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Blessing to All:

As I write this issue of the Newsletter, my heart feels the evil and the terrible darkness that is encompassing the whole world. So many souls on the edge of everlasting damnation to Hell.

Jesus Christ is offering his Divine Mercy to all before he comes as the just Judge to all humanity. Now is the time for prayer, penance and fasting. Our Blessed Mother in Medjugorje says, "You have forgotten that with prayer and fasting you can ward off wars, suspend natural laws."

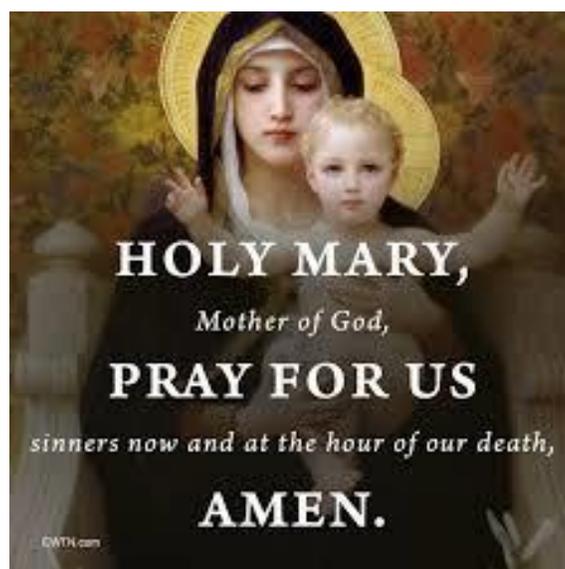
Our Mother is asking for prayer and fasting to ward off the evil that is in the world. This time is a time of deception within society and within our own Church. Worldwide we see politicians passing laws against the very laws of God with impunity. They snub their noses at purity, modesty, and charity for those less fortunate and rally with praises and support for those who march for abortion and the perverted "No Gender insanity."

Our Pope says he has never refused communion to anyone. Maybe if he took a stand for not giving communion to Catholics who openly support abortion, it would send a message. But high-ranking politicians get a pass from the Pope and still receive communion and then tell us they are 'devout' Catholics. St. Paul says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. ([1 Corinthians 11:27](#)).

This is an evil and perverse generation, and Our Blessed Mother has warned us at Fatima and Medjugorje, that chastisements are coming upon the earth. She tells us we are close to the time of these chastisements.

Prayer is our weapon against the evil that is within our families and the world. If you are not praying for your family's salvation, **start NOW**. Every day. Not just when you feel like it. If you know of a family that does not pray, then pray for them each day!

We are in a fight for the very souls of our brothers, sisters, husbands, wives, sons, daughters, and grandparents. We can fight Satan with prayers. That is what Our Blessed Mother has continually said in her apparitions around the world. Pray, Pray, Pray.



Do your part in the salvation of souls. No one gets a pass when Jesus comes again. All of us will be judge according to our deeds. "God "will repay each person according to what they have done. To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. ⁸ But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. ⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; ¹⁰ but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹¹ For God does not show favoritism." Romans 2:6-11

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By: Fr. Augustin Fuentes

Speaking to the sisters of Motherhouse of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Mexico on May 22, 1958, Fr. Fuentes said, "I want to tell you the last conversation I had with her [Sister Lucy], which was on December 26 of last year. It was in the convent, where I found her very sad, pale and drawn."



A decisive battle with the Devil

Sr. Lucy also told me: "Father, the Devil is fighting a decisive battle against the Virgin and, as you know, what most offends God and what will gain him the greatest number of souls in the shortest time is to gain the souls consecrated to God. For this also leaves unprotected the field of the laity and the Devil can more easily seize them.



"Also, Father, tell them that my cousins Francisco and Jacinta made sacrifices because they always saw the Blessed Virgin was very sad in all her apparitions. She never smiled at us. This anguish that we saw in her, caused by offenses to God and the chastisements that threaten sinners, penetrated our souls. And being children, we did not know what measures to devise except to pray and make sacrifices. ..."

