



# The Marian Observer

Praise be Jesus Christ

Now and Forever

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## MARY IS ON THE MOVE!

By Chris Sparks



On May 12, 2017, the eve of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady's first appearance in Fatima, Judy Studer and a *four-foot statue of Our Lady of Fatima entered the United Nations complex in New York City.*

They were expecting her.

This is no small matter!

In the present age of globalization, there are many international figures with power and influence beyond the dreams of ancient emperors, but two offices on this earth have pre-eminence. One is the papacy which serves as the Vicar of Christ to the world. The other is the office of the United Nations Secretary-General, charged with diplomatically pursuing the peace and security of the whole world.

Both of those offices are currently held by people with uniquely close connections to Fatima.

Pope Francis had his pontificate consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima when he was elected in 2013. He has subsequently consecrated the whole world to the Immaculate Heart, a re-consecration following in the footsteps of St. John Paul II's 1984 Act of Consecration (*an act that, according to Sr. Lucia dos Santos, the longest-lived of the three Fatima visionaries, was accepted by Heaven as the requested consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart*).

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### **The Blessed Virgin Mary to the world from Medjugorje, August 25, 2017:**

*"Dear Children: Today I am calling you to be people of prayer. Pray until prayer becomes a joy for you and a meeting with the Most High. He will transform your hearts and you will become people of love and peace. Do not forget, little children, that Satan is strong and wants to draw you away from prayer. You, do not forget that prayer is the secret key of meeting with God. That is why I am with you to lead you. Do not give up on prayer. Thank you for responding to my call."*

**Mary** – *cont'd from page 1)*

The second is the current UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres of Portugal, who has a number of connections to Fatima, as well.

On October 5, 2016, the Feast of St. Faustina in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Guterres, a former Premier of Portugal, was nominated to be the next Secretary-General of the UN. He was appointed to the position by acclamation on October 13, 2016, which happened to be the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima.

Guterres took office January 1, 2017, the Solemnity of the Mother of God and World Day of Peace. He is a practicing Catholic, who has been staunchly and publicly pro-life and pro-traditional marriage throughout his political career, even in the face of pressure from his own Socialist party. For a decade (2005-2015), he had served as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees when many refugees were Christians fleeing persecution.

God's Providence at work???

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima had an appointment at the UN as part of a conference titled, *"The Centenary of Fatima and the Enduring Relevance of its Message of Peace,"* co-sponsored by the Holy See's Permanent Observer Mission and the Portuguese Mission to the U.N. **It drew a packed house of around 600 people.**

"These were not just outsiders coming into the UN for this event who would have a devotion to the message of Fatima, but also many from within the U.N. system," said Fr. Roger Landry, attaché of the Holy See's Permanent Observer Mission.

Archbishop Bernardito Aua, the Holy See's Permanent Observer at the UN spoke, as well as many other prominent people. The talks focused on how the Fatima apparitions modeled the roles of women and children in pursuing peace in every age, drawing from the teaching and insights of sources such as John Paul II's apostolic letter (*On the Dignity of Women*) and the UN Charter.

Throughout the event, the statue – associated with many reported miracles – stood front and center. A small reliquary, containing the first-class relics of Jacinta and Francisco was nearby.

This was a dream come true for Judy Studer, a retired nurse and grandmother from Rhode Island. "Almost 15 years ago, I prayed to go to the U.N.,"

said Judy, the custodian of the Pilgrim Virgin statue, "and I truly know that Mary touched... many, many people there today..."

*This was a "miracle – a sign that Our Lady is at work.* Fatima is not just something that took place 100 years ago. It is affecting us today when secularism rules, where any form of religiosity is "not acceptable," but she is here. No small matter indeed!

Many within the Church await the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart promised by Our Lady in the second part of the secret of Fatima given on July 13, 1917.

Pope Francis traveled to Fatima to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fatima apparitions and to "entrust to Our Lady the temporal and eternal fate of mankind." During his visit, he canonized the two youngest Fatima visionaries, Francisco and Jacinta.

On May 13, while the Holy Father was in Fatima, the Pilgrim Virgin Statue and the relics went to St. Patrick's Cathedral in NY for a day of Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and prayer.

The signs of the times are pointing toward Our Lady active in the world today, taking steps to signal to the Church and the world that her Triumph may be imminent. The Consecration has been made, but because it was made late, World War II and the Cold War happened, including the destructions of nations by revolution and civil war. The Church has faced persecution greater than ever before in her history and endured the loss of faith by lapsed and apostate Catholics, through materialism and secularism in the West and a globalized world.

