

Chapter Eleven

Monday, June 15, 2015.

Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City.

On Monday evening a large crowd was gathered in Saint Peter's Square, in anticipation of a landmark papal proclamation scheduled to commence at eight o'clock. For the last several hours, the major news media had been predicting that the Holy Father would emerge on the balcony of Saint Peter's Basilica, and begin to read to the world yet another lecture about how the world needed to turn back to Christian unity. But, at five minutes before eight, when the doors of the balcony opened and a sudden hush came over the vast crowd, it was not the Holy Father but the Vatican Press Secretary who emerged, his face being clearly seen on the huge television screens that were mounted here and there around the square, and on major news networks all over the world.

"Dear faithful, and visitors from all parts of the world: the Holy Father is not able to be here in person this evening. He is continuing in a private spiritual retreat at an undisclosed location, where he is fervently praying for wisdom to guide the Church and the world according to the will of Heaven. He has asked me to read to you a proclamation, written by the Holy Father within the past week while on retreat, which is directed to all the Catholic bishops of the world. As I read it here now, copies of the proclamation will be posted on the Vatican website and will also be transmitted electronically to all Catholic diocesan headquarters, and to all major world news outlets. The words which follow are those of the Holy Father."

There was an appropriate period of silence before the proclamation itself was begun.

PROCLAMATION

Of His Holiness, Nicholas VI, Sovereign of the State of Vatican City, Pontifex Maximus, Bishop of Rome, and Servant of the Servants of God

To Each and Every Catholic Bishop Professing to be in Union with this Holy See:

Greetings, Venerable Brethren:

By virtue of the divine authority vested in us by unbroken apostolic succession from Peter – the Rock upon whom Christ founded His Church, and promised that the gates of hell shall never prevail against it; Peter, to whom Christ gave the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; Peter, to whom Christ promised that whatever he binds on earth will also be bound in Heaven, and that whatever he looses on earth will also be loosed in Heaven

– We do hereby proclaim and order the following:

Whereas Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of Heaven and Earth, appeared to three innocent shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, on the thirteenth day of several successive months in the year 1917;

And whereas the authenticity of those apparitions was confirmed beyond any possible doubt by the Miracle of the Sun, witnessed by more than seventy thousand people and reported by previously skeptical eyewitnesses in all the major secular newspapers of the time;

And whereas Our Lady of Fatima told the shepherd children that She would come back to ask for the Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, a consecration to be done by the Holy Father in union with all the Catholic bishops in the world;

And whereas Our Lady of Fatima did return as She promised, in 1929 in Tuy, Spain, to Sister Lucy, the only one of the three shepherd children to survive into adulthood, and there instructed Sister Lucy to tell the Holy Father that it was now time to perform the requested consecration of Russia;

And whereas, because the consecration was not then done as requested, Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Sister Lucy in 1931 at Rianjo, Spain, and warned that the Popes, in delaying, would become like the King of France who suffered misfortune on June 17, 1789, the day the Third Estate usurped the legislative powers of the French king and set in motion a godless revolution which led to eventual regicide at the guillotine; and whereas this chastisement was imposed by Heaven because the French kings had delayed for one hundred years in performing a request, spoken through Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque on June 17, 1689, for the consecration of the Kingdom of France to the Sacred Heart of Jesus;

And whereas, during intensive prayer on private retreat within the past week, the Holy Father has been profoundly impressed by the Sacred Heart of Jesus that it is now more than ninety-eight years since the 1917 apparitions and request, so that the one-hundred-year deadline for the Consecration of Russia is now less than two years away;

And whereas Our Lady of Fatima promised that the Consecration of Russia, performed as requested, would result in the conversion of Russia and a consequent period of peace for the world;

And whereas it is now clear that Russia is not being singled out as being in any greater need of conversion than any other modern nation, since the secular humanist “errors of Russia” have long since been spread throughout the whole world, as predicted by Our Lady of Fatima if the consecration were to be delayed;

