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the Bethlehem Priory of St. Joseph  
Tehachapi, California USA

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Month dedicated to the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary  
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CELEBRATING THE 20TH YEAR  
OF OUR FOUNDING  
1997 - 2017

IN PRAISE OF OUR GOD,  
Who sent Jesus to offer His life on  
the Cross, from which He  
gave us so great a gift:

"BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER,"

— JOHN 19:27

# FIRSTFRUITS

Here, in our hearts, Christ takes up His abode together with the Father, and we see  
reflected as in a mirror both the firstfruits and the whole of the world to come.

— Excerpt from a sermon by St. Anastasius of Sinai

*"... and a sword  
shall pierce  
Your Heart."*  
[cf. LUKE 2:35]

DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED. I WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU.

*My Immaculate Heart will be your Refuge, and the way that will lead you to God*

— Our Lady of Fatima, June 13th, 1917

Commemorating the 100th Jubilee Year of Our Lady's Maternal Call to Her Spiritual Children through the Three Shepherd Children of Fatima, Portugal





Beloved Confreres, Parents, Family, Friends and Benefactors,

*Laudetur Jesus Christus!* In this Centenary Jubilee Year of Our Lady of Fatima's apparitions and month dedicated to her Immaculate Heart, we join you in profound thanksgiving to God for the gift of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our spiritual mother. "Woman, behold your son!" "Behold your Mother!" Standing at the foot of the Cross, a sword piercing her heart, suffering with her Son in the pains of a new childbirth, Mary, out of her intense maternal love for Jesus and all mankind, became forevermore Mother of the Church, and our mother as well, as members of His Body. Her Immaculate Heart, ever united with her Son's Most Sacred Heart, desires this same union for us, her children, in fulfillment of her singular God-given mission: to bring Jesus to us and lead us to Him. Perhaps none of Mary's more recent approved apparitions have manifested this uniquely-motherly mission as much as those to Saints Jacinta and Francisco, and Sr. Lucia at Fatima. Although 100 years have passed, Fatima's timeless and universal Gospel message is taking on heightened importance, with the spiritual battle intensifying before our very eyes. Yet Our Lady's message is one of hope, as she gently reminds us of her Son's words through Sr. Lucia, "be not afraid," for she has already crushed the serpent's head. Indeed, Jesus has not left us orphans, but has given us the two most powerful weapons: Himself and His Mother, the Most Holy Eucharist and Mary – the Woman of Genesis and of Revelation.

May Mary, Mediatrix of all Grace, help us to understand the critical significance of the Fatima message today – a call to conversion, prayer, penance and reparation, including especially the daily praying of the Rosary and devotion to her Immaculate Heart – and to respond generously, for we all have a duty and responsibility, a God-given role to play, in His plan of salvation.

As cloistered Norbertine canonesses, we join you in this crucial mission through our hidden vocation of prayer and sacrifice, a Trinitarian, Eucharistic and Marian life bequeathed to us by St. Norbert almost 900 years ago, entrusting all to Jesus through Mary's Immaculate Heart.

May God bless you, and may Our Lady keep you safe always.

Prayerfully in Christ and our Blessed Mother Mary,

*Mother Mary Augustine, O. Praem.*  
Mother Mary Augustine, O. Praem., Prioress,

and the Norbertine Canonesses of the Bethlehem Priory of St. Joseph



### Vestitions in the White Norbertine Habit

"Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens ... With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplications for all the holy ones..."

— EPHESIANS 6:11-12 & 18

On June 3rd, the vigil of Pentecost, five postulants were clothed in the white habit of our Order and received their religious names: [pictured left to right] Sr. Mary Anthony [of Padua], Sr. Mary Bernard [of Clairvaux], Sr. Mary Ephrem, Sr. Mary Catherine [of Siena], and Sr. Mary Gabriel [the Archangel].



Bea Merzhaft Photography



### First Profession of Vows

"You say that you love Him? Prove it.

The profession is an engagement to go to the very limit of self-sacrifice for love ... To die on the field of battle of the Church is to envelop yourself in the glory of our Lord: happy are those whom He chooses to bear witness, by the sacrifice of their lives, in some dangerous mission! Happy also are those who consume themselves for Him in their daily tasks: Our Lord receives them in His arms. Remember this day forever ... it is the day of your love."

— St. Peter Julian Eymard



Sr. Mary John, Sr. Mary Emmanuelle, and Sr. Mary Philomena made their first profession of vows during Holy Mass on June 3rd, promising "a conversion of [their] ways and life in community, especially in poverty, consecrated chastity and obedience ... for three years."

