

St. Joseph Marian Center

The Albany Diocesan Division of
THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA, U.S.A.



*"Family of Nazareth,
Pray for Us"*

Father Jeffrey L'Arche, MS
A Message from our Spiritual Director



Also, Father Jeffrey L'Arche's just celebrated his 40th anniversary, of his ordination into the priesthood. Congratulations Father and may the Lord grant you many more inspiring years and good health as our Spiritual Director.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS, 2015

AS THE YEAR QUICKLY COMES TO AN END
WE ANTICIPATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH JOY
AND EXPECTATION. THE SEASON OF AD-
VENT GOES BY IN A FLASH. WE ARE LIKELY

NOT TO APPRECIATE ITS SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE
LIGHT OF THE LIGHTS AND ALL THE SHOPPING. ADVENT IS MADE TO
HELP US REMEMBER THAT 'WE ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE AND LIKE-
NESS OF GOD.' CHRIST IS A DIVINE PERSON WITH A HUMAN AND DIVINE
NATURE. THIS IS THE GREAT MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION. OUR IM-
AGE IS RESTORED TO THAT OF GOD THROUGH THE RECONCILING LOVE
OF THE FATHER. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE FACE OF CHRIST WE SEE
OUSELVES TRANSFORMED INTO THIS DIVINE IMAGE AND LIKENESS.
WE READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE OLD. WE
DO THIS IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE MEANING OF THIS
HOLY TIME. MAY THE INITIATION OF THE HOLY
YEAR ON THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CON-
CEPTION OPEN WIDE THE DOORS OF GOD'S ABUN-
DANT MERCY AND GRACE THAT WE AND OTHERS
MAY BE RECONCILED WITH GOD!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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The Fatima Angel and the Importance of the Eucharist



The International World Apostolate of Fatima theme for the 100th anniversary of the Angel's appearance in Fatima for 2016 is to "OFFER IT UP." Our Bishop Edward Scharfenberger asked us to add his special intention, "FOR AN INCREASE OF VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD" in our diocese that we are in great need of.

Msgr. Eugene Kevane shared with us in the March-April 1989 Soul Magazine, "Mary is the Queen of heaven and earth. This means she is the Queen of all the angels of heaven. The Fatima Angel therefore was doing the bidding of Our Lady when he came to the Fatima children in the Spring of 1916. Monsignor believes she sent him to give the children catechetical preparation for her own visits in 1917 to continue the angelic catechesis to the three children Herself." This could not be without God's permission.
(Angel photos taken in Fatima, Portugal)

How perfect it is to offer our prayers and sacrifices, especially our rosaries to increase the vocations of holy priests. The Angel in Fatima taught us how.

He appeared to the three shepherd children and said, "Do not fear, I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me." He also taught them how to adore our Lord in the Eucharist as he had the Holy Eucharist suspended above the Chalice as the angel and children prostrated themselves while reciting this prayer together:

"O most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I adore You profoundly. I offer You 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 indifferences 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."



Through the Mass, we offer our sufferings and trials and unite them with the passion and death of Jesus Christ our Lord. This is when heaven and earth unite during the sacrifice of the Mass through Jesus' chosen priests. May He grant us more holy priests. Wow! This is when heaven meets earth, with all the heavenly saints and loved ones present with us, around this sacrificial altar for our salvation.

The Angel taught the children this **Sacrifice prayer**, "O my Jesus, it is for love of Thee, in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of poor souls."

By offering up our daily duties, it gives them honor and purpose. **(Faith In Action.)**

The **Eucharistic Prayer**, "Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the most Blessed Sacrament."

The **Pardon Prayer**: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee."

"What did the angel teach the Fatima children? He taught them reverence for God. Adoration. He helped them have the right idea of God, of His majesty, greatness and glory." Msgr. Kevane added "The Angel serving God in His humble plan to redeem the fallen human race from its sins."



"The sacrifice of selfless love required of a priest is impossible without superhuman strength from God. The principal source of the superhuman strength is the Holy Eucharist. Catholic priests are a living witness to Christ's power to work moral miracles in the world today. The single most important need for the priesthood is a renewed faith in the Holy Eucharist. Without priests there would not be a Eucharist, and without the Eucharist, the priesthood would not be holy." (By Rev. John A. Hardon, SJ)

A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR OUR LADY

“Honor thy Heavenly Father and thy Holy Mother” (Faith in Action)

What gifts shall we give them? The gift of ourselves. Isn't it wonderful when children come home with a gift coupon book from school or religion class? In it our children offer to do a chore or something we need help with as a gift on Father's Day and on Mother's Day. What gifts shall we give to Our Father in heaven, as His Son Jesus taught us; and to Our Mother Mary in thanksgiving to her fiat answer of “yes” to Archangel Gabriel and her example of how to have hope and trust in Him. So her Immaculate Heart shall triumph soon. Let's share the gifts God has given us. Why? Read this wonderful article below written in 1983 from the teachings of Father Baniak. Father turned 101 this year. In his honor, let's call it Father Baniak's course 101.