And whereas the world, at this perilous time, no longer enjoys the inestimable blessings of even one powerful Catholic Confessional State;

And whereas Our Lady of Fatima is offering to Russia, through the

requested consecration, the glorious opportunity to lead the way for all the rest of the nations of the world in returning officially to the Social Kingship of Her Divine Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord – so that in our time the Sun of Righteousness may once again arise, with healing in His wings;

And whereas Our Lord explained to Sister Lucy that He wishes the whole world to witness the miracle of the conversion of Russia through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that devotion to Her Immaculate Heart will everywhere flourish alongside devotion to His Sacred Heart;

And whereas we may trust completely in the Mercy of Heaven and in the unfailing intercession of Our Lady of Fatima – the same Blessed Virgin Mary, of Whom never was it known that anyone who fled to Her protection, implored Her help, or sought Her intercession was left unaided.

Now therefore, we, as Christ's Vicar on earth, do hereby order and proclaim the following:

On Sunday evening next, June 21, 2015, beginning at eight o'clock in the evening Rome local time – and simultaneously, at whatever the local hour, day, and date may be in each time zone around the world – each and every bishop who professes to be in union with this Holy See of Rome is ordered to join with the Holy Father in performing the public consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. We require each and every bishop to cancel any existing plans for next Sunday evening which would in any way conflict with his public fulfillment of his new duties precisely as set forth herein.

The form of the consecration which must be used was originally proposed some years ago by Our Lady's fervent defender and faithful son of the Church, Father Nicholas Gottschalk. The gratitude of the Holy Father to Father Gottschalk for his untiring work and manly courage in promoting the consecration of Russia in the face of much skepticism and persecution by many highly placed members of the hierarchy of the Church, is hereby acknowledged. Father Gottschalk's proposed text for the consecration has undergone only minor revisions, by the Holy Father, in preparation for the pending consecration.

Each and every bishop, in performing the required consecration, must employ the following form of prayer publicly, precisely, and without any addition or deletion:

**Required Text for the
Act of Consecration of Russia
to the Immaculate Heart of Mary⁵⁸**

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the

⁵⁸Downloaded from <http://www.fatimacrusader.com/cr44/cr44pg25.asp> on 7-29-10. Reference: *The Fatima Crusader*; Issue 44, Spring 1993, page 25. Used with permission, with minor alterations by the author to reflect the expected state of world politics in 2015.

Church and of each one of us. In response to Pope Benedict XV who in anguish on May 5, 1917 cried out to You in the name of the whole Church – asking You to show humanity the way of Peace – You came to Fatima on May 13, 1917, and subsequently on the 13th of June, July, August, September and October 1917. You then returned, as You had promised, on June 13, 1929, in Tuy, Spain, and revealed that God asks for our act of Consecration of Russia to Your Immaculate Heart.

You said when You came:

“The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father to make and to command all the Catholic bishops of the world to make the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart. God promises to save Russia by this means.”

Ever mindful of the words of Jesus that “it is never too late to have recourse to Jesus and Mary,” we now undertake to obey the Will of the Most Holy Trinity revealed to us through Your words on that day in the Solemn Extraordinary Vision of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Sacrifice of the Mass.

We intend by the following Act of Reparation and of Consecration of Russia to Your Immaculate Heart, to obey Your request in the manner that You, Our Most Dear and Holy Mother, have requested, so that the peace that has been so long desired and which You promised, may be granted.

We promise in gratitude to You, and in reparation for all the sins committed in the past and present against Your Immaculate Heart, to promote among all the faithful the pious devotions of Reparation to Your Immaculate Heart on the First Saturdays, as You requested in the Fatima message.

We know that nothing happens to nations or individuals unless God wills or permits it. Our poor human race is engulfed by evils of every description including: the silent apostasy – which You Yourself foretold in the Third Secret – of whole continents of former Christendom due to the widespread loss of the Faith, unjust wars, murder of the unborn, unprecedented economic injustice fostering needless famine and pestilence, widespread divorce and immorality, unspeakable moral corruption among certain members of the clergy, and increasing persecution of the Church.

