

# The Message of Fatima: Mankind's Last Defense Against the Rise of Global Gulag

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## Perspective as a Journalist

Your Excellency Archbishop Penna, Reverend Fathers, ladies and gentlemen, I am very pleased to be here today, although admittedly somewhat daunted, somewhat intimidated by the fact that I as a mere layman am addressing so many good and holy priests today. That seems somehow backwards. I think we should have 190 lay people and maybe one or two priests up here giving talks, but that's the way it is.

In any case, I want to put my own participation in this conference into perspective then, in view of the fact that I a layman am addressing priests and a bishop or two, that I have the honor to do so.

I want to put my participation in this week's wonderful conference into perspective by telling you right at the outset that I am addressing you as an American Catholic journalist, an editor, a publisher. And so my intention with today's talk will be to give you just some idea of how things are in my field, the field of Catholic journalism; to give you some idea of what serious American Catholic journalists, editors and publishers are thinking when it comes to the state and the situation in geopolitics today in relation to the Message of Fatima.

There is a growing concern, believe it or not, not with just so-called Traditional Catholic journalists, but with many Catholic journalists. Especially after 9-11 and on through the past few years there's a growing concern about the situation in the Church and in the World – in Europe, in the United States, in South America and across the globe. We are all under the very real threat of wars breaking out all over the globe.

We all know this – hot spots in the Middle East; even in Europe the threat of terrorism; the rise of militantly atheistic regimes in Russia, in China, in Korea, and so forth. It seems to many of us Catholic journalists that Our Lady's "road map to peace" that we hear so much about vis-a-vis Iraq – not Our Lady's but our road map to peace as opposed to Our Lady's road map to peace as delivered in person ninety years ago in Fatima, Portugal – must receive larger exposure and must become part of the international conversation before the annihilation of nations that Our Lady predicted begins to take place in earnest.

Indeed, if you consider what is happening in Iraq right now, the annihilation of that nation has already nearly been completed. So it isn't beyond the realm of possibility that more nations will suffer

similarly if something isn't done soon to begin to take the peace process that Our Lady gave us, seriously. But this cannot happen unless serious Catholics, serious lay Catholics, serious priests and bishops around the world are willing and able to begin to raise awareness of the Fatima Message – in their own flocks, in our own families, in our own social circles.

And we need to let Pope Benedict XVI know because he is under tremendous political pressure right now from all around the world and from all sides. He is isolated. The world is closing around the Vatican and he is being opposed on every side right now. So if he decides (as I think he will, and there is a good chance that he will, if we pray) that the Fatima Message – that the Consecration of Russia for example – must happen, as Lucy said it would happen late, but it will happen. I believe and I hope and pray that I am right, that Benedict is the Pope who will make that Consecration.

What he needs before that can happen however [are] assurances – even human assurances. After all, the Pope is also human, so he needs to know that we exist. He needs to know that tens of thousands of Catholics will defend him and will stand with him when he makes the difficult stance that he is preparing to make and that he is already making. We need to raise our voices in support of Benedict so that he will know that if he consecrates Russia, there will be 190 priests from this conference, there will be people like me (journalists in the United States), who will immediately rush to his defense and will help the Church.

This is our role as faithful Catholics: to help the Pope, to help the Church, through this dark and very dangerous time period.

## **Heaven's Peace Plan**

So this [is] what I hope to do today: to add some sense that this is necessary, some sense of urgency that the time has come for us to begin to act in accordance with the Pope, in accordance, first and foremost, with Our Lady's wishes. And I'll just read a little bit of the warnings that She gave us. We have heard them all week, but to set the tone for my own talk I'll read just a little of what She said was coming, part of Her Peace Plan, if you will.

She says "God is about to punish the world for its crimes by means of war, famine and persecution of the Church and of the Holy Father. If Our Lady of Fatima's requests are heeded, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church." And indeed the persecutions of the Church have begun in earnest.

So this is Heaven's Peace Plan. This is what must be done. We could say "Well it's silly, it doesn't make sense. Why would we consecrate Russia?" It doesn't matter what we think. It certainly doesn't matter what laymen think about this. It doesn't even matter what priests or bishops think about this. This is what Our Lady said. And if we believe She came to Fatima ninety years ago, and I think that everyone in this room believes that She did. Certainly eight successive Popes stamping their

endorsement on the Fatima Message – as has happened, as is a reality – makes it obvious to us that as Catholics we must believe She came.

So if She came and if She took the time to give us this Message, then we have to take it seriously, ninety years later or not.

## **Man's Peace Plan**

I think we have all heard enough – in my country I'm sure we have heard enough and probably in your country too – we have heard enough from the politicians, the dictators, the Presidents, the Prime Ministers, and the tyrants of the world, who have their own notion of how to establish peace in the world. In their stubborn refusal to acknowledge the reign of the Kingship of Christ, they are going to use guns and bombs, and maybe diplomacy – a last resort these days – to try to establish peace in the world. Our politicians are going to do that.

The United Nations has been in the peace game for what? One hundred years? And what do we have in that time? What signs of good results do we have? We have nothing more than what Our Lady predicted we would have if She is ignored. We have wars everywhere. We have rumors of wars. We have financial crises in the offing – imminently in my country, I believe. We have nations being annihilated. We have Christians being persecuted. We have faith lost in those hundred years since the mighty United Nations decided it was going to get into the peace game.