A TOO LONG HIDDEN TREASURE ...THE BLUE ARMY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Having spent twenty years in the U.S. Air Force, as Chaplain, the word “Army”, to me, is more than a vague suggestion of uniforms and flags and guns dramatically included. Any form or part of the Army must mean a dedication of one's life, if necessary, in defense of the nation. Without that dedication, that “Army” becomes a farce, instead of a force.

Our Blessed Mother, Mary, at Fatima, never used the word “Army”, nor ever referred to the color “blue”. She did, however, insist that unless the world does penance and returns to prayer and purity, that God's punishments, more terrible than ever inflicted before, would chastise the world.

Mary calling from Fatima, that our lives become a force for good... for a good great enough to save the entire world from further devastation of its Peace and Liberty by communistic Russia, and Communism in general. Such power for good requires dedication and purpose. It calls for the response of the world, and its return to God—at least, on the part of the entire Catholic World.

The consecration of the church by the Pope and all Bishops united with him, as called for at Fatima, does mean a very large number...united with ...dedicated... to create great power for good.

Here is the foundation of an army to fight evil. It only needed Monsignor Colgan in Plainsfield, New Jersey, to give it a name. Recovering from a severe illness, he dedicated the rest of his life to spreading the message of Fatima, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1947.

He declared from the pulpit of St. Mary's Church that: “We in this Parish will be the Blue Army of Our Lady, against the Red Army of Communism.” It has expanded to 110 (now 140) nations.

It has finally reached our homes and our hearts. We are a part of Our Lady of Fatima Force for World Peace and Russia's conversion. We are against the Red Army and all it stands for. We are the Blue Army of Our Lady, and for all it enfolds. We are, therefore, an Army, since we, together, volunteered to follow Mary in spiritual battle—but a battle, nevertheless. Our banner is blue. Our scapulars are armor. The Daily Rosary constitutes our most powerful weapon. The battlefield is each day as it spreads out from dawn before us. The First Saturdays and First Fridays find us meeting with our King and Supreme Commander; Jesus with His Sacred Heart to fire us, and the Immaculate Queen Mary. Embracing us with her Immaculate Heart.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Oh Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



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CHILDREN OF THE EUCHARIST

.....invites our world clergy, teachers, and parents to help the children and young people in their care follow the way of the Little Shepherds of Fatima and enroll in the School of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is the school of 'God Is Love.'

Will you consider becoming an 'Ambassador' of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to help her in these unprecedented and uncertain times to lead our children of the world to Entrustment to her Immaculate Heart, so that she can safely lead them to her Divine Son Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist? For more information VISIT: www.childrenoftheeucharist.org.

Give Our Lady of Fatima a Spiritual Bouquet. Follow the chart below. Check off each day the gift you offered up as a gift completed. Then clergy, teachers and parents, submit their prayers on a daily, weekly or monthly basis and contribute to the Spiritual Bouquet offering to (faith in action) www.childrenoftheeucharist.org, and stjosephmariancenter@gmail.com. Thank you.



**SCHOOL OF THE
IMMACULATE HEART
OF MARY**

MY CLASSROOM TREASURE SHEET

PRAYERS *and* SACRIFICES

To console the Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus and Immaculate
Heart of Mary
for **PEACE** in our **FAMILIES**
and in the world

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Morning Offering							
Sacrifices							
Sacrifice of the Mass							
Visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament							
Rosaries							
Chaplets of Divine Mercy							
Acts of Obedience							
Acts of Kindness							
TOTAL							

Make everything you do a SACRIFICE and offer it up to God for the conversion of sinners. Angel of Peace - July 1916

CONSECRATION
To Her Immaculate Heart TO JESUS THROUGH MARY
For her 100th Anniversary in 2017

To bring /assist the Promise of the Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart

Give Jesus the Christmas gift of yourself by cleansing our souls from the effects of the business of this earthly existence and humble ourselves to allow Jesus into our hearts more completely to Jesus through Mary. Shepherd me of God. From all my distress He saved me.

Make way for the way of the Lord. How?

There is a modern day parable. It goes like this: Jesus was walking through heaven and comes up to St. Peter, (the keeper of the door into heaven) and Jesus said, "Peter how did all these people get into heaven?" Peter replies, "Your Mother opened the window." How I enjoy this image. We try so hard, and our loving Mother sees the beauty of our souls and our giving, she teaches us how.