We cannot wait for Rome to speak

Referring to the vision of Hell that Our Lady showed her and Jacinta and Francisco, she said:

"For this reason, Father, it is my mission not just to tell about the material punishments that will certainly come over the earth if the world does not pray and do penance. **No, my mission is to tell everyone the imminent danger we are in of losing our souls for all eternity if we remain fixed in sin.**

¹ https://www.traditioninaction.org/HotTopics/g23ht_Interview.html

"Father, we should not wait for a call to the world from Rome on the part of the Holy Father to do penance. Nor should we wait for a call for penance to come from the Bishops in our Dioceses, nor from our Religious Congregations. No, Our Lord has often used these means, and the world has not paid heed. **So, now each one of us must begin to reform himself spiritually. Each one has to save not only his own soul, but also all the souls that God has placed on his pathway.**

Two last remedies to save the world

"Father, the Blessed Virgin did not tell me that we are in the last times of the world, but I understood this for three reasons:

"The *first* is because she told me that the Devil is engaging in a battle with the Virgin, **a decisive battle**. It is a final battle where one party will be victorious and the other will suffer defeat. **So, from now on, we are either with God or we are with the Devil; there is no middle ground.**

"The *second reason* is because she told me, as well as my cousins, that God is giving two last remedies to the world: the Holy Rosary and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And, being the last remedies, that is to say, they are the final ones, means that there will be no others.

"And the *third*, because in the plans of the Divine Providence, when God is going to chastise the world, He always first exhausts all other remedies. When He sees that the world pays no attention whatsoever, then, as we say in our imperfect way of talking, with a certain fear He presents us the last means of salvation, His Blessed Mother.



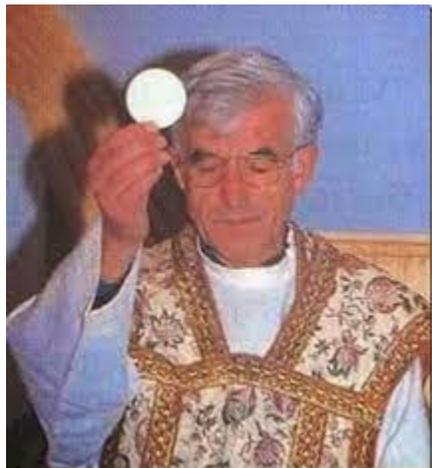
"Prayer and sacrifice are the two means to save the world. As for the Holy Rosary, Father, in these last times in which we are living, the Blessed Virgin has given a new efficacy to the praying of the Holy Rosary. This in such a way that there is no problem that cannot be resolved by praying the Rosary, no matter how difficult it is - be it temporal

or above all spiritual - in the spiritual life of each of us or the lives of our families, be they our families in the world or Religious Communities, or even

in the lives of peoples and nations. **I repeat, there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary, we will save ourselves, sanctify ourselves, console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls."**

Fr. Slavko Barbaric personal testimony about "Why Does Sin Exist?"

Father Slavko Barbaric was born on March 11, 1946 and ordained a Franciscan priest on December 19, 1971. He earned a doctorate degree in religious pedagogy and the title of psychotherapist 5 years later.



Fr. Slavko wrote many books, including the excerpt below taken from *"Give me your wounded heart"*. This excerpt from chapter 2 speaks about his personal experience with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

Fr. Slavko served Medjugorje pilgrims tirelessly from 1983 until his death on Nov 24, 2000. He spoke 6 languages, led Adoration during the evening program in the church during the week, gave talks to pilgrims, led the Stations of the Cross every Friday while climbing Cross mountain, started an orphanage called "Mother's village", and so much more. He was an amazing priest and was the "face" of Medjugorje for so many who visited there.

Fr. Slavko Barbaric: A Personal Experience

I am certain that everyone has considered the painful and difficult questions, "Why does sin exist? Why are some things forbidden, and some things presumed to be wrong?"

I am convinced that most of us have been troubled by these questions and have thought that perhaps sin was invented to frighten us, to control us and to manipulate us. Somewhere in the depths of our souls, we have probably questioned whether the concept of sin was invented by our elders, our

parents, our Church, or someone else in the name of God, so that they can force their wills on us.

It might be clearer if I shared my own experience. When I was in seminary, the simple question, "What makes something sinful?" haunted me. Although I did not speak out about this question for fear of appearing stupid or even godless, it continued to disturb me deeply throughout all the years of my studies. When I became a priest, I took confession very seriously, yet this question continued to haunt me. After listening and sharing with many people, I began to grasp deep within my soul, that most people did not really understand the meaning of sin. When they came to the Sacrament, their confessions were superficial and routine, and it was very difficult to determine if they were truly sorry for their sins.

As a young priest, I went through a further crisis. I asked myself, "Why do we have the sacrament of Confession?" From the pulpit we announce the Good News. We talk about sin, and we ask people to renounce sinful habits. Yet, in confession, I rarely heard that someone was truly responding to the call of Christ or to the priest's sermon or was convinced that he must stop sinning. Deep in my soul, I asked myself, "Then, why should we preach?



