

Chapter Sixteen

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Our Lady of Fatima Church (“Cova”) Rectory, Detroit, Michigan.

On Saturday morning, the Pope was scheduled to depart from Detroit City Airport at eight o'clock in the Brown Group private jet, which had returned from delivering Mikhail and the three Peterson's to New York the previous afternoon. The four Swiss Guards would travel with the Pope, and one Brown Group security man would fill in the remaining seat, to help facilitate connections with the Brown Group security detail that would be waiting in Rome to greet the plane. By midnight, and maybe by ten o'clock if all went well, “Father Jacob” expected to be safe in the Rome apartment of Father Ignacio Battista, just two blocks from Saint Peter's Square.

Over their breakfast in the Cova rectory, which was taken in Father Kiril's private office, with the door closed so that their conversation need not be guarded to preserve the true identity of “Father Jacob,” Kiril saw his opportunity to give a final spiritual “pep talk” to Pope Nicholas. When necessary, he would try playing the devil's advocate, thus calling forth in Nicholas a defense of all he was prepared to undertake.

“You will soon reappear on the world stage, Holy Father, and your twin brother's tour of duty as an imposter Pope at the Italian monastery will be finished.”

“I must admit that this is the best vacation I have had in all the years of my pontificate,” replied Nicholas. “Here I could concentrate on prayer and the work of discerning the will of Heaven. I was able to keep administrative matters to a minimum, especially after Father Herald returned to Rome as my deputy. And the press was unable to find me the entire time, though they certainly did not hesitate to write about me with all manner of fantasy and invective.”

“You are going back to Rome to place everything in the hands of Our Blessed Mother,” said Kiril. “You are willing to risk everything you have worked for all your career. You are even willing to risk the prestige of the papacy. Surely the human side of you realizes that if the consecration does not bear definite fruit that is obvious to the world in a relatively short time, you will be mocked mercilessly. There will be talk about the papacy having self-destructed, and having made itself irrelevant to contemporary world politics by focusing on a century-old fairy tale. That is what the secular media are preparing to say.”

“Yes, you are correct, Father Kiril. But when the angel Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Nazareth, and asked Her to become the Mother of the Savior of the World by means of a supernatural conception, She knew that the world would assume the worst. Her beloved fiancé Joseph would be tempted to wonder if She could possibly have been unfaithful to Her vow of perpetual virginity. She could potentially face the

Jewish penalty of stoning if accused of adultery. But She chose to take Heaven at its word, not thinking how to improve upon Heaven's message through human wisdom, but rather submitting in humility and child-like trust. She spoke Her blessed *Fiat*: 'Let it be done unto Me according to Thy word.' I have come to see, in this retreat, that Heaven is demanding precisely the same sort of humble trust from the Holy Father, in order to permit another unprecedented grace to come into the world."

"You are right, Holy Father," said Kiril. "Devotion to Mary is always the surest sign of true belief in the *real* Christ, and according to the ancient Fathers of the Church is one common sign of true election."

"When Mary had made Her decision to say 'Yes' to Heaven, She also went on a retreat, to get away from all those who surrounded Her in Her daily life. She went into the hill country of Judea to visit Her older cousin Elizabeth, who had been in sorrow because she was barren until her old age. And when Mary arrived, it had already been revealed to Elizabeth that Her Lord was in Mary's womb, and that she was singularly blessed just to have the Mother of her Lord come to visit her."

"Holy Father, in coming on this retreat, you were acting just like Mary. You knew that if you came 'home' to the 'unimportant' inner-city parish where Father Herald hangs out, you would be able to pray among like-minded priests. And just as the child in Elizabeth's womb, Saint John the Baptist, leaped for joy at the presence of his cousin Jesus in Mary's womb, even so you have met someone on this retreat who will play a major role in the unfolding of the world's future. I now foresee that when Russia converts, she will restore her Christian monarchy, and that the people of Russia will call upon my brother Mikhail to fill the role of leading them in the restoration of Christendom within their borders. You have only met Mikhail briefly, Holy Father. But I predict that, in days to come, you two will work very closely together, for the good of Russia, and ultimately for the good of the whole world."

