took on the color of an amethyst."*

**Dr. Manuel Formigão, a priest and professor** at the seminary at Santarém, had attended an earlier apparition in September, and had questioned the three children on several occasions. Father Formigão wrote:

*"As if like a bolt from the blue, the clouds were wrenched apart, and the sun at its zenith appeared in all its splendor. It began to revolve vertiginously on its axis, like the most magnificent fire wheel that could be imagined, taking on all the colors of the rainbow and sending forth multicolored flashes of light, producing the most astounding effect. This sublime and incomparable spectacle, which was repeated three distinct times, lasted for about ten minutes. The immense multitude, overcome by the evidence of such a tremendous prodigy, threw themselves on their knees."*

## **Political Events Happening in Russia at the Time of the Miracle of the Sun**

At the same time Miracle of the Sun was occurring, so too was the **Great October Socialist Revolution** in Russia. Commonly referred to as the **October Uprising** or the **Bolshevik Revolution led by Vladimir Lenin**, it culminated with the seizure of state power by armed insurrectionists in Petrograd.

According to Leon Trotsky, **October 13 is the correct anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution that brought the communists to power in Russia.** This is probably true because according to the [International Communist League](#):



*“Basically, in what one might call a “cold insurrection,” the Bolshevik-led Soviet took control of the armed bodies of men out of the hands of the Provisional Government. By October 13, the Soldiers’ Section of the Petrograd Soviet voted to transfer military authority from Headquarters to the Military Revolutionary Committee. In other words, the Soviet now had the state power in all but name.”*



[Leon Trotsky](#) confirmed the startling fact that the **October Revolution was initiated on October 13, 1917**. On October 13, 1932, he wrote:

*“The October Revolution is finishing its fifteenth year. This simple figure gives evidence to the entire world of the gigantic force which exists in the proletarian state. No one, not even the most optimistic among us, foresaw such vitality.”*

*“The leaders and the masses saw in the October upheaval only the first stage of the world revolution. The thought of an independent building-up of Socialism in isolated Russia was, in the year 1917, neither defended nor sustained nor clearly formulated by anybody” ([Prinkipo Letter](#), October 13, 1932).*

While the communists were seizing power in Russia under cover of darkness, as Our Lady had foretold in July, Jesus, Mary and Joseph were blessing the world at Fatima. They were in the process of leading it back to God through the Eucharist, Holy Rosary and Scapular as if cognizant of Our Lady's 13th century prophecy to Her servant, St. Dominic:

***"One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, I will save the world."***

### **Final Appearance of Our Lady After Miracle of the Sun**

Following the Miracle of the Sun, Our Lady then disappeared into the depth of heaven and in Her place Saint Joseph and the child Jesus appeared accompanied by the Virgin Mary now robed

in white with a blue mantle as Mother of the Holy Family. Saint Joseph and Jesus then made the sign of the cross over the world and disappeared. Then Jesus reappeared with Our Lady of Sorrows. Jesus blessed the world.



Finally, **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** appeared holding the Carmelite **brown scapular** in her hands. During this time no words were spoken. Lucia, later said:

*"Our Lady never looked so beautiful as when She appeared in Her Carmelite Habit."*

The very fact that She was holding a Brown Scapular and wearing the Carmelite habit tells us that She is emphasizing the spirituality of Mt. Carmel and wants Her children to wear the scapular! Our Lady seems to be confirming Carmelite mystical theology reaching back across the ages to the prophet Elisha and Elijah who routed the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. By holding out the brown scapular at the culmination of so great a miracle, She is calling attention to the importance of Carmel and the brown scapular necessary for spiritual battle against modern day prophets of Baal.

Lucia asked Our Lady why She held out the Brown Scapular, to which She replied:

*“I want all my children to wear it.”*

This prompted Lucia to proclaim that

*“OUR LADY WANTS EVERYONE TO WEAR IT. IT IS THE SIGN OF CONSECRATION TO HER IMMACULATE HEART.”*

This would be the last apparition seen by Jacinta and Francisco. However, as indicated in May, 1917, Our Lady wished Sister Lucia to remain on earth to spread devotion to Her Immaculate Heart. Consequently, Our Lady would appear to Sister Lucia at least five more times in 1925, 1926, 1929, 1930 and 1931 as she had promised the previous May.

**In summary** The Fatima message of Our Lady had an Apocalyptic Warning of War; mankind’s self-destruction and the threat of Judgment to befall the world. But, She also gave a message of Hope and Peace – The *“Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart”* and an *“Era of Peace”*.

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## **Fifth Visitation of Our Lady to the Children at Fatima September 13, 1917**

**FOLLOWING THE AUGUST, 19 VISIT**, the children continued with their prayers and sacrifices. Then on September 13, accompanied by a crowd of approximately 30,000 they entered the Cova and approached the Holm Oak tree upon which Our Lady had been appearing to them; in unison with the throng of 30,000 they began to pray the rosary. Shortly afterward, they saw the flash of light indicating the imminent approach of Our Lady who then appeared on the Holm Oak.

