

# Third Visit of Our Lady of Fatima – July 13, 1917

THE THIRD APPARITION ON JULY 13, 1917 is a very detailed revelation in which Our Lady shows the children the horrid consequence of sin and its remedy.

Again, while in the Cove near the holmoak tree, the three children saw the customary flash of light, and a moment later Our Lady appeared.

*Again She asks them to continue coming to this same spot on the 13th of next month. She also asks them to continue their rosaries in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary and to obtain peace and an end of the war.*

They are to pray in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, because, they are told,

*“Only she can help you.”*

Lucia asks the Woman to reveal herself and to perform a miracle so that everyone will believe that she is appearing to them.

Our Lady stuns them by assuring them that She will clearly reveal who She is and will also perform a (public) miracle for “all to see and believe”.:

*“In October, I will tell you who I am and what I want, and I will perform a miracle for all to see and believe.”*

For the moment however, they are to continue making sacrifices for sinners. To contribute to the efficacy of their

sacrifices, She instructs them to say the following whenever they make a sacrifice:

*"O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."*

She does not say "My Heart" but Mary's Heart". In effect, She has brought them to see the union and communion of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts and to augment their consolations to Jesus by including consolations to Mary who suffers for the same outrages, sacrileges, blasphemies and indifferences as Her Son does.

As she spoke to them about the Immaculate Heart of Mary she opened her hands a third time and the rays of light emanating from them seemed to penetrate the earth enabling them to see deeply into it.

**THESE VISIONS EMANATING FROM THE LIGHT PROCEEDING FROM HER IMMACULATE HEART ARE KNOWN AS THE FIRST TWO SECRETS OF FATIMA**

**The First Secret is a Vision of Hell:**

*"Our Lady showed us a great sea of fire which seemed to be under the earth. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished [bronze](#), floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now falling back on every side like sparks in a huge fire, without weight or equilibrium, and amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear."*

*"The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repulsive likeness to frightful and unknown animals, all black and transparent. This vision lasted but an instant. How can we ever be grateful enough to our kind heavenly Mother, who had already prepared us by promising, in the first Apparition, to take us to heaven. Otherwise, I think we would have died of fear and terror"*

### **The Second Part of the Secret:**

The children looked to the Woman for consolation; to succor them She said both kindly and sadly:

*"You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in this world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."*

*"If what I say is done, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace. The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the pontificate of Pius XI."*

*"When you see a night illuminated by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions against the Church and the Holy Father."*

To prevent this (WWII and the foreboding unknown light), Our Lady tells the children that sometime in the future She shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the *First Saturdays*. The children did not even know that Russia was a country let

alone a country about to undergo a violent and momentous Communist revolution and alter its name to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), which would unleash an unprecedented pogrom of the Church and the annihilation and conquest of various nations throughout Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

*"To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays."*

*"If My requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated."*

Nonetheless, Our Lady promised an end to all this and a definitive victory associated with Her Immaculate Heart:

*"In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved etc. ... Do not tell this to anybody. Francisco, yes, you may tell him."*

Finally, Our Lady instructed children to add the following prayer after each decade:

*"O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need."*

Then She disappeared to the eastern sky.

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## **NOTES:**

### **I The Third Secret:**

The third part of the secret was not written down until 3 January 1944 “by order of His Excellency the Bishop of Leiria and the Most Holy Mother” . At the time Sister Lucia received the secret in 1917, the Virgin Mary had told her not to reveal it, but because Carmelite obedience requires that orders from superiors be regarded as coming directly from God, Sister was in a quandary as to whose orders took precedence. Finally, in mid-October, Bishop Silva sent her a letter containing a direct order to record the secret, and Lúcia obeyed.

In June 1944, the sealed envelope containing the third secret was delivered to Silva, where it stayed until 1957, when it was finally delivered to Rome.

Finally, it was announced by Cardinal Sodano on 13 May 2000 (83 years after the first apparition of Our Lady in the Cova da Iria), that the Third Secret would finally be released. In his announcement, the cardinal implied that the secret pertained to the 20th century persecution of the Church that culminated in the failed assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II on 13 May 1981, which providentially happened to be the 64th anniversary of the first apparition of the Lady at Fatima.

### **II Confirmation of the Unknown Light:**

**On January 25, 1938**, bright lights from an apparent aurora borealis appeared all over the northern hemisphere, as far south as North Africa, Bermuda, and California. It was the widest occurrence of the aurora since 1709. People in Paris and other parts of Europe believed a great fire was burning

and the fire departments were called. Lucia, the sole survivor of the 3 children, indicated that it was the sign foretold by the Virgin Mary and so communicated to her superior and the Bishop in letters the following day. Just over a month later, Hitler seized Austria and 8 months later invaded Czechoslovakia. World War Two a “worse war” had begun during the reign of Pope Pius XI as Mary had foretold – She had foretold both the war and the name of the future pope who would be reigning at its outbreak.

### **PRESS CLIPS FROM NEWSPAPERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD CONFIRMING THE UNKNOWN LIGHT**

- “Northern lights disrupt radios in Maine, frighten Europeans” – [Maine Press Herald, January 26, 1938, p. 1]
- “Aurora borealis startles Europe. People flee, call fireman” – [New York Times, January 26, 1938, p.25 ]
- “Magnetic storms playing heck with news wires” – [Dallas Morning News, January 26, 1938, p.1 ]
- “Aurora borealis cutting capers” – [Savanna Morning News, January 26, 1938, p. 1]
- “Borealis over Tennessee valley” – [The Kansas City Star, January 27, 1938]
- “Blame it on the sun” – [Rocky Mountain Herald, January 29, 1938, p.1 ]
- “Europe upset at first aurora since 1709” – [Bismark Tribune, January 26, 1938, p.2 ]
- “Aurora borealis glows in widest area since 1709” – [Chicago Daily Tribune, January 26, 1938, p.2 ]
- “Northern lights give prize show” – [Boston Globe, January 26, 1938, p.1 ]
- “Neon Lights in the sky: Display of aurora borealis viewed on two continents” [Christian Science Monitor, Jan. 26, 1938, p.1 ]
- “Northern lights down south” – [London Times, January 26, 1938, p. 12]

- “Aurora borealis abroad” – [London Times, January 27, 1938]

### **III The fate of nations are determined by judgments of God.**

**IV Mary does NOT here ask for the consecration of Russia,** but announces that Russia will be converted if her requests are heeded. If not Russia will spread her errors throughout the world. **She says that She will come (later) to ask for the consecration of Russia and give Her requests.** (This will not be until June 13, 1929).

To prevent WWII She will come in 1929 to ask for Russia's consecration. If Russia had been properly consecrated in this early post 1929 period, she would have spread her errors throughout the world. But because she was not consecrated to the immaculate heart as requested in 1929, the errors spread way beyond Russia into all parts of the world as Our lady had foretold: The more prominent errors included promotion of socialism and the big government, biological, cultural and spiritual evolution, an attack on the traditional family, attack on private property, promotion of materialism, hedonism and atheism and an overall attack on religion manifest in multitudinous forms, sexual revolution and psychological revolution.

**V Despite all the detail given in his third July apparition the children were not exactly sure what Our Lady wanted** (other than prayer and sacrifice). She herself had said,

*“In October, I will tell you who I am and what I want.”*

VI During the third July apparition Our Lady revealed something She referred to as *First Saturdays* but She did not tell the children what they are except that they involve the Eucharist and reparation.