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The Signs of the Times



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The front cover of this issue is the vision that Sister Lucia of Fatima received in the convent in Tuy, Spain, on June 13th, 1929. It is a vision of the Most Holy Trinity and this vision was accompanied by Our Lady's request for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. Sister Lucia wrote of it as follows.

“I had requested and obtained permission from my superiors and my confessor to make a holy hour from 11:00 p.m. to midnight, from Thursday to Friday of each week.

Finding myself alone one night, I knelt down near the Communion rail, in the middle of the chapel, to recite the prayers of the Angel, lying prostrate... Feeling tired, I got up and continued to recite them with my arms in the form of a cross. The only light was that of the sanctuary lamp.

Suddenly, the whole chapel lit up with a supernatural light and on the altar appeared a cross of light which reached the ceiling. In a clearer light, on the upper part of the cross, could be seen the face of a man with His body to the waist, on His chest a dove, equally luminous; and nailed to the cross, the body of another man. A little below the waist of Christ on the cross, suspended in the air, could be seen a Chalice and a large Host, onto which some drops of Blood were falling, which flowed from the face of the Crucified One and from the wound in His breast. Running down over the Host, these drops fell into the Chalice.

Under the right arm of the cross was Our Lady with Her Immaculate Heart in Her hand... (She appeared as 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, in large letters, like crystalline water which flowed over the altar, forming these words: “Grace and Mercy”. I understood that the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity was shown to me, and I received lights about this mystery which I am not permitted to reveal.

Then Our Lady said to me: ‘The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father to make, in union with all the bishops of the world, the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means. So numerous are the souls which the justice of God condemns for sins committed against Me, that I come to ask for reparation. Sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray.’

I rendered an account of this to my confessor, who ordered me to write down what Our Lord willed to be done.”

This vision fulfilled Our Lady's promise from the third apparition in Fatima on 13th July, 1917. Here is Sister Lucia's account of that day.

“A few moments after arriving at the Cova da Iria, near the holmoak, where a large number of people were praying the Rosary, we saw the flash of light once more, and a moment later Our Lady appeared on the holmoak.

“What do you want of me?” I asked.

“I want you to come here on the 13th of next month, to continue to pray the Rosary every day in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because only she can help you.”

“I would like to ask you to tell us who you are, and to work a miracle so that everybody will believe that you are appearing to us.”

“Continue to come here every month. 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.”

I then made some requests, but I cannot recall now just what they were. What I do remember is that Our Lady said it was necessary for such people to pray the Rosary in order to obtain these graces during the year. And she continued: “Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of You, 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, 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 huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. (It must have been this sight which caused me to cry out, as people say they heard me).

The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals. Terrified and as if to plead for succour, we looked up at Our Lady, who said to us, so kindly and so sadly:

“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 what I say



Page from Ilustração Portuguesa, newspaper edition of October 29th, 1917 with pictures of people looking at the miracle of the sun in Fatima on October 13th, 1917.

to you 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 illumined 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 of the Church and of the Holy Father.

“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. 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.”

Sad to say Our Lady’s request was not heeded. The Second World War broke out on August 31st, 1939. After the war Russia greatly increased her territory through the creation of satellite states of the Soviet Union and communism was established in many parts of the world spreading the errors of Russia. As foretold by Our Lady, this continues to this day in the form of cultural Marxism and it will take the consecration of Russia and the establishment of the Five First Saturdays devotion to bring it to an end. Meanwhile the world suffers.

I was reminded of this during my recent presentations where I looked at the birth statistics in Ireland. I always presumed that when Our Lady spoke of various nations being annihilated, that she was speaking of war. However, current birth rates across the world show that most nations have now fallen below replacement level. If the birth rates do not rise, these nations will simply cease to exist. The people have ignored God’s first words to mankind - “Increase and multiply, and fill the earth” (Genesis 1:28)



The destruction of the Benedictine Monastery of Monte Cassino during World War 2

Russia was the first country in the world to legalise abortion on demand which it did in 1920, under Vladimir Lenin. Russia, through the advancement of communism, also wreaked havoc on the traditional family and the communist state took control over the education of children away from parents. This has filtered across to Ireland. We live in a totalitarian society where the State decides what one is permitted to say. Many government ministers, like their father the Devil, pretend that they are in favour of free speech whilst introducing hate speech laws which forbid citizens from criticizing the insane gender ideology that is now being foisted on primary school children. Under the proposed legislation, it could become an offence to have a copy of this newsletter in your home. Catholics and all men of goodwill, must resist this tyranny.