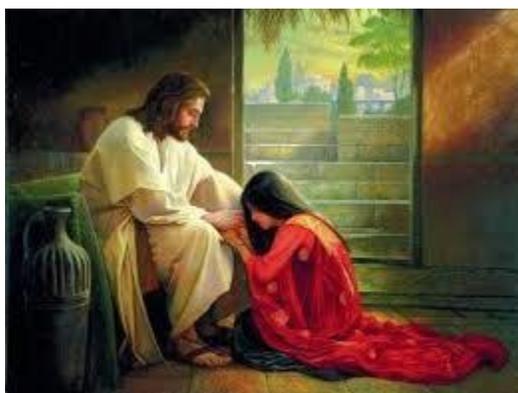
Why should we confess?" I wanted to see the lives of penitents change just a little from confession to confession. But I rarely saw much change and my questions regarding confession became stronger and more painful.

In retrospect, I realize that it is just such questions that begin the tension in many priestly vocations, when priests do not discover the true purpose of their vocations, especially the call to reconciliation. I also realize that many Christians have a difficult time with Confession, especially our youth. Then I have to ask again, "Why should we confess to the priest?" It happens repeatedly that many who come to confession only confess unimportant things and hide the truly important areas of their lives. This has happened to every young man, especially in his years of adolescence. At that time many stop going to confession. Then the priest discovers that those who really need confession are not coming to the Sacrament and those who do come confess only superficially.

I remember one believer who asked to discuss this Sacrament with me. She made it clear that she did not want to confess her sins, but just to discuss

things. Her first question was, "Why do I have to confess to the priest who is simply human like myself? I can confess directly to God." I stood perfectly still for a moment. I felt trapped. I had the same question myself. I did not know how to respond. Finally, I replied: "I have a similar difficulty with confession. I have also wondered why we should confess to a priest who is, after all, only human. Certainly, Confession does not exist to satisfy a priest's curiosity or desire to know the sins of others. I am convinced that no penitent says anything really new. The priest has heard all sins, all human acts. I have the same concern that you have."

She was quiet for a moment. Then suddenly we both realized that there must be something more. Surely, the purpose of confession is not simply to expose our sins. There is something much deeper that happens.



In confession a meeting takes place between the one who is wounded and the Doctor, between the one who is sinful and the One Who is holy, between the one who has been offended and the One Who gives consolation, between the one who has been humiliated and the One Who elevates the humble, between the one who is hungry, and the One Who satisfies the hungry, between the one who is lost and the One Who leaves the ninety-nine in

order to find the lost one, between the one who is in darkness and the one Who is the Light, between the one who has lost the way and the One Who said, "I am the Way," between the one who is dead and the One who is Life. We talked for a long time, and all the while we were increasing our understanding of confession.

The last homily of Fr. Slavkco can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGEorbV9T2o>. Hoover over link and hold down Ctrl and left click mouse.

Our Blessed Mother Ask Us to Pray and Give Jesus Our Past Sins.

February 25, 1987 *"Dear children! Today I want to wrap you all in my mantle and lead you all along the way of conversion. Dear children, I beseech you, surrender to the Lord your entire past, all the evil that has accumulated in your hearts. I want each one of you to be happy, but in sin nobody can be happy. Therefore, dear children, pray, and in prayer you shall realize a new way of joy. Joy will manifest in your hearts and thus you shall be joyful witnesses of that which I and My Son want from each one of you. I am blessing you. Thank you for having responded to my call."*



THE WARNING...THE CROSS WILL APPEAR IN THE SKY



"THE WARNING"— Jesus to St. Faustina "All light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the Cross will be seen in the sky." The coming illumination of conscience.

Jesus to St. Faustina: *"Write this: before I come as the Just Judge, I come as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, this sign in the sky will be given to mankind. All light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the Cross will be seen in the sky, and from the holes where the hands and the feet of the Savior were nailed will come forth a brilliant light, which will illuminate the Earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day."* (Diary #83)

By Brian K. Kravec

We live in an era in which “people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths” (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Even among the ranks of our dearest Catholic brothers and sisters, there are so many who “call evil good, and good evil, who change darkness to light, and light into darkness, who change bitter to sweet, and sweet to bitter” (Isaiah 5:20). The world is in need of a reset. That Divine reset is coming, and it’s called the “Warning” or the “Illumination of Conscience.”