The secret of Fatima has come true, and is still coming true. We live in hope of the final fulfillment of the promise of the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart and the coming of an era of peace in the world. ***But we must do our part by praying the daily Rosary for peace, making the First Saturdays of Reparation, consecrating ourselves to Our Lady, and spreading devotion to her Immaculate Heart. We must answer the call of Fatima in order to see an era of peace.***

Our Lady is "on the move." Let us put on the full armor of God and get moving as well...

*(Condensed from article of same name, by Chris Sparks, Marian Helper magazine, Summer 2017.)*

**To arrange for a visit with the U.N. Pilgrim Virgin Statue: [www.TheFatimaStatue.org](http://www.TheFatimaStatue.org)**



## In October, stand up for LIFE and pray the Rosary!

### **“Rosary in the Public Square” Saturday, October 14, 2017**

Current Rosary Rallies: 9,108  
2017 Rosary Rally Goal: 20,000

**Sign up now to become a  
Rosary Rally Captain in 2017.  
A banner will be sent to you  
and a red rose will be sent to  
Fatima in your name.**



<https://americaneedfatima.org/Rally-News/rosary-rally-central-2.html>

Pray the Rosary with others in the  
“public square.”  
To find the nearest rally,  
check website or  
call: 866-584-6012

### **Life Chain’s 30th Year Right to Life Sunday October 1, 2017**

Stand up with thousands of pro-life  
individuals to honor millions of babies  
lost to abortion.  
Bring whole family!  
Signs will be provided.

*For specific locations, see page 6*

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

### *Fall Campaign*

**September 27 – November 5**

- 13,305 lives saved!
- 86 Abortion mills closed!
- 154 Abortion Mill workers quit!

*Your prayer and witness  
is important ...*

**More info:  
[www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)**

### **11th Annual Rosary Rally**

**Sunday, October 22, 2017**

### **Blessed Sacrament Cathedral**

1:15 p.m. Procession  
1:30 p.m. Holy Rosary begins  
*(Four Mysteries led in different languages)*  
3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet  
4 p.m. Holy Mass with  
Bishop Gerard Battersby,  
followed by refreshments

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
9844 Woodward Ave  
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***Note: If you cannot sign up or be present at any of these Rosary rallies, you can be in union with others by praying the Rosary in the privacy of your own home.***

## The Joy of Love

*Note from Editor: This is a lot of misunderstanding concerning what the media reports, especially when it comes to the Holy Father. Here is a summary of his latest document, "The Joy of Love," reiterating the Church's teachings on love, marriage, and abortion.*

By Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, SDC

Pope Francis has called for the Catholic Church to revamp its response to modern family life, striking a delicate balance between a more accepting tone towards homosexual people and the defense of traditional church teachings on issues such as abortion.

Pope Francis outlined his vision for the Church on family issues, urging priests to respond to their communities without mercilessly enforcing church rules. Pope Francis wrote, "Each country or region can seek solutions better suited to its culture and sensitive to its traditions and local needs."

The apostolic exhortation concludes a two-year consultation that saw bishops gather twice in Rome to debate issues affecting the world's 1.2 billion Catholics.

In comments likely to be welcome by some organizations, Francis urged the Church to "reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his/her dignity and treated with consideration, while every sign of unjust discrimination is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence."

**But the Pope stopped short of pushing for a change in church doctrine.** Same-sex unions, for example, may NOT simply be equated with marriage. Such families should be given respectful pastoral guidance, so that those who manifest a homosexual orientation can receive the assistance they need to understand and fully carry out God's will in their lives.

Following lengthy debate about the role in the Church for remarried divorcees who are not allowed to take Holy Communion, Francis did NOT call for the rules to be changed, but said such parishioners must be made to feel part of the Church. They should not be confined into overly rigid classifications, leaving no room for suitable personal and pastoral discernment. Divorce was

described as an evil that priests should help Catholics avoid, while being understanding towards those whose marriages have broken down.

This document shows something has changed in the Church discourse. Pope Francis speaks about families with a clarity that is not easy to find in the magisterial documents of the Church. In an era of global crisis in which families often suffer, the exhortation takes a positive look at the beauty of married love and the family.