Catholic parents must protect their children from being corrupted in Catholic schools where the secular State controls the curriculum. Pope Leo XIII, in his encyclical letter *‘Sapiente Christianae’*, speaking of those who, “are working to corrupt family life, and to destroy it utterly, root and branch”, reminds parents of their duty to protect their children and “first and foremost to keep them away from schools where there is risk of their drinking in the poison of impiety.” (*Sapientiae Christianae* 42)

The Insanity of Gender Ideology

Gender Ideology represents a global and highly organised attack on the innocence of children. It has no basis in science or in reality. In my recent presentations on the family I quote Dr Jennifer Roback Morse. She is the founder of the Ruth Institute and she does great work exposing the lies and the harmfulness of Gender Ideology. She recently hosted a Webinar for the Family and Life Academy titled 'Baked in from the beginning: Paedophilia and the Sexual Revolution'.

The video is available to those who register on www.familyandlifeacademy.com. She looked at the founders of the sexual revolution and notes that they encouraged sexual activity in very young children.

You can visit the Ruth Institute on www.ruthinstitute.org where you can download a free booklet called 'Protecting Your Family from the Top 5 Gay Myths'. You must sign up to their newsletters in order to get your free copy, but parents will find many resources at the Ruth Institute to help them to combat the gender ideology madness.

This is the ideology that the Irish Government, through the NCCA (National Council for Curriculum Assessment) and the Department of Education under Norma Foley, now seek to make mandatory in all schools in Ireland, including the Catholic Schools. The NCCA recently released a Short Course - Social, Personal & Health Education (SPHE) for junior cycle which contains the following recommendations for Relationships and Sexuality. This is aimed at children in the 13-16 age bracket.

3.6 appreciate the breadth of what constitutes human sexuality, and how sexual orientation and gender identity are experienced and expressed in diverse ways

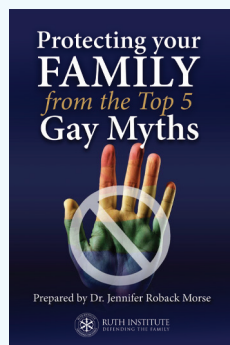
3.8 appreciate the importance of seeking, giving and receiving consent in sexual relationships, from the perspective of building caring relationships and from a legal perspective

3.9 explain the importance of safer sexual activity with reference to methods of contraception and protection against sexually transmitted infections (STIs)

Consent is a secular attempt at creating a new morality which says that all sexual activity is permissible provided that those who engage in the sexual activity give free and ongoing consent to the activity. The inherent morality of the sexual activity is not questioned because our government no longer sees anything wrong or sinful with homosexual acts and sexual acts outside of marriage. They wish to convert and confirm very young children in this false and dangerous ideology. They are sexualising children.

IN THIS WEBINAR, YOU WILL LEARN

- ✓ Paedophilia is currently pervasive among the elites across many segments of society.
- ✓ The deconstruction of the family was a central part of other political objectives, beyond the sexual revolution itself.
- ✓ Early proponents of the sexual revolution theorised that children should be permitted to engage in precocious sexual activity.
- ✓ The ideology of the early sexual revolutionaries required them to redefine childhood.



Catholic Parents Must Resist and Must Protect Their Children

Increasing numbers of Parents are waking up to the reality that there is a ruling class who seek the sexual and moral corruption of their children from a very young age. The World Health Organisation published a document in 2010 which promotes masturbation to children from birth onwards and which encourages children as young as nine years old to explore sexual experiences and to decide if they would like to engage in such experiences themselves. International Planned Parenthood profits from this through providing abortion, contraception, sexual health clinics, sex education. Planned Parenthood now supply 'gender affirming hormone therapy' which includes puberty blockers, for profit. They are a vile organisation which profits from the sexual exploitation of women and children.

The Irish government, under Leo Varadkar and Micheál Martin, has signed up to this dangerous ideology and seeks to impose it on all children in Ireland. Micheál Martin believes that children under the age of 16 should be able to legally change their gender, even though this is physically impossible and will bring great suffering to any child who follows this path.

It is important that we show compassion to those who may suffer from gender dysphoria or who have been lied to about the unchanging nature of male and female and are subsequently confused about their sexuality. But affirming people in what are delusions, does not help them. This is especially true for children as they are not properly formed physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. The Truth sets us free and the Truth comes from God and through His Catholic Church.

God had a specific purpose in mind when he designed mankind and created us as male or female. The primary purpose of our human sexuality is children. These children are destined to become saints and to live for eternity with God in Heaven. These children should be conceived within the permanent and indissoluble bond of the sacrament of matrimony. That's how God intends it.

