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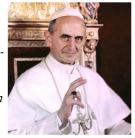


Fr. John's Journal Fr. John Hedges, Spiritual Director Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

On June 29, 1972, Pope St. Paul VI shocked the

world when he made this statement: "The smoke of Satan was seeping into the Church of God through cracks in the wall... The darkness of Satan has entered and spread throughout the Catholic Church even

to its summit. Apostasy, the loss of faith, is spreading throughout the



world and into the highest levels within the Church." One year later, on October 13, 1973, the anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" in Fatima in 1917, our Lady herself confirmed the words of St. Paul VI with this apocalyptic warning and prophesy at Akita Japan:

"As I told you, if men do not repent and better themselves, the Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the Flood, such as one will never have seen before. Fire will fall from the sky and will wipe out a great part of humanity, the good and the bad, sparing neither priests nor the faithful.

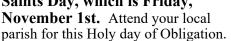
The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, bishops against bishops. The priests who venerate me will be scorned and opposed by their confreres. The Church will be full of those who accept compromise and the demon will press many priests and consecrated souls to leave the service of the Lord."

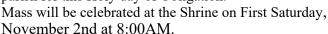
(This is exactly what we are witnessing 46 years after this warning was given. When Cardinal Ratzinger heard this message from Bishop John Ito, he exclaimed, "This is the third secret of Fatima!" As head of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith under Pope St. John Paul II, he approved the messages of Our Lady of Akita immediately).

Our Lady ended this apocalyptic message with these words:

"Only I can prevent the disaster. Whoever has confidence in me will be saved."

UPDATE: No Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima on All Saints Day, which is Friday,







The Holy Hour in our modern rat race is necessary for authentic prayer. Our world is one of speed in which intensity is a substitute for lack of purpose; where noise is invoked to drown out the whisperings of conscience; where talk, talk gives the impression that we are doing something when really we are not; when activity kills self-knowledge won by contemplation.



Pray the Rosary (Your weapon)

Wear the Scapular (Your shield)





If there is no fixed concept of justice how

shall men know it is violated? Only those who live by faith really know what is happening in the world. Archbishop Fulton Sheen

When Our Lady appeared at Akita, She came as the "Lady of All Nations" continuing her message to the world begun at Fatima and reiterated at Amsterdam after the Second World War. To the seer, Ida Pearlman, Our Lady of all Nation's taught this prayer, March 25, 1950:

> "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send Now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations so that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, who once was Mary, be our Advocate. Amen."

Mary asked that this prayer be recited before the Crucifix, or the Blessed Sacrament, daily—and often throughout the day! She also prophesied that when the "final Dogma" concerning Her role as



co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix of All Graces, and Advocate was solemnly defined by the Holy Father, then we would witness the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart. We await that glorious day!

However, the Church is not yet worthy of such a grace. Satan does not want this to happen and continues to place obstacles in the way of its accomplishment. The devil uses as his instruments members of the hierarchy itself.

Pope St. Paul VI had to override the majority of the council Fathers at the end of Vatican II, to proclaim Mary, "Mother of the Church" on his own authority as Pope. The council Fathers objected to this title because of their fear of ecumenical discord. St. Paul VI brushed aside their fears, and on November 21, 1964, fifty-five years ago this year, declared Mary the Mother of the Church on the feast of her Presentation in the Temple, and added this glorious title to the Litany of Loreto.

The Holy Father was "Paul" but he was also Peter!

Today the "Final Marian Dogma" is undefined because of this same fear of so-called ecumenical discord. Mark Miravalle, Professor of Theology and Mariology



at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, wrote in 1998, "The fullness of Catholic doctrinal truth, which necessarily includes the full truth about Mary, far from being an obstacle to ecumenism, is, in fact, the very foundation of real Christian unity. Any

understanding of ecumenism, as requiring, or even encouraging a reduction or minimization of the doctrinal truth defined and taught by the Church, which necessarily includes the domain of Marian doctrines, can only be considered as a regrettable species of 'pseudo-ecumenism.' A precise dogmatic formulation of the Marian dogma, "Mary, Co-Redemptrix" would certainly distinguish the secondary and subordinate co-redemptive role of the Blessed virgin Mary in the work of salvation from the unique redemptive trial of the Savior." One may well ask: "Must truth be sacrificed at the altar of ecumenism?"

Sadly, the fear of 'ecumenical discord' has escalated and infected even the papacy. The truth was "sacrificed at the altar of ecumenism" on February 4, 2019, when Pope Francis and the Muslim leaders signed the AbuDhabi document on "Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together" which stated:

".....the diversity of religions is willed by God in his wisdom..."

This erroneous statement flies in the face of the first commandment of the Decalogue:

"I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt have no strange gods before Me."

Moses, coming down from Mount Sinai and seeing the



children of Israel worshipping the "golden calf," did not break into 'ecumenical dialogue' but angrily smashed the Tablets at the base of the

mountain, destroyed the golden calf, spread its ashes on the waters, and made the idolaters drink the bitter water in punishment for their idolatry.

When Jesus Christ came in the fullness of time, He reaffirmed the Ten Commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai, and declared that we give worship to the Lord our God, and Him alone shall we adore.