We now turn to You, Our Dear Mother and Mediatrix of all Graces – You, Our Lady of the Rosary, Who are our only hope for overcoming the evils of our times and the approaching punishments, which we, sinful humanity, so justly deserve. Mindful that, without Your help, we cannot overcome these evils on our own, we now turn to You in humble supplication to beg Your help.

You are the “Woman” predicted in Sacred Scripture (Genesis 3:15), Who has the Commission from God – to crush the Serpent’s head, the head of satan, who is a murderer and a liar from the beginning. You are that same “Woman” addressed by Jesus from the cross, and left to us as His last will and testament as Our Mother (John 19) – and You are indeed the same “Woman” clothed with the sun, spoken of in Chapter 12 of the Apocalypse, and Who at Fatima was seen to be clothed with the sun. It is to You, to Your Immaculate Heart, that we consecrate Russia.

We recognize that all authority comes from God, and mindful of the authority God has entrusted to us to “make disciples of all nations” – we, the successors of the Apostles, engage our authority to consecrate a nation, Russia, to His service through that nation’s Consecration to Your Immaculate Heart.

We recognize that great crimes against God have been committed in Russia, but also in all modern nations, to which Russia’s errors of secular humanism and practical state atheism have been spread. Therefore, we offer on this day of prayer, reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the crimes of official State Atheism and official State Religious Indifferentism, and all the sacrileges and blasphemies that such Anti-Christian-State regimes in post-1917 Russia and all other modern nations have committed. We pray in fraternal solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Russia who have suffered so horribly, who in the past have been persecuted, tortured, imprisoned and killed under the Atheist Soviet Regime, and who still suffer under a secular humanist government which is not officially Christian. We pray that Russia be saved: that the Russian Orthodox Church and all other Christians in Russia, and indeed all Russians of goodwill, be brought miraculously and swiftly into complete unity of Faith with the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church of whom the one head appointed by Christ is the Bishop of Rome, and that Russia be made a vessel of divine election and of the fruitful spreading and implementation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, first throughout her own territory, and then throughout the world, thus bringing a period of peace, justice, prosperity, and the inestimable blessings of Faith and faithfulness to the entire world.

We make this Consecration in response to God and to You, Our Blessed Lady, and in response to the millions of petitions made by the Faithful everywhere, particularly the requests for this Act of Consecration made by many of the Russian people, and even certain of her leaders, who indeed are close to our heart.

And we, so that our fervent prayers for conversion of our generation to Jesus Christ the King and that the fervent prayers and aspirations of all the Faithful and in particular the Faithful of

Russia may be heard, and to give to Thee, O Immaculate Virgin Mary, the testimony of our devotion and obedience, *so now we, in a most solemn and public manner consecrate, and entrust all the people and social institutions of Russia to Thy Immaculate Heart*, with the firm hope that soon, thanks to the all-powerful patronage of Thee, O Blessed Virgin Mary, the wishes which we form may be happily fulfilled, for a true peace, fraternal concord, and the liberty due to all, and in the first place to the Church.

Thus by our prayer, united to Thine own and that of the whole Christian people, the Kingdom of our Savior Jesus Christ will be firmly established over all the earth: A Kingdom of truth and life, a Kingdom of holiness and grace, a Kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And we suppliantly ask Thee, O Most Merciful Mother, to obtain from Thy Divine Son, Heavenly light for our minds and for our souls, the strength and courage by which, being supernaturally upheld, we all will be able to repulse and overcome all errors and impiety. (HERE ENDS THE REQUIRED TEXT FOR THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA.)

Each and every bishop who professes to be in union with the See of Rome but who does not obey precisely the instruction given above will, by virtue of his disobedience, have automatically excommunicated himself from the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and will remain in mortal sin, reserved to the Holy Father alone to absolve.

