

The Apparitions of Our Lady

May 13, 1917

Don't be afraid, I won't hurt you! (Where does Your Excellency come from?) I am of Heaven. (And what is it You want of me?) I have come to ask you to come here for six months in succession, on the thirteenth day at this same hour. Then I will tell you who I am and what I want. Afterwards, I will return here a seventh time. (And shall I go to Heaven too?) Yes, you will. (And Jacinta?) Also. (And Francisco?) Also, but he will have to say many Rosaries! (Is Maria das Neves now in Heaven?) Yes, she is. (And Amelia?) She will be in Purgatory until the end of the world. Do you wish to offer yourselves to God, to endure all the sufferings that He may be pleased to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and to ask for the conversion of sinners? (Yes we do.)

Then you will have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort . . . Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.

June 13, 1917

(What does Your Excellency want of me?) I want you to come here on the thirteenth day of the coming month, to recite the Rosary every day, and to learn to read. I will tell you later what I want. (I asked for the cure of a sick person) If he is converted he will be cured during the year. (I should like to ask You to take us to Heaven) Yes, Jacinta and Francisco I will take soon, but you will remain here for some time yet. Jesus wishes to make use of you to have Me acknowledged and loved. He wishes to establish in the world the devotion to My Immaculate Heart.

(Am I to stay here alone?) No, daughter. Do you suffer a great deal? Don't be discouraged, I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.

July 13, 1917

(What do You want of me?) I want you to come here on the thirteenth day of the coming month, and to continue to say the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain the peace of the world and the end of the war. For She alone will be able to help. (I wish to ask You to tell us who You are and to perform a miracle so that everyone will believe that You appeared to us!) Continue to come here every month. In

Sister Lucia

October I will tell you who I am and what I wish, and I will perform a miracle for all to see and believe. (Our Lady said it was necessary to say the Rosary to obtain graces during the year.)

Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say many times, especially when you make some sacrifice: Jesus, it is for Your love, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

(As Our Lady spoke these last words, She opened Her hands once more, as She had done during the two previous months. The rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw as it were a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form...¹)

You have seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them God wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. If they do what I will tell you, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace. The war is going to end. But if they do not stop offending God, another even worse will begin in the reign of Pius XI. When you see a night illuminated by an unknown light, know that it is the great sign that God gives you that He is going to punish the world for its crimes by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father. To prevent this I will come to ask for the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart and the Communion of reparation on the first Saturdays. If they heed My requests, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, promoting wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred. The Holy Father will have much to suffer. Various nations will be annihilated. In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, and it will be converted and a certain period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved etc. Tell this to no one. Francisco, yes, you may tell him. When you say the Rosary, say after each mystery, "O my Jesus, pardon us and deliver us from the fire of hell. Draw all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need." (Is there anything more that You want of me?) No, I do not want anything more of you today.

August 19, 1917

(What is it that You want of me?) I want you to continue to go to Cova da Iria on the thirteenth and to continue to recite the Rosary every day. In the last month I will perform the miracle so

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that all may believe. (What do You want me to do with the money that the crowd left in the Cova da Iria?) Let them make two litters. Carry one of them with Jacinta and two other girls dressed in white, and let Francisco carry the other one with three other boys. The money on the two litters is for the feast of the Lady of the Rosary, and that which is left over is for the support of the chapel which they are going to have built. (I want to ask You to cure some sick people.) Yes, I will cure some during this year. Pray, pray a great deal, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have no one to sacrifice and pray for them.

September 13, 1917

Continue to say the Rosary to bring about the end of the war. In October Our Lord will come also, and Our Lady of Sorrows, and Our Lady of Carmel, and Saint Joseph with the Child Jesus, to bless the world. God is content with your sacrifices, but He does not wish you to sleep with the rope; wear it only during the day. (They have begged me to ask You many things: the cure of some sick persons, of a deaf mute.) Yes, some I will cure, others not. In October I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.

October 13, 1917

(What do You want of me?)

I want to tell you that a chapel is to be built here in My honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes.

(I have many things to ask You: the cure of some sick persons, the conversion of sinners, and other things...)

Some yes, but not others. They must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins.

(Looking very sad, Our Lady said:)

Do not offend the Lord our God any more, because He is already so much offended.

Notes

1. For a full description of the vision of hell, see pages 65-66 of this book.