It is not the direct will of God that diverse religions exist. ("God permits them, but He does not will them). He has willed only the true religion established on earth by Jesus Christ, His Son and our Lord, and the eternal Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. There exists only One True Religion and only One True Church, the Catholic Church established by Christ for the salvation of the world.

Recently, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano echoed the warnings from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI affirming that the current crisis of clerical sex abuse stems from a larger crisis involving widespread efforts to refashion the Catholic church. The "new paradigm" of Pope Francis is a strategy to create a 'new Church.' Benedict XVI writes, "The idea of a



new Church, created by ourselves, is in fact a proposal of the devil."

On December 9, which falls on a Monday, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. In this Marian dogma Our Lady is preserved from all stain of original sin, and crushed the head of the infernal serpent.

Also on this same day we will mark the 40th anniversary of the death of the Servant of God, Venerable Fulton John Sheen.

This holy bishop and champion of the Eucharistic Holy Hour and the Immaculate Conception, leads the faithful to the Divine Truth from his exalted place in heaven. He is a prophet for these times, warning us of a 'pseudo ecumenism' which will lead to a 'pseudo-church'. This false Church will deceive many. I will close with

these words from Archbishop Sheen written in 1948, but relevant for these times.

Bishop Sheen writes;

"We are living in the days of the Apocalypse, the last days of our era. The two great forces—the Mystical Body of Christ and the Mystical body of the anti-Christ—are beginning to draw battle lines for the catastrophic contest.



The False prophet will have a religion without a cross. A religion without a world to come. A religion to destroy religions. There will be a counterfeit Church. Christ's Church, the Catholic Church will be one; and the false Prophet will create the other.

The False Church will be worldly, ecumenical, and global. It will be a loose federation of churches and religions, forming some type of global association. A world parliament of Churches. It will be emptied of all Divine content, it will be the mystical body of the anti-Christ. The Mystical body on earth today will have its Judas Iscariot, and he will be the false prophet. Satan will recruit him from our Bishops. The Antichrist will not be so called; otherwise he would have no followers He will not wear red tights, nor vomit sulphur, nor carry a trident nor wave an arrowed tail as Mephistopheles in Faust. This masquerade has helped the Devil convince men that he does not exist. When no man recognizes him, the more power he exercises. God has defined Himself as "I am Who am," and the Devil as "I am who am not."

Nowhere in Sacred Scripture do we find warrant for the popular myth of the Devil as a buffoon who is dressed like the first "red." Rather is he described as an angel fallen from heaven, as "the Prince of this world," whose business it is to tell us that there is no other world. His logic is simple: if there is no heaven there is no hell; if there is no hell, then there is no sin; if there is no sin, then there is no judge, and if there is no judgment then evil is good and good is evil. But above all these descriptions, Our Lord tells us that he will be so much like Himself that he would deceive even the elect—and certainly no devil ever seen in picture books could deceive even the elect. How will he come in this new age to win followers to his religion?

The pre-communist Russian belief is that he will come disguised as the Great Humanitarian; he will talk peace, prosperity and plenty not as means to lead us to God but as ends in themselves....

The third temptation in which Satan asked Christ to adore him and all the kingdoms of the world would be His, will become the temptation to have a new religion without a Cross, a liturgy without a world to come, a religion to destroy a religion, or a politics which is a religion—one that renders unto Caesar even the things that are God's.

In the midst of all his seeming love for humanity and his glib talk of freedom and equality, he will have one great secret which he will tell to no one: he will not believe in God. Because his religion will be brotherhood without the fatherhood of God, he will deceive even the elect. He will set up a counterchurch which will be the ape of the Church, because he, the Devil, is the ape of God. It will have all the notes and characteristics of the Church, but in reverse and emptied of its divine content. It will be a mystical body of the Antichrist that will in all externals resemble the mystical body of Christ.....In desperate need for God, he will induce modern man in his lowliness and frustration, to hunger more and more for membership in his community that will give man enlargement of purpose without any need of personal amendment and without the admission of personal guilt. These are days in which the devil has been given a particularly long rope.

But the twentieth century will join the counterchurch because it claims to be infallible when its visible head speaks ex cathedra from Moscow on the subject of economics and politics, and as chief shepherd of world communism. "

(Fulton J Sheen, Communism and the Conscience of the West [Bobbs-Merril Company, Indianapolis, 1948], pp 24-25)

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!



All misunderstandings come from regarding the Church as an organization. It is not an organization like a club; it is an organism like a body. It was formed not

by men coming together into Christ...; it was formed by

the life of Christ going out to men.... The Church as not formed by the faithful; it was the faithful who were formed by the Church. Archbishop



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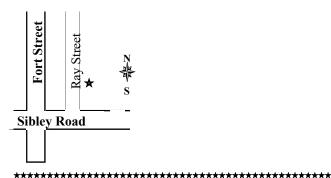
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October 4th, First Friday Mass 7:00 P.M. October 5th, First Saturday Mass 8:00 A.M. Friday, October 11th, Mass 7:00 P.M.

November

November 1st, No Mass at Fatima Shrine
Holy Day of Obligation, please attend your parish
for All Saints Day Mass
November 2nd, First Saturday Mass 8:00 A.M.

December

December 6th, First Friday Mass 7:00 P.M. December 7th, First Saturday Mass 8:00 A.M.

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