

Chapter 19

Petition to the Supreme Pontiff

To His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI (and, if necessary, his successor):

We, being faithful members of the Holy Catholic Church, are compelled in conscience to submit this Petition to Your Holiness, who is the final judge of matters in controversy in the Church.

This Petition is an extraordinary action by Catholics who have no representative to intercede for them before Your Holiness in the midst of the unprecedented crisis of faith and discipline that has followed the Second Vatican Council.

This Petition is an exercise of our God-given right as baptized Catholics to make direct recourse to the Supreme Pontiff, without any intervening canonical procedures. (First Vatican Council - 1870 A.D., Dz. 1830, D.S. 3063; Second Council of Lyons - 1274 A.D., Dz. 466; 1983 Code of Canon Law, can. 212, can. 1417 § 1.)

The grounds for this Petition are contained in the study entitled *The Devil's Final Battle (DFB)*. They are also to be found in the work by Antonio Socci, *The Fourth Secret of Fatima*, whose conclusions correspond to those of *DFB*. Your Holiness (who is acquainted with Mr. Socci, a renowned and respected Catholic) has personally thanked him for his book and “the sentiments which motivated it.”

Having considered the evidence, we are persuaded to a moral certainty of the following things:

First, the Message of Fatima is a vital prophecy for our time, whose veracity has been placed beyond all doubt by the absolutely extraordinary circumstances of its revelation (including a public miracle witnessed by 70,000 people), its approval as authentic by competent Church authorities, its acceptance by and incorporation into the life of the Church, and by the very statements and actions of Pope John Paul II, including the institution of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13 in the Church's liturgical calendar. As Pope, you yourself have vouched for the authenticity of the Fatima apparitions by declaring on the anniversary of the first apparition:

“You promised the three children of Fatima that ‘in the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph.’ May it be so!” (Prayer addressed to Our Lady by Benedict XVI in Bethlehem, May 13, 2009)

You have also declared, Holy Father, that the Message of Fatima is “the most prophetic message of the 20th Century” (at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida in Brazil, May 13, 2007).

Second, the Vatican Secretary of State and those who have collaborated with him have attempted to impose upon the Church an expedient “revision” of the Message of Fatima in order to adapt it to a

supposed “new orientation” of the Church following the Second Vatican Council, a break with the past that contradicts Your Holiness’s own call for a “hermeneutic of continuity” between the Council and all of Catholic Tradition. This “new orientation,” which incessantly pursues “ecumenism,” “dialogue” and Vatican diplomacy with worldly powers, would negate the specifically Catholic prophetic content of the Fatima apparitions: their warnings of imminent grave consequences for the lives and souls of many millions of people, for the Church and, in fact, for the whole world if the heavenly counsels, warnings and commands of the Message are not heeded.

The version of Fatima promoted by Cardinal Sodano *et al.* is incomplete, inexact and falsified. This “revised” Message of Fatima, with its specious “interpretation” of the Third Secret and Mary’s call for the specific Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, would bury the entire Fatima event in obscurantism and leave its intended recipients—every Catholic and indeed every member of the human race—in ignorance of its true meaning and thus in grave peril of the consequences it foretells with all the infallibility of the Virgin Mother of God. In particular, this “revision” of the Message of Fatima:

(a) Dispenses with the Consecration of Russia requested by Our Lady of Fatima and arbitrarily replaces it with a consecration of the world, from which any mention of Russia has been deliberately omitted for shallow political reasons.

(b) Erroneously represents—contrary to what Your Holiness himself declared on May 13, 2009—that the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart has already occurred with a mere regime change in Russia around 1991; even more offensively, that it means nothing more than the Virgin’s *fiat* in agreeing to become the Mother of God 2,000 years ago.

(c) Asserts that the visional aspect of the Third Secret, which depicts the Pope and numerous members of the hierarchy being executed by a band of soldiers outside a half-ruined city, signifies nothing more than Pope John Paul II *escaping* death at the hands of a lone assassin in 1981, thereby lulling the faithful into a false sense of security in the face of the clearly apocalyptic scenario depicted in the vision, for which we have not been provided the words of the Virgin which undoubtedly explain the vision precisely to avoid such false interpretations.

(d) Concludes (based on these false interpretations) that the events depicted in the Third Secret, and thus the Message of Fatima as a whole, “belong to the past.”

Third, the “new orientation” represents the substantial attainment of the openly professed goal of the Church’s worst enemies, as various Popes and prelates warned before the Council. That goal is to liberalize

and “instrumentalize” the Church so that She will not only cease to resist effectively, but actually lend Herself to, the process of universal secularization and apostasy that has destroyed much of former Christendom and now threatens to subjugate the whole world to a universal secular collective, in which the Church will cease to openly promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to have any effective public authority or influence for God’s rights.

Fourth, the new orientation is partly the result of “the demolition of bastions” that Hans Urs von Balthasar promoted. Not surprisingly, this “demolition of bastions” has produced only confusion, loss of faith and discipline, and ruin to the commonwealth of the Church, of which the current worldwide sexual scandal among priests and bishops is only one of innumerable manifestations. As even Pope Paul VI was forced to admit shortly after the Council:

The smoke of satan has entered into the Church. ... The opening to the world has become a veritable invasion of the Church by worldly thinking. We have perhaps been too weak and imprudent.