### **Dialogue Among the Virgin Mary and the Three Children**

Repeating some of what She had told them in August, She added the future visit in October of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and conveyed to them God's satisfaction with their reparation sacrifice for sinners adding a motherly correction that reminds the reader of the "Little Way" of St. Terese. The children were to make sacrifices, but sacrifices within reason. One is reminded here also of St. Dominic Savio who had the renowned Saint John Bosco for his spiritual adviser and guide. Don Bosco taught Dominic that **obedience is greater than sacrifice**. He taught him that small penance performed under spiritual direction is much greater than prolific penance imposed on oneself without the guide of a spiritual director or in disobedience to a spiritual director. Don Bosco taught Dominic that among sacrifices, the most pleasing for a "schoolboy" is the **sanctification of daily duty performed with humility and love as if one were serving God in all things, with every thought, word, and deed**. Dominic imbibed these words turning them into a personal motto:

*"I can't do big things but I want everything to be for the glory of God."*

Saint John Bosco recalled the incident that prompted him to teach this lesson to the young Dominic, who was himself to become a saint."

*“During the autumn and winter he (Dominic) managed to escape having extra blankets for his bed, so that during the cold of January he had only the summer coverings on his bed. This was discovered, because, one morning he was unwell, and had to remain in bed; and when the Director (John Bosco speaking in third person) came to see him, he saw at once that he had insufficient covering for that severe weather. “Why did you do this?” the Director asked, “did you want to die of cold?”*

*“Oh, I shall not die of cold,” he answered. “When in the stable at Bethlehem, or hanging on the Cross, Our Lord had less to cover Him than I have now.” He was then forbidden to undertake any penance at all without express permission; and this command, though difficult, was obeyed.”*

*“Later on I saw that he was in some difficulty. He said he could not reconcile the command of the Gospel to do penance, with the prohibition he had received. “The penance God wishes from you,” I said, “is simply obedience. If you obey, that will suffice for everything.”*

“Can you not allow me to do some other penance?”

“The only penance you are to do, is to bear patiently all that God sends you in this life.”

“But those things must be put up with by necessity.”

“Very well,” I replied, “whatever you have to suffer by necessity, offer it to God, and it will become a virtue, and meritorious in the sight of God.”

“This counsel comforted his misgivings and he was never disturbed in that way again” ([The Life of Dominic Savio](#)).

Since John Bosco was a prodigious devotee of the Virgin Mary, it is not surprising that he taught the same Marian spirituality that Our Lady, Herself, was communicating to the children at Fatima:

*“Continue to pray the rosary in order to obtain the end of the war. In October Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Saint Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world. God is pleased with your sacrifices. He does not want you to sleep with the rope on, but only wear it during the daytime.”*

*“I have the petitions of many for your help. Will you assist a little girl who is deaf and dumb?”*

*“She will improve within the year.”*

*“And the conversions that some have asked to have brought about? The cures of the sick ones?”*

*“Some I will cure, and some I will not.”*

She repeats, in motherly expectation what She said confided to them the previous month:

*“In October, I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.”*

As stated in the previous article referring to the September visit, the Virgin Mary is referring to the Miracle of the Sun. As in all Her visits, the Blessed Mother is aware of the future. As “Daughter of the Father”, “Mother of the Son”, and “Spouse of the Spirit”, She is “full of grace” ([Luke 1:28](#)), the grace that comes from the Holy Spirit who overshadowed

Her giving birth to the Son of God:

*“The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God”* ([Luke 1:35](#)).

St. Maximilian Kolbe’s meditated upon these scriptures for a life-time and concluded that the Virgin Mary is the fulcrum upon which all of salvation hinges, she is the Sanctuary of God, the new Temple in which His glory dwells. She is finite created pure **immaculate love** of all creation, the image of the Holy Spirit who is infinite Uncreated Immaculate Love of the Holy Trinity. There is only one Uncreated Immaculate Love and only one created immaculate love, I am not speaking here about the love of man for God – of that there are many examples – I am speaking about “*immaculate love*”. The Virgin Mary who is the Mother of God is the only created immaculate love in the entire universe – the only created exemplar of that species of love!

*“In the union of the Holy Spirit with her, not only does love bind these two beings, but the first of them [the Holy Spirit] is all the love of the Most Holy Trinity, while the second [the Blessed Virgin Mary] is all the love of creation, and thus **in that union heaven is joined to earth**, the whole heaven with the whole earth, the whole of Uncreated Love with the whole of created love: this is the vertex of love”* ([St. Maximilian Kolbe](#), *Scritti di Massimiliano Kolbe*, Rome, 1997.)

She who is full of the Spirit, She who is perfect image of the Spirit, like the Spirit, prepares the children for things that are to come: As Our Lord told the apostles:

*“I have yet many things to say to you: but you cannot bear them now. But when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will*



*teach you all truth. For he shall not speak of himself; but what things soever he shall hear, he shall speak; and **the things that are to come, he shall shew you**" ([John 16:12-13](#)).*

This is the work of love integrally united to faith and hope, the love of a mother full of good news and wanting to share it but in a most discreet and prudent manner.

Like a good Mother and teacher, Our Lady is preparing Her children for the October visit and pronounces a public miracle to be performed so "all may believe".

Our Lady then rose and disappeared into the empyrean.