The broader document saw Pope Francis recognize the Catholic Church's waning appeal to young people, urging churchmen to present a more appealing view of marriage.

The Pope also dedicated two pages to the erotic dimension of love within marriage, promoting a positive vision of sexuality which must be seen as a gift from God that enriches the relationship of the spouses.

**The Pope voiced the Church's opposition to abortion IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.** No alleged right to one's own body can justify a decision to terminate an unborn life. He also showed no opening towards fertility treatments, describing creation as something which must be received as a gift. He suggested that infertile couples adopt babies or children who need parents.

Much hurt and many problems result when we stop looking at one another, listing a string of common complaints of family members feeling invisible or uncared for. Technology affects relationships, such as when people stay on their mobile phones during meal times. The fast pace of the on-line world is impacting people's approach to relationships. They believe, along the line of social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at the whim of the consumer, and the relationship quickly blocked.

We were loved even before our parents dreamed of us. This love fills us with joy--the joy of being loved by God, family, and friends -- the joy of belonging to a Church that accompanies us with the Sacraments from birth to death -- the joy of one day being called by God and seeing Him face to face as He is. Sometimes joy is mixed with tears; in this way, we imitate Christ who suffered, died, and rose from the dead to restore our real joy.



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## Special Events in honor of the Anniversary of Fatima

**Friday, October 13**

**Father John Hedges**

World Apostolate of Fatima,  
Detroit Archdiocesan Spiritual Director

*Father will bless with a reliquary which holds a piece of the bloody bandage that covered St. Padre Pio's side*

*Mass at 7 p.m.*

*Refreshments after Mass*

*Presentation by Guest Priest*

*(Shrine also has Mass on the 13th of each month. May-Oct, 7 pm)*

All events take place at the Shrine of

Our Lady of Fatima,

18637 Ray St, Riverview, MI 48193

More information:

Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

734-281-1445



**Joy of Love** — *cont'd from previous page*

I pray that we all experience the joy of love while pondering how much we love and how much we are loved, whether it is human or divine love.

*(Taken from article of same name, by Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, SdC, from "Now and At the Hour," a publication of the Pious Union of St. Joseph, Grass Lake, MI.)*

## *Focus on Life Annual Benefit Dinner Tuesday, October 17*

San Marino Club  
1685 Big Beaver (16 Mile Rd)  
Troy 48083

Speakers:

Carol Tobias

Fr. Ben Luedtke

6 p.m.

Dinner & Program 7 p.m.

\$35/person

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### Kids Say the Darnedest Things...

After I introduced a weekly Holy Hour in our parish, a young mother began attending with her son, Tommy, a bright third-grader with an inquiring mind.

After he heard the Divine Praises recited several times, he asked, "What is a spouse?"

Mom: "Usually somebody's husband or wife. Why do you ask?"

Tom: "What does 'most chaste spouse' mean?"

Mom: "That means St. Joseph was a good, pure and holy husband."

Tom looked surprised and puzzled by this so she asked him, "What did you think it meant?"

Tom: "I thought it meant that all the women were after him, but Mary got him in the end!"

*(From article, "Joseph Most Chaste" by Bishop Kenneth J. Povish, in Now and at the Hour Magazine published by the Pious Union of St. Joseph, Grass Lake, MI)*

## LIFE CHAIN ROSARY LOCATIONS

### OCTOBER 1

*Time 2:00-3:30 p.m.,  
unless otherwise indicated.  
If there is no phone listed,  
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734-524-0162*

**WOODWARD** between 11& 12 Mile Rd.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**—NE corner  
Woodward & Square Lake Rd

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP**— Gratiot between  
15 & 16 Mile Rds, 586-268-8607

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6237

**FARMINGTON HILLS** — 12 Mile between  
Orchard Lake & Farmington Rd

**FERNDALE**—Woodward between 8&9 Mile

**FRASER**—14 Mile west of Utica Road

**STERLING HTS**—15 Mile & Dodge Park—  
in front of Woman Care clinic—3-4 p.m. ,  
Sue 586-978-7929

**STERLING HTS**—Ryan Rd. & 18 Mile

**UTICA**—Hall & Van Dyke

**WARREN**—Ryan at 10-1/2 Mile

**WARREN**—Ryan between 10-1/2 & 11 Mile

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*[www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net)*

**Pray for an end to abortion!**

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your calendar...***

### **Marian Peace Center Upcoming Events**

*We are working on our fall  
program. Check future issues  
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