Fifth, lamenting the current condition of the Church, your predecessor, Pope John Paul II, spoke of a “silent apostasy” in his *Ecclesia in Europa*, while Your Holiness himself has declared that “in vast areas of the world the faith is in danger of dying out like a flame which no longer has fuel,” and that after the Second Vatican Council “certain fundamental truths of the faith, such as sin, grace, theological life, and the last things, were not mentioned anymore,” and that the Church now suffers from “a secularized ecclesial environment” and even what seems in many places to be a “desert without God.”

Sixth, Cardinal Bertone and his collaborators, whose actions and omissions have been documented in *DFB* and in Antonio Socci’s work, have sacrificed the Message of Fatima, with its explicitly Catholic prophetic content, to a new worldly, liberalized, ecumenical, pan-religious orientation for the Church, which they promote in the name of Vatican II. In keeping with the said “new orientation,” Cardinal Bertone and his associates mentioned in *DFB* and in Socci’s work have systematically prevented the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which they falsely portray as a needless “provocation” of the Russian Orthodox “Church”.

Seventh, in an effort to maintain their false interpretation of the Message of Fatima, the identified Vatican prelates imposed an unjust regime of silence and secrecy upon the late Sister Lucy, while attempting to pressure her into embracing their interpretation. No objective party was allowed access to Sister Lucy in order to investigate alleged sudden “changes” in her unwavering testimony, for more than 60 years, that the Virgin of Fatima requested the Consecration of Russia *only*, not the world, precisely because God wished the world to know that it was the power of His grace, mediated through the Blessed Virgin, which had miraculously

converted Russia to the Catholic Faith.

Further, nearly all of the 24 volumes of Fatima documents compiled by Father Alonso, which undoubtedly answer many questions about the Third Secret and the Message of Fatima as a whole, remain under lock and key 35 years after their being made ready for publication.

Eighth, in pursuit of their “management” of the Message of Fatima, the prelates in question, their collaborators and successors in office, acting under the auspices of the Secretary of State, have persecuted and attempted to ostracize from the community of the faithful Father Nicholas Gruner, who represents legitimate opposition to their attempt to do away with the Message of Fatima in its traditional Catholic sense. At the same time, very little, if anything, has been done to impose effective discipline upon the true enemies of the Church within Her structure, who (to recall the lamentations of Pope Paul VI) have opened the Church to the “smoke of satan” and the “invasion of the Church by worldly thinking.”

Ninth, in an attempt to cover up their complicity in the ecclesial debacle that the “new orientation” and all its novelties have produced, the Vatican prelates who are identified in this book have fraudulently withheld from the Church and the world a text which appertains to the vision of the Third Secret. That text, as *DFB* and Soggi's work conclude, in all likelihood contains the missing words of the Virgin following Her incomplete statement in the Fourth Memoir of Sister Lucy: “In Portugal the dogma of the faith will always be preserved etc.”—words which we are convinced predict the current crisis in the Church and provide the means to avoid or end it.

Indeed, Holy Father, in 1931 the future Pope Pius XII predicted precisely the current situation in the Church in light of the Message of Fatima:

I am worried by the Blessed Virgin's messages to Lucy of Fatima. This persistence of Mary about the dangers which menace the Church is a divine warning against the suicide of altering the Faith, in Her liturgy, Her theology and Her soul. . . . A day will come when the civilized world will deny its God, when the Church will doubt as Peter doubted. She will be tempted to believe that man has become God. In our churches, Christians will search in vain for the red lamp where God awaits them. Like Mary Magdalene, weeping before the empty tomb, they will ask, “Where have they taken Him?”

Holy Father, what Pope Pius XII foresaw has happened! And given that Pius XII foresaw these developments in light of Fatima, they can only have been mentioned in the Third Secret since those portions of the Message of Fatima thus far disclosed say nothing about such events in the Church.

We also know, Holy Father, that Pope John Paul II alluded to the Third Secret in his sermon at Fatima on May 13, 2000, which warns the Church to beware of the tail of the dragon that drags down one-third of

the stars of Heaven (commonly interpreted as one-third of the Cardinals, bishops and priests). As Socci concludes, and as we agree, it appears that John Paul II was constrained by his advisors to confine himself to this veiled reference to a hitherto undisclosed portion of the Third Secret, whose full disclosure his advisors had prevented him from making since he was so enfeebled by illness.

Tenth, following the publication of Socci's book in late 2006, the Catholic world has learned, through the widely publicized testimony of Archbishop Loris F. Capovilla, the still-living personal secretary of Pope John XXIII, that there was (and possibly still is) an envelope lodged in the papal apartments. This envelope he called the "Capovilla envelope," that contains a text pertaining to the Third Secret, and that on the outside of this envelope was written the Archbishop's name, the names of all those who had read its contents, and the dictation of Pope John expressing his demurral from any judgment on the text. When asked by a Fatima scholar if this meant that there are two different texts and two different envelopes comprising the entirety of the Third Secret, the Archbishop replied "Exactly so." This envelope has never been produced, even though the Secretary of State, who has led efforts to persuade the faithful that nothing has been hidden, now admits its existence.

