

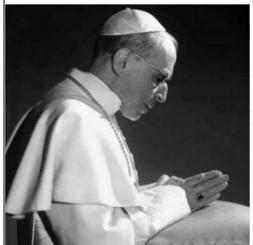
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**Fr. John's Journal** Fr. John Hedges, Spiritual Director Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

October 13 is a significant date for Fatima, for the Church, and for the whole world. In 1917, it was the day when the greatest miracle was performed for the world to know that God's Mother truly appeared to the Fatima children and delivered a message for the peace and salvation of all mankind. The previous July 13<sup>th</sup> was the day our Lady gave the third secret to Lucia dos Santos and her cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto. Lucia wrote the secret out in her own hand, sealed it in an envelope and gave it to the bishop of Fatima. He, in turn, gave it to the Holy Father, Pope Pius XI. It was our Lady's request that the third secret should be disclosed no later than 1960, when the faithful would understand its significance and meaning. However, the Pope of 1960, St. John XXIII said, "It does not concern my pontificate." The Second Vatican Council was the real news of the day, with its many changes for the Church -



some of them catastrophic. Monsignor Eugenio Pacelli, the future Pope Pius XII, who knew the third secret, was already grieving over what lay in store for the Church in the days ahead. In 1931, he stated,

"I am worried by the Blessed Virgin's messages to Lucia 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,



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Her theology, and Her soul... I hear all around me innovators who wish to dismantle the Sacred Chapel, destroy the universal flame of the Church, reject Her ornaments and make Her feel remorse for Her historical past."

All these fears of Monsignor Pacelli were being realized in 1973, when Our Lady, perhaps weary of waiting for the Pope to act, came Herself on October 13 to a Japanese nun,

Sister Agnes Sasagawa in Akita, Japan. The Blessed Virgin had wanted the third secret disclosed in 1960, to warn the faithful against the apostacy in the Church, beginning with the hierarchy.



She delivered the warning in 1917, requested that it be disclosed in 1960, and waited <u>13</u> more years before she came down from heaven to disclose it herself!

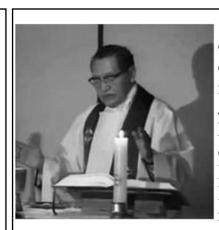


Here is the third secret, given by Our Lady of Akita forty-five years ago, October 13, 1973: *"As I told* you, if men do not repent and better themselves, the Father will inflict a

terrible punishment on all humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the deluge, such as one will never have seen before. Fire will fall from the sky and will wipe out a great part of humanity, the good as well as the bad, sparing neither priests nor faithful. The survivors will find themselves so desolate that they will envy the dead. The only arms which will remain for you will be the Rosary and the Sign left by My Son. Each day recite the prayers of the Rosary. With the Rosary, pray for the Pope, the bishops and priests.

The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see Cardinals opposing Cardinals, bishops against other bishops. The priests who venerate me will be scorned and opposed by their confreres... Churches and altars sacked; the Church will be full of those who accept compromises, and the demon will press many priests and consecrated souls to leave the service of the Lord.

The demon will be especially implacable against souls consecrated to God. The thought of the loss of so many souls is the cause of my sadness. If sins increase in number and gravity, there will be no longer pardon for them.... Pray very much the prayers of the Rosary. I alone am able still to save you from the calamities which approach. Those who place their confidence in me will be saved."



When the bishop of Akita, John Ito, delivered the message to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Benedict XVI read it and said:

## "This is the third secret of Fatima!"

Cardinal Ratzinger ordered Bishop Ito to approve the apparitions immediately as authentic and worthy of belief. Our Lady chose Japan as the place to disclose the third secret where the atomic bomb was exploded at Nagasaki and Hiroshima - "fire from heaven!"



On May 13, 2000, St. John Paul II disclosed the <u>visions</u> of the third secret without the text of July 13, 1917, because the "text" had already been disclosed by Our Lady Herself on October 13, 1973!

Forty five years later we see the fulfillment of the prophesies of Akita in the terrible crisis the Church is suffering today.

If that part of the third secret is being



fulfilled, how long do we have before the chastisement takes place?

May October, the month of the Holy Rosary, be a time of fervent prayer and <u>much penance</u>!

## Rosary Coast to Coast



Join the Detroit rosary event of the Coast to Coast Rosary for our nation. On this special Feast of The Holy Rosary, we will meet at the Detroit Renaissance Center on the Riverwalk overlooking the Detroit River. We'll join prayer warriors across the country at the exact same time in praying for Our Lady's intercession for our country. Our Canadian neighbors will be in eyesight across the Detroit River joining us in prayer!

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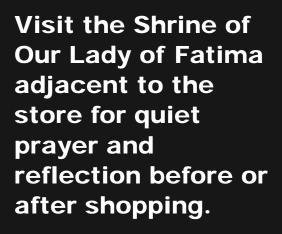
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## **President's Corner By: Leonard St. Pierre**



We have many exciting events coming up as we enter into Our Lady's month of October.

On Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, the feast of the Holy Rosary, we'll be participating in the Rosary Coast to Coast event. Prayer warriors from across the United States will all be praying the rosary together at the exact same time: 4pm, to storm heaven with prayers for our nation.

We invite you to join us in front of the Detroit Renaissance Center on the Detroit Riverwalk as we pray together as a family with others from across Metro Detroit. Directly across the river on the Windsor side, our Canadian Neighbors will be in eyesight of us praying along with us.

I'm inviting everyone from all parishes to join us. Bring your parish banner, your children and represent your parish family during this important rosary rally. We'll be providing free rosaries while our supply lasts. Spread the word! If you're unable to attend, join us in praying the rosary from wherever you are.

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Fr. John will celebrate Mass in honor of our Lady of Fatima (as the 13<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday.) Please come and join us for this special Mass as our Lady calls us to pray for sinners and the conversion

of the world. Our prayers through the holy sacrifice of the Mass are needed now more than ever.

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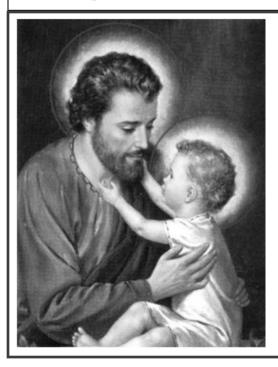
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During these challenging times, also continue to pray to St. Joseph for our Church. Wishing you all blessings of good health and happiness as I keep all of you in my daily rosary. Please keep me in your prayers.





Father, you entrusted our Savior to the care of Saint Joseph. By the help of his prayers may your Church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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