Look at the rosters of the dead since Our Lady came and since the establishment of that Tower of Babel known as the League of Nations – and now the United Nations. Look at the rosters of the dead. 262,000,000 men and women annihilated, killed, exterminated in these past ninety years. Mao Tse-tung: 49,000,000 to 78,000,000 – no one is quite sure when it comes to China and Mao Tse-tung – somewhere between fifty and eighty million dead, killed by his own hand. Joseph Stalin purged some 13,000,000 under his command. Adolph Hitler: 12,000,000.

If you think that those numbers are difficult to absorb, even fathom, then here is another one for you. In those same ninety years, especially in the last thirty to forty, 600,000,000 dead babies. The blood of 600,000,000 aborted babies is on the hands of the men of the world who are trying to tell us about peace. I don't know about you, but I can't fathom that number. What do 600,000,000 dead baby bodies look like? Where is this peace?

But we have a solution. We have the democratization of the world. That will accomplish it. The United States, my country, wasn't in Iraq for a few months before we were already sending crates of condoms over to the Iraqi people; before we were piping rock and roll music in 24/7; before we were setting up everything else corrupt about our country and about our moral system, exporting that at the point of a gun.

So democratization – these new governments of the people, not of God, but of the people; the people in the democracies rule; we rule ourselves. We say what is right and wrong. We will have nothing to do with a peace plan designed by God, let alone God’s Mother. In our arrogance we won’t even touch it. We won’t even discuss it. It’s ridiculous! It’s for children, it’s silly. It’s games for children!

## **War in Iraq**

So let’s take a look at Iraq. Let’s take a look at how successful then is the human solution to terrorism, to the lack of peace the world has now. There is a brand new study out, very controversial, but it cannot be dismissed because of the level of seriousness and high respect it has given to Johns Hopkins University. But this new study conducted, again, by Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health was published in the British Medical Journal, *The Lancet*, this month. And it was conducted using American and Iraqi doctors, in a scientific method, trying to calculate how many civilians are dead in Iraq.

And this new scientific method is called cluster sampling, and it is state of the art science that they are using to try to get to the truth of how many people are dead. Here is what they found: 655,000 civilians dead in Iraq. 655,000 dead – that’s some peace plan. And that doesn’t include the 37,000 men and women in the United States Armed Forces who have lost their lives. For what, I’m not sure. Maybe if anyone in this room knows, you can tell me. I’m not sure what we are doing there. Nobody seems to be sure.

And that doesn’t include the tens of thousands of dead Iraqi soldiers who have also lost their lives in this conflict. We don’t know how many. But we are getting an idea now of how many lost their lives in that particular pursuit of peace, supposedly.

## **Christians in Iraq**

And how are the Christians doing in Iraq? How are our fellow co-religionists, fellow Christians, fellow Catholics, faring in the peace plan designed by modern democracies? Most Christians in Iraq have fled the country or been killed, or just simply are unaccounted for. All Christians in Iraq are practicing their religion in secret right now, today. I’m not talking about five years ago or ancient history. This is happening today, right now in that country.

I was going to read for you a news story from just yesterday from an internet site called alnetnet.org. I’ll read to you just to give you a flavor of what’s happening to your brother priests right now in Iraq: “Christian leaders in Ninawa (Nineveh) Province have faced increased threats in the wake of the furor caused by a Danish newspaper’s publication last year of caricatures making fun of the prophet Mohammed and linking Islam with terrorism. A controversial speech by Pope Benedict XVI in September 2006, which many Muslims perceived as anti-Islamic, has also made Christians targets in this

country.

"By mid-October a bomb had killed nine people in an Assyrian neighborhood of Masul and Assyrian priest Father Paulos Iskandar was beheaded after being kidnapped by a militant group. His abductors demanded \$250,000 US in ransom, and also that he post signs on his church apologizing for the Pope's remarks."

According to the Assyrian International News Agency, they killed him two days after his abduction. The violence has not abated since Father's gruesome murder. Father Raghid Ghani, a Chaldean Catholic priest at the Church of the Holy Spirit, and three of his deacons were gunned down in Masul this past June following a Sunday Mass. Father Ghani had been threatened and his Church bombed prior to the attack.

So we have priests getting martyred right now. What's keeping them in this country? Why are your brother priests staying in Iraq? You want to talk about modern-day saints; they are being martyred for their flocks and for the Catholic religion right now, today.

And the story goes on. "Less high-profile kidnappings, threats and killings of Christians rarely make the news. But they occur daily. The Assyrian National Assembly tracks violence against the Assyrian Christians in Iraq and the daily online log of murders and other violent acts include a plethora of kidnappings targeting Mosul's Christians." And on and on it goes. It's just a little snapshot of what Christians are going through right now in Iraq.

So after all the billions of treasure and soldiers were poured into Iraq to make it safe, and to make the world safe for democracy, guess what the number one country is as an ideal jihadist training ground? It's Iraq. On the planet it's number one because it serves as a real-life laboratory for terrorists in urban combat.

So what we've created with our meddling in someone else's country, by the invasion of Iraq, is to create a training ground for terrorists. The exact opposite of what we supposedly were there for: To establish peace and to protect people.

## **Ecumenism in the Catholic Church**

So if Iraq is our model this is what we can expect when Godless capitalism-gone-mad democracies get into the peace game. So where do we turn next? We turn to the Church. Because you can't separate Church from State really, can you Fathers? They tell us we should and we must. It never seems to happen. So the other side of this world peace, we turn to the Catholic Church and see what's happening there. Things are improving.