Catholics are now bullied by those who oppose this viewpoint. Catholics are now in a similar position to the first Christians. We now live in a society which is openly hostile to the Catholic faith whilst at the same time preaching tolerance. The newly proposed hate speech laws are designed to silence Catholics, especially when it comes to opposition to the false and dangerous Gender Ideology. Catholics are marginalised and can feel isolated and intimidated by the government propaganda machine which constantly spews forth nonsense about gender. Public discourse is being actively censored. But the liars will not prevail and already their false assertions are beginning to crumble.

Last year, Matt Walsh of the Daily Wire, produced a documentary called 'What is a Woman'. He exposes the ridiculousness of those who claim that gender is fluid whilst at the same time not being able to define what a woman is. How can anyone identify as something which cannot be defined. This year they decided to release the video documentary for free on Twitter, but it was initially censored and blocked.

Elon Musk stepped in and allowed the documentary to be viewed across Twitter. To date the documentary has clocked up over 170 million views which could make it the most watched documentary of all time.

Pope Leo XIII issued a stern warning back in 1890 in his encyclical letter *Sapiente Christianae*. It is worth quoting in full.

“To recoil before an enemy, or to keep silence when from all sides such clamours are raised against truth, is the part of a man either devoid of character or who entertains doubt as to the truth of what he professes to believe. In both cases such mode of behaving is base and is insulting to God, and both are incompatible with the salvation of mankind.

This kind of conduct is profitable only to the enemies of the faith, for nothing emboldens the wicked so greatly as the lack of courage on the part of the good. Moreover, want of vigour on the part of Christians is so much the more blameworthy, as not seldom little would be needed on their part to bring to naught false charges and refute erroneous opinions, and by always exerting themselves more strenuously they might reckon upon being successful.

After all, no one can be prevented from putting forth that strength of soul which is the characteristic of true Christians, and very frequently by such display of courage our enemies lose heart and their designs are thwarted.

Christians are, moreover, born for combat, whereof the greater the vehemence, the more assured, God aiding, the triumph: “Have confidence; I have overcome the world.” Nor is there any ground for alleging that Jesus Christ, the Guardian and Champion of the Church, needs not in any manner the help of men. Power certainly is not wanting to Him, but in His loving kindness He would assign to us a share in obtaining and applying the fruits of salvation procured through His grace.” (*Sapientiae Christianae* 14)



John Lacken promoting 'The Traditional Catholic Family' - Book Launch in Dublin.

Pope Leo XIII encourages us to stand up and to defend our children and our Catholic faith from those who seek to crush us. Catholics are born for combat and we must not recoil before this particularly insidious enemy who seeks the destruction of our children, our nieces and nephews, and our grandchildren. We must fight against those who seek the destruction of the Traditional Catholic Family.

However it is not enough to simply stop our enemies from disseminating their poisonous doctrines. We must evangelise the culture and offer to all mankind the hope that comes to us from Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church.

Please Help Me to Continue to Fight For the Traditional Catholic Family

In the last eight weeks I have visited twenty one counties in Ireland and travelled more than 3,500 miles to give presentations on the dangers that gender ideology represents to children and on the long term solution to this problem. There are short term battles which must be fought, such as the RSE in schools and the extension of easy access to abortion. In the long term, we must restore a proper understanding of marriage and family life as God intends it to be to our society. There is no other foundation on which to build a just and cultured society than on the Traditional Catholic Family. It will be a long and arduous task and many of us will not be alive to see the fruits of this work.

As Jesus said to the apostles.

“Do you not say, There are yet four months, and then the harvest cometh? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and see the countries; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit unto life everlasting: that both he that sows, and he that reaps, may rejoice together.

For in this is the saying true: That it is one man that sows, and it is another that reaps. I have sent you to reap that in which you did not labour: others have laboured, and you have entered into their labours.” (John 4:35-38)

In Autumn of this year I hope to visit the remaining eleven counties in Ireland to give my presentation and to offer my book. I am also hoping to research how best to begin producing videos which will be made available online and as DVDs for distribution. My only source of income for this work is your generosity. Let us not become discouraged in the face of the seemingly overwhelming forces we are up against. Let us commit ourselves once more to our Catholic Faith and let us Trust in God’s providence to assist us in the works He has assigned to each one of us. Let us not recoil or keep silent before the enemies of God’s Kingdom but let us speak the Truth boldly and with total confidence in Jesus Christ.

May God bless you,



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