"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through.

I do not think that wide circles of American society or the Christian community realize this fully.

We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, the Gospel and the anti-Gospel.

The confrontation lies within the plans of Divine Providence.

It is, therefore, in God's Plan, and it is a trial which the whole Church must take up."

— Cardinal Karol Wojtyla (the future Pope St. John Paul II) at the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, 1976

## — The Most Holy Eucharist and the Immaculate Virgin Mary —

### "ONLY TWO THINGS CAN SAVE US IN SUCH A GRAVE HOUR"

— St. John Bosco

On May 30, 1862, St. John Bosco related this dream to those in his oratory: "Try to picture yourself on an outlying cliff with no other land in sight. The vast expanse of water is covered with a formidable array of ships in battle formation, all are heavily armed with cannons, incendiary bombs, and firearms of all sorts, and are heading toward one stately ship, mightier than them all. As they try to close in they try to ram it, set it afire, and cripple it as much as possible. This stately vessel is shielded by a flotilla escort. Winds and waves are with the enemy. In the midst of this endless sea, two solid columns soar into the sky: one is surmounted by a statue of the Immaculate Virgin at whose feet a large inscription reads: *Help of Christians*; the other, far loftier and sturdier, supports a Communion Host and bears beneath it the inscription: *Salvation of Believers*. The entire enemy fleet closes in to sink the flagship at all costs. They bombard it with everything they have. The battle

rages ever more furious. Beaked prows ram the flagship again and again, but to no avail, as unscathed and undaunted, it keeps its course. At times a formidable ram splinters a gaping hole in its hull, but, immediately, a breeze from the two columns instantly seals the gash. Breaking through all resistance, the Pope steers his ship safely between the two columns and moors it to them; first to the one surmounted by the Host, and then to the other, topped by the statue of the Virgin. At this point something unexpected happens. The enemy ships panic and disperse, colliding with and scuttling each other. A great calm now covers the sea." The saint explained; "Very grave trials await the Church. What we have suffered so far is almost nothing compared to what is going to happen. *Only two things can save us in such a grave hour: devotion to Mary and frequent Communion*. Let us do our very best to use these two means and have others use them elsewhere."



## — The Urgent Message of Our Lady of Fatima —

### A MOTHER'S PLEA FOR EUCHARISTIC REPARATION

"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone that believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

[JOHN 3:16] This is the very heart of Christianity: that God so loved sinful men that He that He came down from His glory in order to save them.

And still more — God so loved men that He devised a way to remain among them forever, to be in them, and they in Him, through the Eucharist. The daring rescue mission which He undertook

2,000 years ago to "seek and to save what was lost," [LUKE

19:10] He continues to this day in all the tabernacles of the world. Such a tremendous act of eternal, unmerited love for fallen creatures deserves a generous gift of love from us in response: to give Him, Who has given His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity for us, whatever He asks

— "My son, give me your heart..." [PROVERBS 23:26]

Yet, Love looks out from His throne upon our altars, and what does He find?

Criticism, disbelief and rebellion against His salvific plan, men worshipping at the altar of "self," sacrificing anything to please this beast, curses thoughtlessly hurled against His Majesty, and sin, rampant, unchecked and unrepented, played down and laughed off. The eyes of the Blessed Virgin Mary follow the tear-filled gaze of her Son, and she agonizes with Him at the pain of His re-crucifixion. Never one to remain idle, she is sent by God to earth

to do something about it. The three shepherd children who, in 1917, received her urgent appeal to the world were prepared for it by an angel who taught them to adore God profoundly, to sacrifice, to pray, and to make "reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended" in all the tabernacles of the world. The

apparitions of Our Lady only served to fan the flames of their burning love for the "hidden Jesus," and their tender

concern for Him was constantly expressed by their watchfulness to never offend Him; by sacrificing all they could for love of God and the salvation of souls; by telling Him, over and over again, how very much they loved Him; and by placing themselves in the Heart of His Mother, for they knew that she would lead them infallibly to Him. Our Lady's plea at Fatima was the plea of a heart-broken Mother for Eucharistic reparation, for the sake of all of her children; for her Son, that He may no longer be

offended, and for all the souls that He has given her as children, that they may taste the sweetness and peace that Jesus alone can bring. She came to Fatima, and comes to us, that we may so love God that we will give our very selves to Him in love, so that we may not perish but, receiving with pure hearts the Fruit of her womb, the All-Holy God, we might possess eternal life.