However, it's not just the failed political policies. Some powerful people in the Catholic Church

have spent the last forty years giving too much attention – not to Our Lady’s Peace Plan, but to this idea of dialogue, this idea that the ecumenical movement can solve everything. Perhaps it can.

For the moment let's leave open the possibility that ecumenism could even be the answer if we can get the religions to talk to each other, and to talk to their people, and to stop the violence, and so forth. You're a priest, I'm a layman. I'm not going to dictate to you about ecumenism. So let's leave that open for a moment, that ecumenism could be the solution to all this.

But then let's start looking at the facts and at the reality. I'm a layman and I'm more than happy to be corrected on this, but this is, again, how a Catholic journalist in the United States sees the direction in which the ecumenical movement is going.

All too often ecumenism has sought to soften Catholic Doctrine and Dogma – the things like devotion to Our Lady, or some of the Sacraments, or praying to the Angels and Saints – soften those things so as not to alienate our dialogue partners. The question is, is there any indication throughout the world that this softening of Catholic Dogma is working? And again, maybe it's working here in Brazil but it doesn't seem to be working, statistically speaking.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, my friends, needs our help, needs our support. And if you read not-too-terribly deep between the lines of what he has been saying about ecumenism lately, I would say that Pope Benedict is growing very concerned about the direction in which the ecumenical movement is going. What does he keep talking about? He keeps talking about the danger of relativism; the danger of religious indifference. Well these are the very things that those who were concerned about the direction of the ecumenical movement, were concerned would happen. That it would lead to apathy, religious indifferentism, relativism.

So Benedict, I think, is trying to tell us that he expects more from all of us than merely dialoguing for dialogue's sake. He expects us not to cover our light under a bushel basket but to show the world our Catholic light again. To give the world dying for something to believe in, our solid Catholic Dogmas and Doctrines once again, and see if that doesn't work. The Pope, again, needs our help. We agree wholeheartedly with what he is trying to do now when it comes to this idea of, sort of, ramping up Catholicism again.

Ramping it up – I don't know if that is an expression you understand, but it's giving it some teeth and some claws again – not in a violent or a hateful sense but in a sense of having something that identifies it concretely as Catholic, and not as Protestant or some other religion.

## **The Ecumenical Movement and Muslims**

To give you a case in point of how ridiculous things are getting, you probably have heard of Bishop Tiny Muskens – I hadn't heard of him before. Bishop Tiny Muskens is a Roman Catholic Bishop

in the Netherlands and just this past week, this man, who I would say has become drunk with ecumenical fervor, has called for all religions of the world, including the Catholic Church, to refer to God from now on as Allah. As Allah!

Here is exactly what Bishop Tiny, excellent first name, Muskens said: "Allah is a very beautiful word for God. Shouldn't we all say that from now on we will name God Allah? What does God care what we call Him? It's our problem." Well, here is the interesting thing. The people themselves are fed up with the likes of Bishop Muskens. Because, according to the Netherlands' largest newspaper, *The Telegraph*, a whopping ninety-two percent of Christians in the Netherlands reacted to the Bishop's suggestion that we call God Allah with disbelief and mockery. And interestingly enough, even our friends in the Islamic community agreed that it was the most absurd thing that they had ever heard in the Netherlands, saying, "Why would someone who knows nothing about the theology of Allah be calling his God Allah?"

In other words, it didn't work at all, as far as the Muslims were concerned. The very people Bishop Musken was trying to appease, they reacted with mockery, the Muslim community did – to their credit! They should have reacted with mockery and disbelief!

We all became painfully aware, (was it last year?) when the Pope made this controversial, historical reference to the differences between Islam and Catholicism and some of the troubles in the past. And much of the Moslem world rose up against him to such an extent that there are those who still fear for the Pope's life, a year later.

So we can conclude that the ecumenical movement, when it comes to Islam, has not worked. There is no indication, in any sense, either that Islam people are converting to Catholicism or that they are coming any closer to a dialogue. It just doesn't seem to be happening. And again, I am so open to being corrected on this after the talk, if any of you priests can come up to me and tell me I am dead wrong, that dialogue with Islam is working to some extent, where the Faith is concerned. It doesn't seem to be, statistically speaking.

## **The Ecumenical Movement and Jews**

We just had the incident on July 7<sup>th</sup>, where Pope Benedict XVI partially restored the Traditional Mass. I'm sure you all heard of this. He issued a *motu proprio*. Now whatever you think of the need for the restoration of the Traditional Mass, one thing that came out of that was this rather tenuous relationship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish Church. Because when the Pope came out and said to his own people, "Those who want the Traditional Mass, I want to give it back to them, because it's a treasure of the Church." That's all he said. It's a treasure of the Church and I want them to have it, that's what they're used to."

And the Jewish community reacted, at least in my country, with a great deal of anger. "How dare

the Pope restore the pre-conciliar liturgy?" they said. And we were all taken aback because we had been under the impression that the dialogue had been progressing and that everyone would be on the same page when the Pope would do something like this, inside his own Church for his own people. And so again even with Jewish relations it seems like things are a little bit on the dangerous side. Like even there things have not progressed as much as we had all believed.

And that's at least what we took away from the *motu proprio* on July 7<sup>th</sup>. It's not concrete, it's not absolute, but it just suggested that things may not be what they seem.

