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### SAINT MARY'S NEWSLETTER



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My Dear Faithful,

**R**ecently was sadly commemorated the anniversary of the first ecumenical meeting of Assisi by the reiteration of this scandalous event. This type of ecumenical meeting directly contradicts our belief in the kingship of Christ which we celebrated just at the end of last month.

In this issue of St. Mary's Newsletter are a few articles, very short but which attempt to give us the right dispositions at the sight of the errors continually applied by the highest authorities of the Church. The salvation of souls should be the prime concern. By these Assisi meetings, it is the missionary spirit of the Church which is called into question. Is it so important to try to convert souls to the Catholic Faith if any other religion can save? Must salvation be considered as granted or is our eternal destiny still at risk?

The answers to these questions have been given to us by Our Lady at Fatima. She requested of the three shepherd children, that they pray and make sacrifices as few people pray for sinners, and consequently many of them fall into the eternal fires of Hell. This was not so long ago and thus Our Lady's words cannot be said to be coming from Middle Ages! Almost universally people in the world today are rejecting the graces of Redemption which are offered to them by the Catholic Faith.

If we make sacrifices, if we want to increase our devotion to Our Blessed Lady, it is in order to be closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one we should cherish the most. We must be true and faithful subjects of Jesus Christ, king of our own persons and lives.

Happily, there is another anniversary we should celebrate, which happened last September. This anniversary probably went unnoticed and this is why I should like to mention it. It is the anniversary of the blessing of our church, 'Our Lady of Victories' at Preston. It was in September 1986 that Archbishop Lefebvre came to perform this ceremony. First built as the chapel for the Congregation of the Holy Child Jesus in 1935, this church has always been used in a proper manner for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, according to the prescription of St. Pius V. This is an honour for this building and for us.

Why is it an honour? It is an honour because by this Mass we know that we worship God properly as He has the right to be worshiped, not compromising any Catholic dogmas in a false ecumenism of the New Mass. By the celebration of this Mass we do proclaim the kingship of Christ as we should. By attending Mass in this church, we recognise and profess that we need His grace in order to fight against our sins. We recognise and proclaim the need of sacrifice in our lives if we want to secure our salvation.



Let us thus rejoice in these blessings to have the remedy for the modern evil we are witnessing in the world. May we be always more attached and may we understand better the importance of this treasure we have in this place: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with its traditional and authentic Catholic teaching of Holy Mother Church.

Father Vianney Vandendaele +

## Archbishop Lefebvre and the Spirit of Assisi



Archbishop Lefebvre on the first interreligious gathering at Assisi in 1986.

Answering questions from the periodical *Pacte* in 1987, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre stated his views about the interreligious meeting called for by John Paul II in Assisi on 27th October 1986.

**Monseigneur, your latest public statement is a violent protest against the prayer meeting in Assisi... Don't you get the impression that you are confusing the ecumenism of Pope Wojtyla with the distorted ideology of interreligious dialogue—so much in vogue in recent years—that denies the historical uniqueness of Christian salvation?**

**Archbishop Lefebvre:** I see only one type of ecumenism, the type promoted by the Council, which underscores respect for and collaboration with false religions, which are placed on the same footing. This is a new concept, in contradiction with Tradition, which has been imposed in this way. In place of the “missionary” Church appears the new “ecumenical” Church. The meeting in Assisi canonises this new Church, and that is an immense scandal.

On the other hand, this initiative has a significant precedent: almost a century ago, in 1894, in Chicago, a spectacular congress of world religions was held in which some American Catholic bishops participated. If you compare their speeches then with what the Pope said to the cardinals last December about the “spirit of Assisi,” you find impressive analogies. But a century ago Pope Leo XIII unconditionally condemned the participation of the bishops of the United States in the Chicago Congress.

No, this is a scandal, a public blasphemy: think of the Catholic missionaries in Africa who saw on television the representatives of the animist religions praying in Assisi at the Pope's invitation... In what spirit will they be able to continue their arduous work of evangelization among the populations who follow those pagan rituals?

If salvation is possible even without conversion to Christ in the Church, and while continuing to adore one's own false gods, what sense does mission work make? All religions, after all, are equal and good...

If this pope had lived at the time of the Roman persecutions in the early centuries, maybe Christianity would have found a respectable place in the Pantheon of religions.

## Make of Everything a Sacrifice

Did the Angel of Peace really intend that we should make *everything* a sacrifice? Or was this a figure of speech to three young children?

“Make of everything you can a sacrifice.” These words addressed by the Angel of Peace to the three young children of Fatima cause us to wonder. Heaven doesn't waste or misuse words: indeed, everything can be made a sacrifice. The truth of this is proven in the humble lives of God's saints, which in many cases do not display extraordinary feats, but hidden ordinary actions. But what turned these ordinary actions into true sacrifices, and why were their lives so fruitful? The answer is summed up by charity.

This is the heart of the sacrifice: charity. Does a sacrifice have to be something difficult? No, this is not necessary; all that is needed is for the motive to be love for God. It

was Christ's infinite love for His Father which gave the Sacrifice of Calvary its salvific effect.



