

Dear readers,

This past first of May, Bishop Fellay launched a third Rosary Crusade. After two victories, the new cause to stand up for is the consecration of Russia by the Holy Father, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, according to the requests of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917.

Why such a move at the present time? Why appeal to the faithful with a period of prayer so long, up to March 25th, 2010? Why return to business which, it seems, had been settled by John Paul II in his time?

Heaven has its reasons, and their entire significance we do not necessarily understand. But he who looks around himself would realize that the world situation is far from corresponding to the promises that the Blessed Virgin had attached to this request, when in July of 1917 she addressed the three children of Fatima:

- The conversion of Russia to the Catholic faith.
- A time of peace in the world.
- The eternal salvation of a great number of souls.

The Marxist revolution had international aims. Russia, and after that the Iberian Peninsula, were only the starting points in order to better strangle Europe, this old World of Christendom. The Blessed Virgin therefore had good reasons to warn us. If communism was the great peril of the 20th century, its spirit has not disappeared and our modern democracies stemming from 1789 are, of course, all permeated with it. Today, Russia tries to awaken itself from a moral coma in which it has been plunged for a very long time. Everything remains to be done in order to restore its strength of former years, and yet it will be a long-term reeducation.

Its current government tries the impossible to bring the country out of its profound misery due to the economic and social ruin in which it happens to be. If in a few major cities the misery recedes, there are nevertheless millions of people who live in an extreme outcome from this situation. Children and adolescents abandoned by the millions live and die in the street, or survive through means of debauchery. With totally nationalist politics, the present Russian government works towards bringing back its dignity, even its sense of pride to this big nation which attaches itself with confidence to its leaders. Its exterior politics demonstrates that today Russia is a rampart for the Occident against Islam and a force in the world equilibrium against Atlanticism.

Russia has been confided to Mary by the preceding sovereign Pontiff, but not consecrated; the present situation clearly proves it. At Fatima, and indeed, in other places of apparitions, Our Lady has spoken to the children and asked them for prayers and sacrifices. If the Queen of Heaven transmits such requests about subjects so serious that concern primarily the leaders of the world, it is indeed a proof that heaven makes use of the most humble means in order to obtain for us the greatest graces, the greatest victories, in spite of the deployment of troops the most unimaginable implemented by the powerful of this world.

It is therefore necessary to involve our children in this great intention, because their prayers are powerful in touching the heart of God. At the school and also in the home, our rosaries must be raised to God with this faith in the victory, this hope of a genuine peace promised by heaven and this charity towards those men who are far from our Mother the Church, She alone who is able to obtain for us salvation.

In reality, the decision for such a crusade is of utmost importance, willed by Providence. We must respond favorably with enthusiastic interest to the call of our Superior General; the cause is vital for the future of the Occident.

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