## **The Ecumenical Movement and Protestants**

We can ask ourselves, how is the ecumenical fervor, or movement, working with respect to Protestants? Back on July 10<sup>th</sup> the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith released a statement, a sixteen-page document signed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, which said that the Church of Christ subsists in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church was founded by Christ and the Protestant churches are not, technically speaking, churches – standard, basic, tenth grade teaching of the Catholic Church on what Church means.

But you will remember that the Protestant church leaders reacted with great rage over this. "How dare the Pope, how dare anyone say there's one true church? How dare the Pope say this? This harkens back to the medieval idea that there is no salvation outside the Church." This is what we were hearing from Protestant quarters immediately after the release of that document: Outrage. So is this a medieval notice that we've abandoned, that there is no salvation outside the Catholic Church? Are the Protestants right? Do they really believe that this defined Dogma of the Church which every Roman Catholic must accept or cease to be a Catholic, that it can be just dispensed with so easily that they would now think it's gone and that the Pope has no right to claim that the Catholic Church is the true Church?

God bless Benedict, he's a courageous man for allowing this to be released under his auspices at this very dangerous time. I think he's doing exactly what needs to be done. He's beginning slowly to draw back from an over-exuberant ecumenical movement, to say "Wait a minute. We want to talk; we want peace; we want dialogue. But the Catholic Church is the true Church and ultimately it's the only avenue to salvation."

## **“Outside the Church There is No Salvation” – the Facts**

He has to be slow, he's moving slow[ly], but he's beginning the movement. Because he knows, certainly what you priests know better than I. I'll read you a couple of quotes just to show you how in the past hundred years the idea that there's no salvation outside the Church has become very, very watered down, and very unpopular.

I'll start with Pope Pius IX back at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. He says “There is only one true

holy Catholic Church, which is the Apostolic Roman Church. There is only one See, founded on Peter by the word of the Lord, outside of which we cannot find either true faith or salvation.” – pretty straightforward, from Pius IX.

You may say, "Well that was one hundred and so years ago. The Church doesn't believe that anymore." Really? Pius XI, in the 1930s now, much closer to our own time, in his encyclical *Mortalium Animos* writes, "The Catholic Church alone is keeping the true worship. This is the font of truth. This is the house of faith. This is the temple of God. If any man enter not here or if any man go forth from here, he is a stranger to the hope of life and salvation."

"Furthermore," says Pope Pius XI, "in this one Church of Christ no man can be, or remain, who does not accept, recognize, and obey the authority and supremacy of Peter and his legitimate successors."

This is the authoritative teaching of the Church, my friends, as you as priests know so very well, much better than I am familiar with. But you can just read this, and it's obvious. So you may say, "Still, that's before Vatican II. Everything has changed since then." Has it? Pope Paul VI in *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 1975 now: "Our religion effectively establishes with God an authentic and living relationship which the other churches do not succeed in doing." That's Paul VI. Vatican II itself, my friends, in *Lumen Gentium* 14, "This Sacred Synod turns its attention first to the Catholic faithful, basing itself upon Sacred Scripture and tradition. It teaches that the Church, now sojourning on earth as an exile, is necessary for salvation. For Christ made present to us in His body, which is the Church, is the one mediator and unique way of salvation. In explicit terms He Himself affirmed the necessity of faith and baptism and thereby affirmed also the necessity of the Church. For through baptism, as through a door, men enter the Church."

And again, this is Vatican II: "Whosoever, therefore, knowing that the Catholic Church was made necessary by God through Jesus Christ would refuse to enter her or to remain in her, could not be saved."

Outside the Church there is no salvation, is a Dogma that cannot be changed. It is a Dogma that we cannot water down to make it more appealing to our Protestant brethren who reject the Papacy. And as you know, we must be subject to the Papacy in order to be saved.

Today it takes mere mention that Catholics still believe in this Dogma to cause our dialogue partners, who were so tolerant and so sensitive yesterday, to rise up against the Catholics: "You will not dare say that your Church is the one founded by Christ." This is the message that they give us as soon as we try to gently suggest or put forth our infallibly defined Dogma, not opinions, Dogma. As soon as we give them the Dogma, they shake their fists and rise against us.

Am I blaming them? No. No. I'm blaming us – those of us who have softened what we are,

down, and softened our core beliefs to such an extent that Protestants believe we believe there's no necessity to join the Catholic Church in order to be saved. This is our failing. This is where we need to make a change and reassert who we are, what we are, what we believe. Join us, we are saying to the world. Come to the truth. Come to the light. That's what the Church for one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five years was saying before it became political to begin sort of softening those in certain quarters.

So it is bad enough that Protestants now believe we believe that, my friends. But what makes it so much worse, is there has been an inverse reaction. We now have Catholics [who] are now believing that there is salvation outside the Church. We are now being expected, if we are to be considered lovers of truth and not haters, if we are to be considered tolerant, then we must reject the notion that Christ founded one Church and that it is the Catholic Church.

So who is being converted by the ecumenical movement? In what direction are souls moving? Toward Christ, toward the cross, toward the Church; or away from it, if Catholics themselves believe that there is no longer one way to Heaven?