# My God, I Believe, I Adore, I Hope and I Love Thee

## THE APPARITIONS AT FATIMA



1916

The "Angel of Peace" appears to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta three times, teaching them a Trinitarian prayer of reparation and giving them Holy Communion.

1ST APPARITION:  
MAY 13TH, 1917

Our Lady appears to the three shepherd children, asking if they are willing to sacrifice in reparation for sin and the conversion of sinners, and to return on the 13th of the month for six months. In the light from her hands, the children see themselves in God.



Lucia, 10, Francisco, 9, and Jacinta, 7, the three seers of Our Lady of Fatima

3RD APPARITION:  
JULY 13TH, 1917

Men are asked to pray the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary and for peace. Our Lady promises to perform a miracle in October. In the light from her hands the children see hell, after which they are told three important secrets.

4TH APPARITION:  
AUGUST 19TH, 1917

The apparition is delayed due to the children being kidnapped by the government Administrator. Our Lady says that because of this sin the miracle in October will be "less great," and again asks for the Rosary to be said daily, and that men "pray, pray a great deal" and make sacrifices to save sinners from hell.

6TH APPARITION:  
OCTOBER 13TH, 1917

The final apparition and promised miracle draws a crowd of an estimated 100,000 people of all different classes and beliefs into the Cova, where all witness the "miracle of the sun," which is seen to dance in the sky before hurtling down to earth, only to retreat and resume its natural course. All present are certain that it is the end of the world. Meanwhile, the children are shown a series of visions of the Holy Family, Our Lord and Our Lady, representing the different mysteries of the Rosary.



Actual photo of the Cova after the miracle on October 13th, 1917.

I beg pardon for all who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee.  
O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly.  
I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ,  
truly present in all the tabernacles of the world,  
in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended.

By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners."

— Prayer given to the three children of Fatima by the "Angel of Peace"



## — The Gospel Joy of the Fatima Message —

Two thousand years ago "God sent forth His Son born of a woman... so that we might receive our status as adopted sons." [GALATIANS 4:4-5] One hundred years ago God sent this Woman "clothed with the sun" [REVELATION 12:1], so that her Immaculate Heart might lead God's wayward children back into His open arms. The apparitions and great solar miracle at Fatima are arguably the most grandiose explosion of the supernatural on this planet since God walked the earth in Palestine. God sent forth the Mother of His Son precisely to show men that He is just as active in the world today as when He physically walked the earth and touched and cured the sick and possessed. He cares just as much about men today as when He wept over the death of His friend Lazarus, and the impending destruction of Jerusalem. He is just as powerful today as when He stilled the winds and the waves with a single word. Today He

touches, cures, consoles, and calms His sons and daughters through His abiding presence in the Eucharist. He cries out, today as loudly as ever, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." [MATTHEW 11:28] The message of Fatima is the message of the Gospel: that of good news, of hope and of profound joy in the Lord. Our Lady, who "kept all these things [the mysteries of the Gospel], reflecting on them in her Heart" [LUKE 2:19] comes now to open her heart, a treasure house "full of grace" and a true living Gospel, to show mankind the way back to the Father's house. She gently takes our hand and teaches us to turn from the sins that will only make us miserable, to live our daily duty in fidelity and love, to unite ourselves to God in prayer and contemplation, and to ultimately become God's "adopted sons," true sharers in His divine nature and glorious heirs of eternal life.

## THE THREE FINAL PLEAS



After the spectacular events in Fatima, the seers Francisco and Jacinta were taken to heaven, as Our Lady had promised, after much suffering. Lucia (left) alone remained on earth, and entered religious life in 1925. She was granted three additional apparitions in which Our Lord and Our Lady stressed the urgency of living the Fatima message, giving us concrete ways to do so.

DECEMBER 10TH, 1925

Appearing to Sr. Lucia, Our Lady held out her pierced Heart, while the Child Jesus stood beside His Mother and said, "Have compassion on the Heart of your most holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them." Our Lady asked that "you at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."



FEBRUARY 15TH, 1926

The Child Jesus came to Sr. Lucia and asked her, "What is being done to promote the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of My Mother in the world?" Sr. Lucia responded that her superior had told her there was nothing she could do, to which He replied, "Of herself, no. But with My grace, she can do it all."