Father Torres shared the story parable-like reflecting how St. Louis De Montfort 33 Day Consecration works:

There was a servant who wanted to give his gift of an apple to the King. But he wasn't sure how to give it to him so he gave it to the Queen asking her to present it to the King. She saw his most generous gift and his total love for her son the King and thanked his servant so lovingly. The Queen cleaned it up and cut it into delicious slices cutting out all the bruises, etc. and put it on a gold platter and offered it to the King. The King rejoiced with such joy that his loving Mother presented this wonderful gift from his subject. This is what happens when we offer the gift to Jesus through Mary through St. Louis De Montfort's 33-day Consecration.

In Michael Gaitley's book **Morning Glory** A Do-it-Yourself Retreat, we learn from a retreat how St. Maximilian Kolby, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, St. John Paul II, and St. Louis de Montfort were so inspired in our times. Let's place our **faith in action** for God as they did

.Find more information @ myconsecration.org.

**Find Father Torres all day retreat in Auriesville
On WOPG WEBSITE pax-et-bonum-radio.org.**

Listen to the 33 Consecration, on our website homepage we recorded on WOPG at stjosephmariancenter.org.

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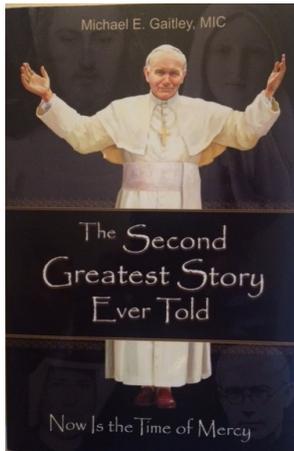
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MAY THE MIRACLES OF CHRISTMAS BE YOURS & YOUR LOVED ONES.

Thank you so for much for your generous donations. Did you enjoy [the Basic Catechism Booklets](#) given as a thank you gift for your donations to teach your children and grandchildren about the basics of our faith?

[Checks made payable to: [St. Joseph Marian Center, \(P.O. Box 472, Altamont, NY 12009.\)](#) Thank you!]

THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD



In this wonderful book written by Michael Gaitley is correct in saying “Now Is The Time of Mercy.” Enjoy the interesting story about Poland below.

The first Greatest Story Ever Told is Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and the Apostles in the Bible.

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told is St. John Paul’s “special task” of Divine Mercy that “formed the image” of his Pontificate. Pope Benedict XVI shared that **it was the center of Pope John Paul’s papacy.** Pope Francis saw **St. Pope John Paul II’s “great intuition” for our times.** Our times need now of great mercy for our whole Church and the entire world. “Sin begins with a lack of trust.” **Gaitley suggests it is a ‘trust issue’ that gets to the heart of salvation history. He added, “the whole Bible can be summarized as one long [school of trust].”**

Gaitley shares he is not Polish so he has no bias when he illuminates amazing moments in Polish History. **Why God Chose Poland?** I read an article

written by our founder, Monsignor Colgan how Poland was overrun so much yet the Polish kept their faith and identity with their Consecration through Mary in 966 and how salvation may come from Poland. Now Gaitley brings its history to light how God used Poland several times to save the world– Europe and why he believes Poland **God would use Poland for such a mission.** One, God “**The gifts and call of are irrevocable**” as St. Paul wrote. Why? Because was Poland known as “**the paradise of the Jews**” because Poland had the largest Jewish population living freely together with respect for each other. Second, Poland had for centuries, the reputation being the most Catholic country in the world. The Catholic faith became official in 966 when King Mieszko was Baptized. Third Poland as a “**suffering servant**” as said in the Book of Isaiah chapter 53 because you suffered most in the 1640’s-1660s. Gaitley believes God chose Poland to save Europe and the western world so many times. [God blessed the United States, protecting all nations, under the covenant our founding fathers developed writing our Constitution and our Bill of Rights. The Freedom of Religion. U.S. is to the world today as Poland is to Europe in history. God Chose Poland, How?](#)

St. Alphonus de Liguori, founder of the Redemptorist, Doctor of the Church and hammer of the Jansenist heretics through his moral theology. Then St. Therese of Lisieux, the little Rose and the little warrior for God against Janenism into the “Little Way.” She brought back to the primacy of faith (over works) in the spiritual life. [St. Alphonus and St. Therese intercede for us. Amen.](#)

St. Paul writes, “The gifts and call of God are irrevocable” (Rom. 11:29), it’s not surprising, then, that God would use for his saving works a country called to be “a light to the nations (Is 49:6) and with whom “God keeps his covenant and merciful love to a thousand generations” (Dt7-9).

“Poland is the remarkable suffering servant as their history of being divided and wiped off the face of Europe, making it illegal to even use the name “Poland.” Now we can understand how God saved the Western world using this unique country.