### **The Brazilian Exodus – to Protestantism**

Earlier this year, Pope Benedict XVI came here to Brazil, as you all well know, to the world's most populous Roman Catholic country. Part of the reason he came here, as you know again, was to halt this mass exodus of Catholics into the Protestant sects. 120,000,000 Catholics in your country (or in Brazil, for those of you who aren't from Brazil) are coming to believe that the Catholic Church is just one of among many potential roads to salvation.

And this is something that is not new for Benedict. This is something Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger was very concerned about long ago. Many of you may remember a speech that he gave at the Italian Senate on May 13, 2004, in which Cardinal Ratzinger asserted – now get this, this is a pretty juicy conspiracy, but considering the man who is telling us about it we must take it seriously: "The United States is actively promoting a policy of Protestantization in Latin America, and the dissolution of the Catholic Church there in favor of free churches."

This is 2004. One year before Cardinal Ratzinger became Pope Benedict. According to the newspaper *Tablet* (a very reputable source), September 18, 2004, Ratzinger said the policy stems from an American conviction that the Catholic Church "cannot guarantee a stable political and economic system and therefore fails as an educator of nations while the free churches will render possible a moral consensus and a democratic formation similar to that of the United States."

Do you realize what the Cardinal has just said? That there is a conspiracy at the highest levels in the most powerful superpower in the world – the United States!

There has been a conspiracy which is anti-Catholic in agenda, and was to replace the Catholic Church in Latin America with Protestant sects. How does that make you feel, as priests from Latin America? It's a small wonder then, after such a powerful entity has engaged in such a perverse conspiracy, that in Latin America, home to nearly half of the world's Catholics, it's no accident that these designs have been applied against your country, your nation, Latin America. Of the world's one billion Catholics, half of them are down here. And so there's been this concentration to rob this land of its Catholic heritage. A conspiracy, if you will, but an organized effort to do this.

### **Brazil's Secular Image**

So it's no wonder that when people in my country hear references to your country, the cross doesn't come to mind, the Sacred Heart doesn't come to mind. What we hear about your land, when we hear about your land, we hear about the debauchery of Rio de Janeiro. We hear about *Carnival*. That's all we hear about. Go to sin city in Rio. Go to the sin nation in Latin America. People come down here from my country not to find the Faith but to find sin, to find debauchery, to lose themselves, to lose their souls, to commit mortal sins.

So effective has been this conspiracy against Latin America that they've changed it, the statue of Our Lord which stands over Rio is a tourist attraction. That is all. It means nothing else to people in North America. You take a picture of it and then you go take your clothes off and go to the beach in Latin America.

So according to Cardinal Ratzinger there has been this conspiracy, and I agree with him. So successful has this conspiracy been that icons of Latin American pop culture, such as Brazil's own super-model Gisele Bundchen are praised to the hilt in my country. When this super-model looks at the Catholic Pope and says, "Go to hell, you will not tell us what to do anymore." – which is precisely what this Brazilian super-model did while the Pope was a guest in her own country. And there has been no backlash against her popularity. She is beautiful. She makes millions of dollars, she travels the world. No problem for her.

And what did she say? Gisele the super model said the Catholic Church's opposition to condoms is "ridiculous." Said super-model Gisele shortly after the Pope's visit: "A woman must have the right to choose abortion in Brazil." And here's the kicker. Ridiculing the Pope's call, his humble call to the people of your land to remain virgins until they're married, ridiculing this old man trying to bring a dying people out of the depths of their own graves and out of hell and save them, she ridicules him. And what does she say? "Today no one is a virgin in Brazil when they get married. Show me one virgin in Brazil."

Is it any wonder, my friends, that Brazil's census now shows the percentage of citizens in your country characterizing themselves as Catholics has plunged from 89% in 1980 to 74% in 2000? And it's spiraling down faster and faster and faster.

As your courageous former Bishop of Sao Paulo, Archbishop Cláudio Hummes, said at the time to reporters, "The losses for the Catholic Church in this country are a hemorrhage and it's not over. It is due to the expansionism of Protestant sects that attract an ever larger number of baptized Catholics but also to moral relativism imported from Europe." That word moral relativism comes up again.

If I am wrong Fathers, please correct me after the talk, but it seems to me that ecumenism in Latin America has achieved less than stellar results. So Our Lady's words come to mind again, "the Church will have much to suffer."

At least the United States was never Catholic, so we haven't lost what you've lost. This was a Catholic land. This was a Catholic country. This was a Catholic continent, if you will. "The Church will have much to suffer," coming from Our Lady's lips, means more to you, probably, than any of us even in the States, because we haven't lost as much as you have.

But in any case, a Brazilian priest or Chilean priest can then tell us that the first part of Our Lady's warning has already come true in his country. The Catholic Church is suffering unbelievably down here, to the point where it looks like it's going to become extinct. Humanly speaking, it will disappear from the continent. So if the first portion of this triune warning or prediction of Our Lady of Fatima has already come true, what would come next then? The next part would be, "the good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer". Let's see if that's not happening too.

## **The Perversion of Homosexuality**

Archbishop Angelo Bagnasco is the head of the Italian Bishops Conference. This past Holy Week, during his Mass and his services throughout Holy Week, armed police were in his sanctuary in the Cathedral in Milan. Armed police were in every other pew all the way throughout the congregation during every one of his Holy Week services.

Now why was this? – To protect the Archbishop. To protect a very, very close friend of Benedict XVI, by the way – the head of the Italian Bishops Conference – to protect him after he had received numerous death threats, including bullets sent to him in the mail. The message being: We are sending you the bullet this time Excellency. The next time it will be delivered much more quickly.