THE WARNING

Rampant sin, corruption of the human race, violence, and increase of wickedness resulted in the total destruction and purification of the world with the great flood and later, the annihilation of Sodom and Gomorrah with sulfur and fire. In our time, not at all unlike the times of Noah and Abraham, God is sending the Warning — perhaps the greatest act of mercy in the history of the world — to illuminate and remedy the darkened conscience of the world so as to set humanity on the path of deliverance and healing.



Saint Pope Paul VI message to the world. “The maturity of conscience, most difficult to evaluate today, is the discernment between evil and good. Humanity has performed so many evil deeds that its conscience is now darkened by sin. We will need a terrible warning, and many will refuse to listen—a terrible warning. Most people will not heed it, but it will be essential to replace the moral order. Many have lived using their freedom for every kind of pleasure, and they are under the

gaze of our God; but this judgment will be direct—at the same time, with His tenderness—and they will be forced to recognize their sin and to separate their sin from their goodness. This time, the sins of the world will be revealed.” – Saint Pope Paul VI (1897-1978)

A good video about the illumination of coincidence can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1MW6QIEOR8>. Hoover over the address and hold down Ctrl & left click mouse.

New Scientific Test Dates Shroud of Turin to the Time of Christ's Death

By: J-P Mauro - published on 04/22/22



The new X-ray analysis is said to be more accurate and less destructive than radiocarbon dating.

A new scientific method revealed that the Shroud of Turin may truly originate from the 1st Century, around the time of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Italian scientist Liberato De Caro told the National Catholic Register (NCR) that his fabric test shows the Shroud is roughly 2,000 years old. De Caro and his colleagues made the discovery by utilizing a technique called "Wide-Angle X-ray Scattering" (WAXS).

The shroud is located in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Turin, Italy. It depicts the image of a crucified man, and scientists and experts have studied it for a long time in an attempt to determine if it could have been the burial cloth of Jesus Christ.

More Accurate Than Carbon Dating

The recent findings by De Caro contradict a well-known 1988 carbon-dating study which suggested that the cloth is around 700 years old.

He said the carbon-dating method isn't great for fabric, explaining there are several possible reasons why the 1988 carbon-14 study may have been mistaken in its conclusions.

"Fabric samples are usually subject to all kinds of contamination, which cannot always be controlled and completely removed from the dated specimen," De Caro explained to NCR.

"If the cleaning procedure of the sample is not thoroughly performed, carbon-14 dating is not reliable," he explained. "This may have been the case in 1988, as confirmed by experimental evidence showing that when moving from the periphery towards the center of the sheet, along the longest side, there is a significant increase in carbon-14 (radiocarbon dating)."

A website called ²Aleteia reports that De Caro further explained there's greater accuracy when data is obtained by using the WAXS method. He said

² <https://aleteia.org/2022/04/22/new-technology-suggests-shroud-of-turin-is-2000-years-old/>

the technique was used on various samples of historical fabrics that date from 3000 BC to 2000 AD.

The scientist compared the Shroud of Turin with those samples and discovered that it best matched a piece of fabric from the siege of Masada, Israel, in 55-74 AD.

"The technique of dating linen by X-ray is non-destructive," De Caro noted. "Therefore, it can be repeated several times on the same sample. It would be more than desirable to have a collection of X-ray measurements carried out by several laboratories, on several samples, at most millimetric in size, taken from the Shroud."

The Shroud Also Contains Mideast Pollen

Lastly, De Caro pointed to factors that could trace the shroud's migration from the Middle East to Europe. He said analysis of the shroud showed samples of pollen from the ancient region of Palestine, which could not have developed in Europe, according to Aleteia.

That discovery implies that the Shroud of Turin spent extensive time in the Middle East.

Good video on extensive investigation of the Shroud. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MoqsSGtNMc8>. Hoover over link, hold down Ctrl and click left Mouse button.

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The Coming Chastisement
Revelation 5:5-8
The Third Seal Was Broken
Is it already starting? Have we closed
our eyes to the Signs of the Times?
Price of a loaf of bread jumps to 35 million Zimbabwean dollars



Picture: Million Dollar Boy: A young man on his way to buy a loaf of bread in Zimbabwe where bread is over one million dollars a loaf due to inflation. This is a country where everyone is a 'Millionaire' but it is worthless. **Indeed, a sign of the times.**

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**I am watching over you. Pray my children,
Pray, Pray, Pray, My Rosary For The Salvation of
Sinners**