"Probably you are right, my son. Our Lady of Fatima promised the world a period of peace that would come as a consequence of the consecration of Russia. History, studied honestly, shows that Catholic monarchs mostly kept warfare limited in scope and duration, whereas modern Protestant and secular humanist states, unrestrained by Catholic morality, have unleashed the untold horrors of World Wars I and II and the endless local warfare that has continued ever since. It now seems apparent that modern democracy does not really work very well at all, and that Catholic monarchy is the surest system to ensure the rights and dignity of the common man."

"Until recently, I had never imagined that my own brother would be called upon to exercise his inherited rights as the Crown Prince of the Romanov dynasty," said Kiril. "I always thought all that enthusiasm about keeping track of the Russian nobility and dynastic succession was pointless. Our family was never active in the Romanov Nobility Organization."

"Remember, Father Kiril, that there have been other times when royal

families were hidden for a time. When the Prophet Samuel came to Jesse in Bethlehem⁸⁶ – to review his sons and anoint one to be the next king – David, the chosen one of God, was off tending the sheep. Jesse did not even send for David because, obviously, he was just a lad and one of his older brothers would be chosen. But Heaven’s prophet demanded that Jesse call the boy to leave the sheepfold and come to the prophet to be anointed king. Because the Old Testament Jewish Confessional State had been suppressed following the Roman occupation of Palestine, the royal lineage of the Kingdom of Israel, descended from David, had been forgotten. Tradition tells us that the true royal family of Israel was hidden in Nazareth. Both Joseph and Mary were descendants of the House of David, and Jesus was in fact the rightful Crown Prince of Israel, except that, as in the case of contemporary Russia, there was no recognized throne to inherit. How similar it seems, discovering that the crown prince of Russia, the next Catholic Confessional State which will come upon the world stage, has also been hiding away in Nazareth!”

“Last night you sought to pray for final assurance from Heaven that the consecration of Russia at this time is the right course to follow. Heaven provided you a sign that could not be a coincidence: in your prayer you lived through a fulfillment of most of the vision of the Third Secret of Fatima. It was cut short just before the final horrors were fulfilled, in order to signal that there is still time to act before that terrible outcome occurs. No one else witnessed every detail of the fulfillment of that vision, so it was not a sign to the world but rather to you personally, as the Vicar of Christ. Heaven thus gave you the confidence that you are to proceed with the consecration, no matter what.”

“Imagine how reassuring it must have been for Mary, when She arrived at Elizabeth’s rural home in the hill country, to discover that Elizabeth already knew Her secret. And not only that, Her older cousin, who was thought to be too old to ever become pregnant, was six months along with her own baby. These were private miracles, which served to reassure Mary. They became publicly known only after Saint Luke, who surely learned many of these details from the Blessed Virgin Mary Herself, recorded them in his writings.”

“And,” said Kiril, “Mary’s response to these miracles was to sing the *Magnificat*, in praise of the goodness of God. In praise, actually, of the fact that God was preparing to send a just government into a pagan Roman world that was hopelessly corrupt. Holy Father, before you depart, let us go up together to the rectory chapel, and kneel before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and recite the immortal words which His Mother sang after greeting Elizabeth.”

So, their breakfast being finished, the two men climbed the stairs of the old rectory to the chapel, and brought themselves into the Real Presence of their Lord. Neither needed any printed text to aid their memory as they recited together:

⁸⁶ I Samuel 16:1-13.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid;
for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me;
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation unto generations,
to them that fear him.

He hath shewed might in his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath received Israel his servant,
being mindful of his mercy:

As he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his seed for ever.⁸⁷

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.⁸⁸

Afterwards they waited in silence before the Lord for a few minutes. Nicholas began to see clearly that the coming consecration would indeed show forth both God's mercy and the strength of His arm; that it would scatter the proud secular humanists of this world, and put down the mighty lords of mammon, who dealt in dishonest money and rapacious finance, from their seats; it would exalt the humble, true believers in Christ, who, like Jesus Himself, are marked by their devotion to His Blessed Mother.