Death threats! His cathedral was sprayed with death threats against the Archbishop. What was his crime? It must have been terribly serious, right? The Archbishop's crime was to defend the sanctity of marriage. The Archbishop's crime was to say that marriage is between one man and one woman, and must always be so. This was his crime. The Archbishop's crime was defending natural law. In Europe! In Catholic Europe! An Archbishop is no longer allowed to defend natural law, much less to uphold the Church's teaching on the dignity and sanctity of Christian marriage, which Christ Himself elevated to a Sacrament.

The Archbishop's crime was insisting that God's rights must be defended, and that there is such a thing as mortal sin, and that there is such a thing as everlasting damnation. For this outrage both he and the Pope are still under fire in Italy by these various groups who disagree.

In Belgium, Archbishop André-Mutien Léonard, of Namur, was accused of an offense against – get this – the Belgian Anti-Racism Act for an April 3<sup>rd</sup> interview in a weekly magazine, *Téléoustique*, in which the bishop, in that interview, reiterated the Church's teaching against the sin of sodomy. Again, this is a hate crime no longer tolerated in Europe. The bishop, to his everlasting reward, no doubt, said it anyway. God bless him. God love him.

He doesn't care what they're going to do to him. He's going to speak the truth and he's going to live up to the dignity of his office as a successor of the Apostles. And so he said this thing. Here is what he said, does this sound like hate speech to you, Fathers? "The promotion of homosexuality through gay pride parades signifies the return of Greco-Roman antiquity. To glorify homosexuality is a recession of twenty centuries."

That's it. That's all he said. And for that he is facing prosecution for violating Belgium's Anti-Racism Act. This is a brother bishop of Bishop Penna, here today, suffering right now under these new laws.

And maybe some of you can tell me what happened to a bishop of Colombia. Does anyone know? Because the story was cut off in our country, after he was facing arrest. His name is Archbishop Fabio Tirado. I don't know what happened to him, maybe someone can tell me. But a few months ago, an arrest warrant was issued for the Archbishop. He was to go to prison. And what was his crime?

His crime was rejecting a seminarian who the bishop felt was not appropriate, who did not have a vocation because he was a practicing homosexual. And for this crime, the bishop faced, again, one of the New World Order gulags, the prison. And the only reason he didn't go to prison, from what we could tell north of the border, was because of the outpouring of support from bishops and Cardinals from around the world, including Cardinal Castrillón Hoyos, including Cardinal Figgio, who demanded this Archbishop in Colombia not be arrested. And so they gave him a stay of ten days.

I have not heard what's happened since. But again it gives you an idea of where we stand, and where you stand as priests and bishops loyal to the teachings of the Church.

So from North America to South America, Christians including priests, bishops (obviously) and lay people are facing outright persecution just as Our Lady said they would. So "the good will be martyred" seems to be taking place.

## The Abortion Perversion

The European Union, which is becoming increasingly anti-Catholic and increasingly fascist, is at this moment trying to crush Poland – trying to have sanctions against Poland. And what is Poland's crime? Poland believes it should have the right to teach its own children that abortion is wrong. Poland believes that it should have the right to teach its own children that marriage is between one man and one woman. And for this offense Poland is being persecuted mercilessly by the mighty, tolerant European Union.

Portugal just legalized abortion even though there wasn't a majority of the people that were calling for it. So much for the democratic process! They forced abortion on Portugal, they forced abortion on Mexico City. In Catholic Ireland this year, they will force abortion – North and South in Ireland – thanks to campaigns by the illustrious International Planned Parenthood Federation, the largest abortion promoter in the world. And Planned Parenthood is doing the very same thing in Africa – forcing abortion and safe-sex training on peoples all over the world – which of course includes contraception.

And why are they doing this? – Because for these people abortion is a sacrament! It is an unholy sacrament, and I'll give you an example of why I say that. This comes from Human Life International. If anyone in this room is not familiar with it, it's a wonderful reference website for pro-life issues. And they have a wonderful Father Euteneuer, a priest up there, who if anyone down here is interested in forming an alliance with one of the best priests in the United States, when it comes to defending life, get hold of Father Euteneuer. He'll help you and you'll help him in many ways, I am sure, and it will be a real holy alliance.

He reports, retired abortionist Patricia Baird-Windle, a self-professed wicken – a witch – actually admitted that abortion is a sacrament, recently. Here's what she said: "Abortion is a major blessing and a sacrament in the hands of women. At the very crucible of the sacrament of abortion is that some women have an abortion out of love for the baby, some out of love for children that they already have and have difficult feeding."

According to Human Life International this woman, this creature, Miss Baird-Windle, claims responsibility for 65,000 dead babies in the three death centers that she owned and operated over the last few decades. This infanticide, this slaughtering of the innocents, was done, according to Miss Baird-Windle, out of love. Can you think of any more obvious indication or proof of what Sister Lucy called "diabolical disorientation" than to have mothers murdering 65,000 of their own children, and that is called an act of love?

Black has become white in this tolerant society of ours, my friends, obviously – an act of *love* to put the blood of your own baby on your hands, in the New World Order. And if you and I don't accept that that's an act of love, we commit a hate crime – we end up in prison. If not yet, coming soon. That's

what they would like to see. No opposition will be tolerated. So it is an unholy blood contract, abortion, that every country in the world, and this is why Our Lady's Message must be taken seriously, it's not happening in certain hot spots.