On September 11, in 1683 at the Siege of Vienna the extremist Muslims world was pushed back and stopped in their tracks by the Polish King Jan Sobieski requested by the Pope. Only the Poles came to the shame of Europe to engage in battle under Sobieski’s entrustment of it to the Blessed Mother. At victory, the Polish King wrote to the Vicar of Christ, the Pope, **VENDI, VIDI, VINCI**” in Latin (I came, I saw, I conquered) but with a Twist: “**VENDI, VIDI, DEUS VINCIT**” (**I came, I saw, God conquered**). The Pope was so elated, **extended the feast of the Holy Name of Mary to the entire Church with a new date of September 12.**(pps. 43-46) [Read about this and the many other miraculous events TO St. Pope John Paul II in Michael Gaitley’s book: THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD. If Poland’s King can place Poland’s challenges under Mary’s protection, so can we place our nation and the world, including our families and ourselves under Mary’s protection. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I trust in you. \(Faith in action.\)](#)



BISHOP EDWARD SCHARFENBERGER HAS BLESSED The Albany Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army as we spread the 1st Saturday Devotion during the: **TOUR OF OUR PILGRIM STATUE MADE IN FATIMA, PORTUGAL** as she visits a church near you in 2016.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the appearance of the Messenger Angel in 1916 we are visiting Albany Diocese churches with our Bishop's blessing to spread Five First Saturday Devotion as the Christ child Jesus requested on February 15, 1926 to Sister Lucia. To overcome the five blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

How to make the Five First Saturday Devotion? On the 1st Saturday of the month: (also you can follow this on EWTN at 8 am on cable TV channel 78, or on radio channel WOPG 1460 Am/89.9FM).

Say the rosary as you normally do reflecting each mystery. Add to each of the 5 mysteries, reflect/add one of the five blasphemies to each mystery.

What are the five blasphemies?

1. Against the Immaculate Conception. (add to 1st mystery)
2. Against her Virginity. (add to 2nd mystery)
3. Against the Divine Maternity, while refusing to receive Her as Mother of mankind. (to 3rd)
4. By those who try to publicly implant in the hearts of children indifference, disrespect, and even hate against the Immaculate Mother. (add to 4th mystery)
5. By those who insult Her directly in Her Sacred Images. (add to 5th mystery) and end the rosary as you usually do. Our Lady's Blue Army does provide a wonderful **Treasures of First Saturday Devotional** booklet. (will be mailed to all donations from this newsletter.)

Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the rosary, make your Reconciliation/Confession 8 days before or after, and receive Holy Communion.

If you would like to offer your 1st Saturdays as a Spiritual Bouquet, you may register it on www.bluearmy.com and click on 1st Saturday, then scroll down to Centennial Gift Registration and fill in your information. (Our faith in action.)

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THIS IS THE SEASON FOR MIRACLES. What Gift shall we bring Him?
This Christmas, let us share God's rewarding important daily gift with our children,-> knowing God.

IT STARTED WITH A MESSENGER ANGEL, Be Not Afraid:"... for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11 (EWTN)



Bishop Oliver Dashe Doerne CNA

The greatest miracle is the Real Presence of Jesus, of Jesus Christ that takes place at every Mass. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy.

The Catholic News Agency shares that on April 18, 2015 a Nigerian Bishop of Maiduguri named Bishop Oliver Dashe Doerne said he saw a vision of Jesus Christ and helped him understand that the rosary was the key to freeing his country, in front of the Tabernacle, from the advances of the Boko Haram. He said to CNA, "Towards the end of the last year, I was reciting the Rosary when suddenly, the Lord appeared to me. At first, Jesus said nothing, but handed me a sword. I took it and it immediately turned into a Rosary." Jesus repeated to him 3x, Boko Haram is gone."

THE FIRST WIRELESS CONNECTION TO GOD is ((PRAYER)).
Through The Eucharist & the Rosary. For the Salvation of souls and for world peace.

Another amazing Priest, Father Douglas was captured by the terrorist in the Middle East. He used his chains to make a Rosary to pray. One day the "terrorists" tried to trade him for a large ransom for his release from their Bishop. The Bishop asked to talk to the priest. The priest said in Aramaic, my job is done. When the Bishop said to the terrorist, he is in God's hands, the terrorists released Father Douglas. He now is vetting Christians for the Nazarene Fund to place Christian refugees in other countries like Slovakia. (interview on The Blaze.)

Invite a dialog and an encounter with Jesus; to bring Jesus into the family life. **(OUR FAITH IN ACTION.)**
Follow the teaching of the Fatima messenger Angel of Peace from Heaven in 1916 for peace for today.

Join Bishop Scharfenberger as he Consecrates our diocese to Jesus through Mary during Lent. Help us spread the 1st Saturday Devotion for peace, then witness the miracles happen in our diocese begin, as a result.
American souls are looking for a purpose and meaning/hope. The Gift of Faith and Prayer is the answer.

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