Those who have hungered and thirsted for truth and justice would finally be satisfied, while those who sought riches through the unjust economic system that has long been oppressing the world would be sent away empty. The one religion which is true, which began with Adam and Noah and Abraham and Moses, which passed down through King David and the Priests and Prophets of Israel, and which continued on in the

⁸⁷ Luke 1:46-55, DRV.

⁸⁸ "Magnificat ánima mea Dóminum et exultávit spíritus meus in Deo salutári meo. Quia respéxit humilitátem ancillæ suæ: ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent omnes generatiónes. Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius. Et misericórdia eius a progénie in progénies tíméntibus eum. Fecit poténtiam in bráchio suo, dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui. Depósuit poténtes de sede et exaltávit húmiles. Esuriéntes implévit bonis et dívites dimisit inánes. Suscépit Israë́l, púerum suum, recordátus misericórdiæ suæ, sicut locútus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et sémini ejus in sæcula. Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spíritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen."

priesthood instituted by Jesus Christ Himself at the Last Supper – now no longer daily offering the blood of bulls and goats⁸⁹ but the Precious Body and Blood of the Spotless Lamb of God Himself, Our Lord Jesus Christ – that one true and universal religion was to be continued until the end of time among the true seed of Abraham, those who, by receiving Christ, were given the power to become sons of God,⁹⁰ not by being descended from the correct human ancestors, but by being born of God through baptism.

Nicholas also pondered his view of history, now so clear after living for eighty-five years in the heart of Europe, and after spending so many years upon the Throne of Peter. Christendom had flourished for sixteen hundred years, building Western Civilization upon the basic infrastructure prepared by ancient Greece and Rome.

Then the Protestant revolt against the timeless teachings of Christ and His Church, motivated especially by rebellion against the strict sexual and fiscal morality demanded by Christ, had brought about the gradual destruction of the just economic and social practices which had been typical of Catholic Europe. Instead, the Protestant revolt led to the establishment – first and foremost in England under King Henry VIII and his successors – of a rapacious property-extorting ruling class fueled by an anti-Catholic spirit of destruction of the rights of the common man.

That system, initially based on unjust usury, and for the past century abetted by the fiat-currency fulfillment of the alchemist's dream of unlimited money created out of nothing at no cost, had gradually enslaved the common man, diminishing his rights and property, increasing his taxes, and centralizing the power and wealth of rulers – which in Christendom had always been widely distributed and primarily local. Because the industrial revolution had not come about until this anti-Christian system was already in place, most people wrongly assumed that industrialism, by its very nature, had to develop into the modern system of rapacious international leviathans called “corporations,” which now effectively rule over the governments of the earth.

In time, the loss of faith of whole continents came to pass, until former Christendom had become a secular humanist wasteland in which only a tiny minority of brave souls kept the traditional Catholic Faith alive in belief and practice. The ideas of *practical* atheism and secular humanism were first openly promoted in the Masonic-inspired American and French revolutions, but *formal* atheism first took real root in Russia in the openly-anti-Christian Bolshevik revolution of 1917.

Those “errors of Russia” had been spreading throughout the world ever since, until almost the entire world had become enslaved under the darkness of un-Christian political thinking and practices. Only two or three tiny nation-states still remained that still officially confessed the one true Catholic religion, and their continued existence was tolerated precisely because they were politically inconsequential.

⁸⁹ Hebrews 10:1-7.

⁹⁰ John 1:12-13.

But a new Russian sunrise was about to dawn, and Christendom, with its glorious virtues in both the people and the state, was about to be miraculously reborn in Russia. That was the promise of Fatima. The whole world would watch in wonder, for such an abrupt conversion of an entire nation could not be brought about in this world except by divine intervention.

And, because of the consecration, the world would be forced to note that it was through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary that these good things had come to pass. Her words would indeed be reinforced gloriously: “Behold, from henceforth all generations shall call Me Blessed.”