Back in the '30s and '40s and '50s we had certain areas of the world, whether it would be Communist Russia or China, where there was great trouble, and there was great persecution, and the loss of human rights, and so forth. It is everywhere in the world. It's happening right now, which is why abortion is the unholy blood contract that every country will make to this New World Order. Every country will make it in order to survive.

In effect, in Catholic nations like France and Spain and Brazil and Portugal and Mexico, what's being demanded is that they say "we will sacrifice our children to the god of liberty, to demonstrate to the world that we reject the Kingship of Christ and that we have fidelity in these former Catholic countries to the mystical body of Satan."

Again, if someone can come up with another reason why they're enforcing abortion on the whole world, I would like to hear it, because science is pretty good at preventing conception. They've got that down to the mark. They're preventing conception with luciferian brilliance. So why this push, this urge to make sure the whole world legalizes abortion? – Because it is a sacrament dead out of hell! It is proof of our rejection of the Kingship of Christ.

In the quaint, beautiful little country of Wales, next to England, there were too many unwanted pregnancies. So what does the government of Wales do? They provide for their children – for eighteen-year-old girls and younger – the so-called morning after pill. They hand them out for free to all the little girls in their country.

Fathers, is there any better example of the triumph of Satan than governments saying to their children, "Do not restrain yourself. Do not deny yourself anything. Do this act. Do it often. Do it whenever you want. And here's a pill to rid you of the consequences of this sexual act." This is coming from the government, not street drug pushers. It's coming from government, it's coming from teachers, and, I'm sorry to say, more and more it's coming from parents. This is what the little children are being taught. What chance do they have of saving their souls, living in such an environment?

Back to Wales! They passed out all these RU486 pills, the morning-after pills, but a little problem happened. The abortion numbers went up. So, according to the Wales Department of Health, more fifteen-to-seventeen-year-old little girls than ever before, got rid of their babies last year (2006), through abortion. And listen to this – this is Wales – 1,004 dead babies, aborted babies, in little Wales, just in 2006.

And whatever whimper of protest the Christian world can manage to muster these days is also being crushed in the New World Order. Because why? – Because it's hate speech!

If I say to you, "You don't have the right to abort your baby," then I'm not a good citizen, because I'm not allowing that citizen to do whatever they want. I'm trying to force my morality on someone else, which in the New World Order is a crime punishable by fines and, ultimately, by incarceration.

## **Co-opting the Catholic Church**

Hate speech legislation is already in, in Canada. I think it's in Brazil now; I understand it's coming; it's coming into the United States. It's everywhere in the European Union, which means, my friends, there will be no protest. There will be no one standing up because they're afraid. The majority of Christians have had their Faith watered down to such an extent they're not even sure what they believe anymore, let alone if they're called to be martyred for it.

Remember when we were young, we were taught we had to believe every doctrine of the Faith and be ready to die rather than deny it? They're not being taught this any more. They're being taught toleration. And this toleration is a denial of natural law, it's a rejection of God's law, and it's the termination of the rights of the Church in the world.

That's what this is about. It's a war between good and evil. It's a war against the Mystical Body of Christ. And if it's a war between good and evil, man-made political human solutions will have no effect. It's time that we all look to Our Lady, look to God, look to a spiritual solution to all of this.

And this is the way it's always been since the Protestant Revolution. It's been about crushing the Catholic Church. That's what the enlightenment was about; that's what 1789's Revolution was about; that's what 1776's Revolution was about; that's what the 1917 Russian Revolution was about – taking the authority and the power away from God and giving it to ourselves, and outlawing the Catholic Church, throwing the Church out. And what about God in this new system of ours? What about God? God is dead. God doesn't exist in the New World Order.

And this is why Our Lady of Fatima came, to warn us precisely that this day was coming and that we have a chance to save ourselves. We have two alternatives: We can either keep these infallibly taught beliefs and doctrines inside of ourselves and not speak about them at all, or we can face persecution, prosecution, fines, and ultimately, perhaps, the gulag. And on and on it goes.

The Mystical Body of Christ throughout the world is being crucified again. It is being crucified by atheistic communist regimes in the Far East; by extremist Islamic regimes in the Middle East; and by militant democracy in North America – Godless democratization.

Oh they'll make references to the Lord, to the Creator, to the Architect. But that's not the same thing that we had, the same idea of God that you have Fathers, or that I have. That's just opium for the people, if you will; to pretend that they still have harbored some kind of Christian mentality, when they

have not. It's guns, it's airplanes, bullets and bombs that is going to be the ultimate solution to these problems. We only need to read the headlines throughout the world to see that this is so.

In China, they're putting 20,000 new cameras on the streets of some southern Chinese towns. These have sophisticated computer software on them which will recognize the facial features of the citizens in these towns. And the information will be sent to the government. This is to prevent the underground Catholics from wandering around.

Chips, which will be recognized, again, by this technology, will be sent to the government as soon as they are recognized. These chips contain work history, educational background, religion, ethnicity, police record, medical insurance, landlords' phone numbers; even the personal reproductive history will be included for the enforcement of China's one child policy.

So this is where we stand, my friends. No matter where we are, the rise of the police state, the crushing of the Catholic Church, is what we all as Catholics are realizing, is going to become our reality.