So make of everything — morning ritual, dealings with people, cleanliness of your living space, timely end to the day — a sacrifice. Do it for the love of God and the love of souls; love will make all things easy.

It was this burning love of souls which caused St. Paul to write in Romans 9 about his fellow Jews who rejected Christ: “That I have great sadness, and continual sorrow in my heart... for my brethren, who are my kinsmen according to the flesh.” Charity must inspire us with a similar concern: through our prayers and patience let us save many souls, O Heavenly Mother!

## The Secret of Mary

THE CARE AND GROWTH OF THE TREE OF LIFE,  
or, in other words,  
HOW BEST TO CAUSE MARY TO LIVE AND  
REIGNS IN OUR SOULS

### Its lasting fruit: Jesus Christ

78. Chosen soul, provided you thus carefully cultivate the Tree of Life, which has been freshly planted in your soul by the Holy Spirit, I can assure you that in a short time it will grow so tall that the birds of the air will make their home in it. It will become such a good tree that it will yield in due season the sweet and adorable Fruit of honour and grace, which is Jesus, who has always been and will always be the only fruit of Mary.

Happy is that soul in which Mary, the Tree of Life, is planted. Happier still is the soul in which she has been able to grow and blossom. Happier again is the soul in which she brings forth her fruit. But happiest of all is the soul which savours the sweetness of Mary's fruit and preserves it up till death and then beyond to all eternity. Amen.

"Let him who possesses it, hold fast to it."

∞ The end ∞



## Apparitions of Our Lady in 1917: 4th apparition

Location: Valinhos

Date: 13th August 1917

People present (on the 13th): 15,000 to 18,000  
though some writings mention only 5,000

- "What do you want of me?
- I want you to continue going to the Cova da Iria on the 13th, and to continue praying the Rosary every day. In the last month, I will perform a miracle so that all may believe. [If you did not come back with them to the Village, it would be the best-known Miracle; St. Joseph was to come with the Child Jesus to give peace to the world, and also our Lord would come to bless the people; our Lady of the Rosary would come with an angel on each side, and Our Lady surrounded with an arch of flowers.]
- What do you want done with the money that the people leave in the Cova da Iria?
- Have two litters made. One is to be carried by you and Jacinta and two other girls dressed in white; the other one is to be carried by Francisco and three other boys. The money from the litters

is for the "festa" of Our Lady of the Rosary, and what is left over will help towards the construction of a chapel that is to be built here.

- I would like to ask you to cure some sick persons.
- Yes, I will cure some of them during the year.



Then, looking very sad, Our Lady said:

- Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them."

*Fatima in Lucia's own words, Fátima, p. 179-180 (IV Memoir); the section in square brackets comes from the parish priest's interrogation of 27th August 1917, Documentação Crítica de Fátima, I, p. 17.*

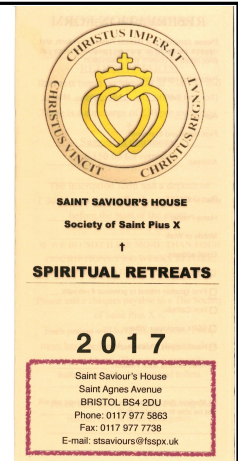
## Notices

### SSPX Third Order

#### Personal obligations

The following spiritual exercises are necessary today in order to aspire sincerely to holiness:

- ◆ Daily:
  - Morning and evening prayers, which may be Prime and Compline or the prayers from the retreat book;
  - Recitation of the rosary;
  - If possible, attendance at the traditional Mass and Communion—or a quarter of an hour of mental prayer.
- ◆ Weekly: Attendance at the traditional Mass and not at the *Novus Ordo Missae*, because of the danger of acquiring a Protestant spirit.
- ◆ Every other week: If possible, the sacrament of penance every other week or, as at least, once a month.
- ◆ Every other year: A retreat.



#### Immaculate Conception



- ◆ Manchester: 12.30pm;
- ◆ Preston: 7pm.

#### Nativity of Our Lord



- ◆ Manchester: Midnight;
- ◆ Preston: 9am;
- ◆ Rhos-on-Sea: 1pm.

#### Sunday Mass Schedule and Locations

##### PRESTON: Our Lady of Victories' Church

East Cliff, off Winckley Square - PR1 3NA

Every Sunday: 9.30am

##### MANCHESTER: Saint Pius X's Chapel

16 Deerpark Road, off Alexandra Road South - M16 8FR

Every Sunday: 12.30pm

##### LIVERPOOL: Saint Peter and Paul's Church

35 Upper Parliament Street - L8 7LA

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month: 5pm

##### RHOS-ON-SEA: Saint David's Chapel

Conwy Road (A547), Mochdre - LL28 5AA (North Wales)

1st Sunday of the month: 5pm

##### BINGLEY: The Little House

Market Street - BD16 2HP

3rd Sunday of the month: 5pm

#### Ordinary Weekday Masses at Preston

(This schedule is subject to change; please check beforehand on the **inside notice board** or <http://sspx.uk> — **Mass Times** — **this week**)

**Monday: 9am**

**Tuesday: —**

**Wednesday: —**

**Thursday: —**

**1st Friday: 7pm**

**1st Saturday: Holy Hour at 10.30am & Mass at 12.15pm**