Further, Holy Father, the Secretary of State, in an effort to defend his position, has appeared on Italian television in 2007 to reveal that Sister Lucy prepared two different envelopes pertaining to the Third Secret, and that she wrote on the outside of each of the envelopes an identical "express order of the Virgin" that the contents were not to be revealed before 1960. Yet, the Secretary of State had previously assured the public that Sister Lucy told him she never received any such order from the Virgin.

For this and many other reasons which would lengthen this Petition unduly, Holy Father, we are deeply grieved and saddened because so many of the faithful no longer trust the Vatican Secretary of State. This is because they are convinced that Cardinal Bertone personally, with others, is hiding a text of the Third Secret that contradicts his clearly untenable "interpretation" of the vision. We must agree with the conclusion of Antonio Socci, whose reputation, Catholic fidelity, and veracity are well known to Your Holiness:

[T]hat there is a part of the Secret not revealed and considered unspeakable *is certain*. And today—having decided to deny its existence—the Vatican runs the risk of exposing itself to very heavy pressure and blackmail.

We also agree with Socci's conclusion that this suppressed text contains "the words of the Madonna [which] preannounce an apocalyptic crisis of the faith in the Church starting at the summit," and that it is probably "also an explanation of the vision... (revealed on June 26, 2000)."

Eleventh, a veritable conspiracy against the Message of Fatima

has deprived the Church of the benefits of this authentic Message and prevented the Church from accomplishing what the Virgin of Fatima requested: the Consecration of Russia—by name—to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the consequent conversion of Russia, the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart, the salvation of many souls, and peace in the world. (“If My requests are granted, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. ... In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, which will be converted, and a certain period of peace will be granted to the world.”)

The direct result of the acts and omissions of the Secretary of State and the prelates collaborating with him is that the Church and the entire world have suffered the loss of untold temporal and spiritual benefits. These benefits are only faintly suggested by the miraculous transformation of Portugal following the public consecration of that nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1931. It was the Cardinal Patriarch of Portugal himself, together with Sister Lucy, who declared at that time that the benefits experienced by Portugal would spread throughout the world if only Russia were similarly consecrated.

Twelfth, whatever their subjective intentions may be, the prelates involved have committed what is, objectively speaking, an incalculable crime against the Church and humanity. Their subversion of the Message of Fatima exposes us all to the imminent threat of wars, famine, further persecutions of the Church, further suffering for Your Holiness and your successors, the annihilation of various nations, and the loss of countless souls—all of which Our Lady of Fatima warned would follow from a refusal to honor Her requests.

Therefore, we most respectfully but most urgently petition Your Holiness for the following relief:

First, the immediate consecration of Russia, by name, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, by Your Holiness together with all the world's bishops in a solemn public ceremony.

Second, full disclosure of the Third Secret of Fatima, including the words of the Virgin that describe the vision published on June 26, 2000.

Third, a lifting of the seal of secrecy imposed upon Sister Lucy's messages, letters, documents and recorded conversations, and the publication in their entirety of Father Alonso's 24 volumes of documents pertaining to the Message of Fatima, which have been suppressed since 1975.

Fourth, an end to the persecution of Father Nicholas Gruner, a faithful priest who has followed his conscience in promoting the cause of Our Lady of Fatima.

Fifth, immediate Vatican intervention, through apostolic visitations, investigations, and prompt disciplinary measures, to (a) punish the guilty, rather than the innocent; (b) restore sound orthodoxy in the seminaries; (c) remove sexually deviant persons from the seminaries, monasteries, diocesan clergy and episcopacy; and (d) restore the many elements of Catholic tradition (including traditional seminary life and priestly formation) that have been abandoned in the pursuit of the “new orientation” of the Church since Vatican II, including the traditional Latin liturgy wherever the historic *motu proprio* issued by Your Holiness on July 7, 2007, *Summorum Pontificum*, is being ignored or defied.

Sixth, declare once and for all, with an exercise of your infallible Magisterium where necessary, that neither Vatican II nor any subsequent papal pronouncement has altered in any way what Catholics must believe and practice to keep the perennial and Apostolic Catholic Faith as affirmed by all the Popes and Councils before Vatican II.

Seventh, the widespread promotion by Your Holiness himself of the Five First Saturdays devotions and daily worldwide recitation of the Rosary for an end to the crisis in the Church and the world.

This is our Petition to Your Holiness from your spiritual children. As your children, we are asking you for bread, not a stone or a scorpion. (Luke 11:11-12) We petition Your Holiness with all the respect and reverence owed to your exalted office as Vicar of Christ, but with all the insistence our perilous situation demands. For the present suffering of the Church and the world are as nothing compared to what will ensue if there is no correction of the course charted by those who have despised the prophecies of Our Lady of Fatima.

Yours most respectfully and reverently,

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