### **Co-opting Our Lady**

So what do we do? We go on year after year ignoring Our Lady's Message from ninety years ago, treating it as if it didn't even happen, and [that] maybe it's not even true! Still we wait for the Consecration of Russia. Still we wait to hear what the full Third Secret was. But more importantly, we don't even teach our children how to say the Rosary, let alone that they must say it daily. They are incapable of doing what Our Lady has asked because we have failed to teach them. We rejected Our Lady.

Here's an example in my country to what extent we rejected Her. At Catholic Fordham University, a Jesuit-run university, there is a theology professor by the name of Sister Elizabeth Johnson, she is a Sister of Saint Joseph. She has written a book which she is now selling out of Fordham University called *Truly Our Sister: A Theology of Mary in the Communion of Saints*. In this book Sister Elizabeth Johnson – again, a Catholic nun teaching in a Catholic university – reveals that feminists have a grudge against Our Lady for standing above them as the Virgin Mother of Christ. Johnson claims that a torrent of hatred for women has resulted from the honor given to Our Lady by the Catholic Church down through the centuries.

"But change is coming," says Sister Johnson, "because devotion to Mary has died out in hosts of women and our culture scorns these medieval faith symbols." Sister Johnson thinks it's time now to remove such titles – get this Fathers – as Mother of Mercy, from Our Lady's litany. And give them back to God, "She who is" according to Sister Johnson, and to reclaim Mary with new liberating interpretations.

So from now on, God will have Her own maternal face and Mary will be at the level of other

women. According to Johnson, Mary is then going to become finally, and at long last, truly our sister, because She will no longer be honored above other women.

A Catholic theologian! A Catholic nun in New York, at a Catholic university, my friends! This is what she is saying. This is how she is reacting to Our Lady of Fatima's Message – to try to destroy Our Lady, and the cult of Our Lady, and devotion to Our Lady. Again, there's no problem, Sister is selling thousands and tens of thousands of this book. She is working and employed at the university, she is under no trouble at all, whatsoever.

So this is where we stand. And again she links this idea that to be Catholic, to be a Marian person or priest, to believe in Our Lady of Fatima, to insist on the dogmatic integrity of the Church's teaching, is hate speech because it is intolerant of others.

### **The Children of Fatima Show Us the Way**

I want to close on a positive note. All of us are beginning to realize that if we take these hard steps, you as priests, me as a father of six children, if we decide to take this seriously, what Our Lady has asked, it will be a lonely road, my friends. And it will be a frightening road. As you know, the martyrs have faced it before.

Fatima gives us an idea of how we are to face it. And it comes in the form of Sister Lucy's account of what Francisco and Jacinta were saying when they were thrown in prison by the Masonic regime in the town of Ourem. Listen to this, it's beautiful and so touching, and it gives us some idea of how we as Catholics are to proceed from here on out, in accord with Our Lady's wishes.

Sister Lucy writes "What made Jacinta suffer worst was to feel that their parents had abandoned them. With tears streaming down her cheeks she would say, 'Neither your parents nor mine have come to see us. They don't bother with us anymore.' 'Don't cry,' said Francisco, 'we can offer this to Jesus for sinners.' Then raising his eyes and hands to Heaven he made the offering: 'O My Jesus, this is for love of You and for the conversion of sinners.'"

Jacinta jumps in at this point, my friends. It is so beautiful. Here's this little girl, tears streaming down her face because her mommy is not there, and when her brother suggests, "We offer this up" she jumps in.

It's not about herself now but about the Holy Father. She says, "And also for the Holy Father. We can offer this up for the Holy Father, and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary." You see this little girl with these tears in her eyes, jumping to the defense of Our Lady, jumping to the defense of the Pope, and concerned about the sinners of the world.

Where has such Faith gone, my friends? And so the transcript goes on with this consoling and

beautiful story between brother and sister as they decide to give it all to Our Lady. To offer it all for sinners, and the fear goes away.

And this is what we're going to have to do, my friends. All of us, I think, are going to have to commit to Our Lady. Commit to be with Her; commit to Her Message; commit to the Rosary; commit to the Scapular; wear the Scapular. Tell us, Fathers, tell your people. Hold the Rosary up, tell them to pray it. Hold the Scapular up, tell them to wear it.

You see these young children: rock and roll music, piercing their ears, dyeing their hair, wearing all sorts of garb trying to somehow fit into something. Let's give them something Catholic to wear, something Catholic to believe in again.

What can we do? There's nothing we can do about this, it's too overwhelming. Is it? Is it too overwhelming? If we're faithful to Our Lady and faithful to God then He's going to be on our side. And this world will pass away and they will lose. But even in the practical sense, if one priest, if Father Nicholas Gruner can stand up – and I don't work for the Fatima Center, I've never written anything for any of Father's magazines – but all of us as Catholic journalists have a half an eye on Father Gruner and what he's been doing for Our Lady of Fatima's Message.

He is changing things. He is recognized now in the Vatican. He has raised awareness of the Fatima Message. If one priest can stand up against this roaring tide and hold the Rosary up as his sword, and do the right thing – he seems to get blessing and protection from Our Lady to accomplish great things. All of you are here today, I'm here in Brazil; he's bringing people together.

One priest can do this. Imagine what 190 priests could do if we all committed to give this Peace Plan of Our Lady a try, to truly take it seriously.

It's an honor to speak to you today. God bless you all.

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