It is to be understood that, even after repentance and absolution, there will be absolutely no possibility of immediate or future reinstatement to the office of bishop. Any such man, once repented, absolved, and reunited to the Body of Christ, will be expected to serve the remainder of his days on earth making reparation for his sins as a simple priest, through a life of contemplative prayer, in a remote monastery to be selected on a case-by-case basis by the Holy Father personally.

Insofar as possible, each and every bishop is invited to come in person to Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome to join with the Holy Father in performing the public consecration. Each and every bishop who is unable to come to Rome, due to the short notice, is encouraged to travel to his archdiocesan cathedral to join in performing the public consecration.

Each and every bishop who is unable to travel at all is ordered to perform the consecration publicly in his own cathedral. Each titular bishop having no active cathedral of his own must present himself at the highest-ranked cathedral to which he reasonably can travel.

From every cathedral in which a public consecration ceremony takes place, an unedited professional audiovisual recording, clearly documenting the local consecration ceremony in its entirety, together with an official document listing each and every bishop who participated in that ceremony. It must be signed by the bishop of said cathedral, and must be submitted to the Vatican within seven calendar days after the consecration, to the

personal attention of Father John Herald, special assistant to the Pope.

Recordings must display a real-time indication of full date and time of day throughout the recording, and must be certified by the professional recording service as being completely free of any editing. Each participating bishop must wear a personal microphone, and must be recorded on a separate sound track while he publicly says the consecration prayer, and he must clearly state his name and the city of his home cathedral into his microphone just before the consecration prayer begins, and again just after the prayer is completed.

If any bishop, or group of bishops, experiences difficulty with the quality of the audiovisual recording, then they will be required to repeat the consecration again within twenty-four hours, subject to all the same rules. Therefore, care should be taken to review the quality of the recording, immediately after the ceremony has been performed, and prior to submission to the Vatican.

Each submitted recording will be reviewed in its entirety by a panel of Vatican experts, to be selected by the Holy Father personally. Each and every bishop found through such review of the audiovisual recording to have willfully altered the form of the consecration will be subject to the same penalties as if he had refused to participate in the public consecration.

Finally, the Holy Father encourages all the faithful in union with the See of Rome to pray fervently for all the bishops including the Bishop of Rome, and also to continue (or to begin) the devout practice of the Five First Saturdays of Communions of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and to continually offer up sacrifices for the conversion of sinners.

Trusting in the Providence of God the Father; in the Divine Mercy of His Son Our Lord Jesus Christ; in the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit; and in the promises made to mankind by Our Lady of Fatima, the All-Immaculate Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, we do hereby make this Our Apostolic Will known, for everlasting memory.

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on the fifteenth day of June, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen, the eleventh year of Our Pontificate.

Nicholas PP. VI

“Dear Faithful, and visitors from all parts of the world, that concludes the proclamation this evening of the will of His Holiness Pope Nicholas VI.”

The Vatican Press Secretary withdrew from the balcony overlooking Saint Peter's Square, as a stunned crowd exhibited a very mixed reaction. Small groups were cheering wildly, falling on their knees in prayers of thanksgiving, and beginning spontaneous recitations of the Rosary. Far greater numbers were filing out of the square, some gesturing wildly, some shaking their fists at Heaven, and some seeking out the reporters lining the exits in order to express their shock and disbelief.

In major cities around the world, crowds with similarly mixed characteristics were seen to be assembling outside the Catholic cathedrals.

In most cases, bishops were nowhere to be seen. In a few prominent cities, Archbishops and Cardinals could be heard on cathedral steps giving press conferences in which they expressed their shock and dismay at the “utter loss of collegiality” represented by the Holy Father’s unprecedented “strong-arm tactics.”

A number of Archbishops and bishops, however, appeared on their cathedral steps to express their complete solidarity with the Holy Father in this historic moment that held forth wonderful new hope for the whole world.