JUNE 13TH, 1929

Sr. Lucia saw the Trinity and "could see a chalice and a large Host... onto which drops of Blood were falling from the face of Jesus crucified and from the wound in His side [which] ran down onto the Host and fell into the Chalice. Our Lady [of Fatima, with Her Immaculate Heart within a crown of thorns and flames] was beneath the right arm of the cross. Under the left arm of the cross, large letters, as of crystal clear water which ran down over the altar, formed the words 'Grace' and 'Mercy'." Our Lady again asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart, "promising to save it by this means." [Memoirs of Sr. Lucia]

(Pictured at left)

## THE LAST BATTLE

Sr. Lucia, the oldest seer of Our Lady at Fatima, died in 2005 at the age of 98, having seen the tragic consequences of man's refusal to heed Our Lady's pleas, manifested in the evils of World War II and the spread of Communism. Writing later in her life she said: "The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about Marriage and the Family. Don't be afraid, because whoever works for the sanctity of Marriage and the Family will always be fought against and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue.

Nevertheless, Our Lady has already crushed his [Satan's] head."





# Living the Fatima Message & The Five Marks of the Norbertine Order

The message Our Lady gave at Fatima is a UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS, intended for all of humanity and for all ages. However, the particular way in which the message is lived out will vary according to the vocation that God has given each individual, and in the following reflections can be found the main marks of the Fatima message, alongside photos of the five particular marks of our Norbertine Order, the way that St. Norbert desired his followers to live out the Gospel message, echoed at Fatima about 800 years after our founding.

## CONVERSION

The message of Fatima is a wake-up call to complacent humanity, which has fallen so far into sin that it is no longer seen as an offense against God, but simply as the "norm." Sometimes it is tempting to blame God for all the evil that is in the world, to point our finger at Him for the pain and suffering that He allows, but, as Our Lady amply stated at Fatima, the cause for much of the world's suffering is that men continue to offend God and to rebel against His plans for peace. Perhaps we all need to look into our own hearts and humbly admit that we, even by our smaller, venial sins, have offended God and have contributed to the worldwide pain. Accepting that we need a conversion of our ways, God can begin to rebuild that which our sins have destroyed, by our turning back to Him through our sacrifices and prayers.

*"Perhaps the greatest sin in the world today is that men have begun to lose the sense of sin."*

— Radio Message of Pope Pius XII to the US National Catechetical Conference in Boston, Oct. 26, 1946



"I love Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament!"  
— Prayer said by the Fatima children when the first apparition of Our Lady

## ✦ PENANCE AND CONVERSION



Manual Labor & Farm Work

At Fatima, Our Lady begged humanity to "pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; so many souls go to hell because there is no one to pray and make sacrifices for them." We are not all called to make incredible penances as the three children did, and Sr. Lucia later explained that, "by sacrifice, Our Lady said that she meant the faithful fulfillment of one's daily duty..." Our "daily duty" is that which God asks of us in the present moment, in the state of life He has called us to. Our individual vocations will always have both joy and sorrow, suffering and reward, and to accept these for the love of God and the salvation of souls is a sacrifice pleasing to Him. To give of ourselves with faithful, sacrificial love in all that we are asked to do, despite what we may feel (or not feel), is no easy thing; God knows this well, and will always give us the strength to persevere if we remain close to Him through prayer.

"Say often, especially when you make some sacrifice: O my Jesus, this is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."  
— Prayer given to the three children by Our Lady at Fatima

A Norbertine canoness addition to the Trinitarian prayer of the Angel at Fatima:  
"I beg the conversion of poor sinners... myself first, Lord."

## SACRIFICE

### ✦ DEVOTION TO THE EUCHARIST



Receiving Communion during Holy Mass



All seven Hours of the Divine Office are chanted in our Chapel.

### ✦ SOLEMN AND REVERENTIAL LITURGICAL PRAYER



"When you say the Rosary, say after each mystery: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need."  
— Prayer given to the children by Our Lady after their vision of Hell, Aug. 13th, 1917

... it was from her maternal Heart that You entered into this world, and offered Yourself to the Father as the victim for the salvation of mankind. Your Mother united herself with Your sacrifice upon the Cross.

