

Thoughts on seeing
this picture of the

Last Vision of Fatima

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One of the most important of all the revelations of Fatima," according to Father Messias Coelho, world known expert on the message of Fatima, "is the last great vision in 1929." It appears to be a synthesis of the entire message.

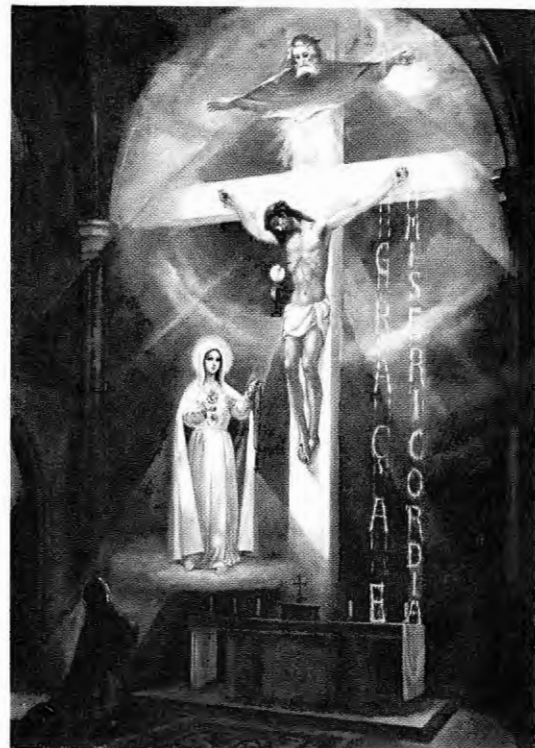
This vision was unknown to the world until a few years ago when, for the golden jubilee of Fatima, it was revealed by Diocesan authorities. Previously it had been made known only to Pope Pius XII in a personal letter.

In her own words, Lucia describes the vision:

The Vision

Suddenly the whole Chapel was illumined by a supernatural light, and a cross of light appeared above the altar, reaching to the ceiling. In a bright light at the upper part of the cross could be seen the face of a man and his body to the waist (*Father*) on his breast there was a dove also of light (*Holy Spirit*) and, nailed to the cross, was the body of another man (*Son*). Somewhat above the waist, I could see a chalice and a large host suspended in the air, on to which drops of blood were falling from the face of Jesus Crucified and from the wound in His side. These drops ran down on to the host and fell into the chalice. Our Lady was beneath the right arm of the cross (. . . it was 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, large letters, as of crystal clear water which ran down over the altar, formed these words: Graces and Mercy.

I understood that it was the Mystery of the Most Holy



Trinity which was shown to me, and I received lights about this Mystery which I am not permitted to reveal.

Our Lady then said to me:

THE MOMENT HAS COME WHEN GOD ASKS THE HOLY FATHER, IN UNION WITH ALL THE BISHOPS OF THE WORLD, TO MAKE THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA TO MY HEART, PROMISING TO SAVE IT BY THIS MEANS.

On Canvas

A Blue Army member in Detroit, Michigan, learned of the vision while attending a Blue Army seminar at Fatima in 1967 shortly after the Bishop of Fatima had published the news. He at once proposed that money be raised to have a good artist reproduce the vision on canvas, that Lucia should criticize it, and that it should then be reproduced for all the world to see.

It took two years to accomplish this.

The result is seen for the first time on the cover of this issue of SOUL.

Recalls All

Even a brief glance at the picture recalls all that Our Lady said and did at Fatima.

The first important Fatima revela-

tion was the Blessed Sacrament . . . presented by an Archangel with a prayer to the Most Blessed Trinity. And the first miracle of Our Lady, in the very first vision, was in rays of light which caused the children to suddenly feel "lost in God" and to cry out: "O Most Holy Trinity I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament!"

Centered in the vision, as seen in the picture, is Our Savior on the cross . . . but as a member of the Trinity, with His Blood flowing to the Host and Chalice.

Beneath the cross Our Lady stands as she did in the 1917 visions, offering Her Immaculate Heart to us while from the nailed Hand of Christ flow down upon the altar the words GRACES AND MERCY.

Meaning

Looking at this picture one grasps the essential story:

Our Lady leads us to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and He unites us to God.

That is the fact of Fatima. That is the reason why the Fatima visions and miracles took place; that is why miracles still attract us there; that is why Pius XII and John XXIII and Paul VI have all pointed to Fatima as light for the atomic age.

But books are needed to know the story adequately.

- When did the vision happen? During an ALL NIGHT VIGIL which Lucia had obtained permission to make privately (probably because Our Lady asked it). And the all night vigil movement began to spread through the Blue Army long before this vision was known. I wrote one book about this: *Night of Love*.

- What is the central mystery? The EUCHARIST . . . with the Blood of Our Lord flowing from Him on the cross into the Host and Chalice of the Mass. Our book on this is *The World's Greatest Secret*.

Do you count five Persons in the picture?

- The five are Lucia, Our Lady, Our Lord, the Holy Spirit, and the Father. This forms an important chapter of *The World's Greatest Secret*, including perhaps the essence of the "se-

cret" Lucia was given to know during this vision.

- The importance of Our Lady is obvious. She is the one person necessary with me when I am with God. This is part of the meaning of her role as universal mediatrix. It is wholly the meaning of her maternity. Our book on this was *Mary in Her Scapular Promise*. If we turn to Mary, we will turn to God. If we live with Mary, by living up to the meaning of the scapular devotion, we will live in God.

- Our Lady offers Her Immaculate Heart. It is surrounded by thorns. With the other hand she offers the Rosary. The thorns are sin: the Rosary is the answer. Our book on this is *Sex and the Mysteries*.

- Flowing from the nailed hand of Our Lord are the words GRACES AND MERCY. Our books on this are *Meet the Witnesses* and *Russia Will be Converted*.

- It takes an apostolate to make these truths known. Ours grew out of the book *From a Morning Prayer*.

But as I look at the picture, I see books still to be written. And as I "feel" this vision, I feel that all the

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These Fatima prayers, from heaven itself, are the picture's voice.

Pardon Prayer Eucharistic Prayer

- MY GOD, I BELIEVE, I ADORE I TRUST AND I LOVE THEE! I BEG PARDON FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE, DO NOT ADORE, DO NOT TRUST, AND DO NOT LOVE THEE.

- MOST HOLY TRINITY, I ADORE YOU! MY GOD, MY GOD, I LOVE YOU IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Decade Prayer Angel's Prayer

- O MY JESUS, FORGIVE US; SAVE US FROM THE FIRE OF HELL; TAKE ALL SOULS TO HEAVEN, ESPECIALLY THOSE MOST IN NEED.

- O MOST HOLY TRINITY, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, I ADORE THEE PROFOUNDLY. I OFFER THEE THE MOST PRECIOUS BODY, BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST, PRESENT IN ALL THE TABERNACLES OF THE WORLD, IN REPARATION FOR THE OUTRAGES, SACRILEGES AND INDIFFERENCE BY WHICH HE IS OFFENDED. BY THE INFINITE MERITS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, I BEG THE CONVERSION OF POOR SINNERS.

Sacrifice Prayer

- O MY JESUS, IT IS FOR LOVE OF YOU, IN REPARATION FOR THE OFFENSES COMMITTED AGAINST THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, AND FOR THE CONVERSION OF POOR SINNERS.