*In the spirit of reparation, I too wish to make an offering of my life...*

— Excerpt from the prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate for a Norbertine religious



Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession

### ✦ DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE VIRGIN MARY

## PRAYER

Every day we are conscious of a battle waging, both within ourselves and in the world. It is a spiritual battle which can ultimately only be fought with spiritual weapons; not so much human activity but holiness, which can only be achieved by union with God through prayer. "As a prayer which unites us more intimately with God, the praying of the Rosary is second only to the Sacred Eucharistic Liturgy, because it consists of a wealth of prayers, all of which have come from Heaven, either dictated or inspired by God..." [Sr. Lucia] Prayer is necessary to survive and overcome the struggle we are in, and so "the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought." [ROMANS 8:26] Through the Rosary, God has given us a simple yet powerful way to strike at the enemy, so that, with the Woman, we may crush his head [cf. GENESIS 3:15].

*"O Jesus, in Your eternal design of love, You called me to follow the way of perfection as a Norbertine religious. To live as fully as possible this pact of love with You, I also consecrate myself to the Immaculate..."*



Daily community Rosary recited in our Chapel

### ✦ ZEAL FOR SOULS

"I want My entire Church to ... put the devotion to this Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to My Sacred Heart."  
— Our Lord to St. Louis in 1929

At Fatima, Our Lady asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart so as to keep it safe from destruction, and this request was also meant for each one of us personally. God's call to men, echoed and amplified at Fatima, is that "you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire." [2 PETER 1:4] In His love for us, God does not simply want us to be "good people," but to share in His divine nature. As a pledge that this is possible, He has raised up Mary, a creature who is "full of grace." She was made so by God, in order that she may lead us to "share in the divine nature," and that, once we are filled with the light and grace of God, we may spread this light to others. By giving ourselves to Mary, she assists us in our conversion, daily battles, and ascent to union with God, thus assuring our ultimate victory for she has promised:

*"in the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph."*

## CONSECRATION

✦ *"The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications..."*

— The "Angel of Peace" to the three shepherd children of Fatima

— WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE —



Our sincere gratitude to the Rt. Rev. Francis Benedict, OSB, Abbot Emeritus, Rev. Chris Heath, and Rev. Larry Toschi, OSJ, for celebrating Mass and Adoration for us while our confreres from St. Michael's Abbey had their annual canonry chapter followed by their annual community retreat.



### OUR PRAYER SCHEDULE

Please visit our website for our full schedule

12:00 am Matins  
6:00 am Lauds & Angelus  
6:30 am Chapter (Martyrology, Reading the Rule, etc.)  
7:15 am Adoration & Terce  
8:30 am The Sacrifice of the Mass  
11:45 am Sext, Angelus & Community Rosary  
1:00 pm None  
5:15 pm Vespers & Angelus  
5:45 pm Lectio Divina  
8:00 pm Compline



Our twice-expanded Chapel, converted from the former game room of the original ranch house. The Lord has blessed us with ten more vocations since the time this photo was taken in August, 2015.



Guests begin to fill our Lay Chapel, which will soon overflow into the adjoining hallway and outside the door to the garden for the Mass of First Profession.

### PHASE II OF EXPANSION

By the grace and mercy of God, our community continues to grow, making Phase II of our Monastery Expansion Project -- our future chapel and wing/accessory areas -- all the more pressing. The estimated cost is \$12 million, taking into account the 40 foot slope on which the tri-level project will be built. Our goal is to break ground and bring Phase II to the "dried-in" stage, for which our current budget is \$8 million. We invite you to support our life of prayer and sacrifice by considering a donation for this urgent need. Every gift makes a difference, and we thank each of you who are supporting this project through our FirstFruits offering envelopes, website donation button, fund-raising benefits organized by friends of our community, and more.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.  
IN THIS LIFE AND THE LIFE TO COME.



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\$12,000,000

Current Goal ————— \$12.0M

\$8,000,000 ————— \$8.0M

Total Restricted & Reserved Funds ————— \$2.0M

\$1,100,000 —————

PHOTO by R. BELCHER

Family and friends visit the Sisters in our parlor after the Vestitions and First Professions on June 3rd, 2017.





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### "PRAYER IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ATOM BOMB."

— Rev. H. Shiffner, S.J., Hiroshima survivor

"When the atomic bomb destroyed Hiroshima in 1945, [four] men living near the blinding center of the nuclear flash miraculously survived the searing hurricane of blast and gamma rays, while everyone within a mile radius perished and others residing further afield continued to die from the lethal effects of radiation. For over thirty years, some two hundred scientists have examined these [four] men, trying in vain to determine what could have preserved them from incineration. One of the survivors, Fr. H. Shiffner, S.J., gave the dramatic answer on television in America: 'In that house, we were living the message of Fatima. We lived and prayed the Rosary daily.'"

## Norbertine Canonesses

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