

In Recent Apparitions Our Lady Is Saying:  
"MAKE MY MESSAGES KNOWN"

# Fr. Jozo and the Pope

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Fr. Jozo Zovko, the parish priest in Medjugorje at the time when the apparitions first began, told the Croatian newspaper, *Slobodna Dalmacija*, that he spent a long time with the then Archbishop Bergoglio, during his visit to Argentina in the late 1990's.

"We spent a long time together in Buenos Aires and talked about everything concerning Medjugorje, and he was interested. We prayed together and at the end he asked me for a blessing. I touched one fine and good man.

"He is a good choice for a Church that is getting better, and there is no better person than Francis to rebuild the Church. Pope Francis' gift to the Church is the fruit of grace at this time. He dares to talk about our failures.

### A Call For Prayer

"He called for prayer, and his first move as Pope was going to Our Lady with a bouquet of flowers. This is a man who, like Mary at Cana, sees, feels, and knows where to go.

"We need such people deeply rooted in prayer. He holds a Rosary in his hand, and draws on the Gospel. It is the key that opens all closed doors, and the Pope is showing us the way."

### Fifteen Mysteries Daily

In a tribute to Pope John Paul II written after the Pontiff's death in 2005, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio recounted how the Pope's example inspired him to recite each day the 15 mysteries of the Rosary.

Cardinal Bergoglio wrote, "If I remember well, it was 1985. One

evening I went to recite the Holy Rosary that was being led by the Holy Father. He was in front of everybody, on his knees. The group was numerous. I saw the Holy Father from the back, and little by little, I got lost in prayer. I was not alone. Led by our Pastor, I was praying in the middle of the people of God, to which I, and all those there, belonged.

"In the middle of the prayer, I became distracted looking at the figure of the Pope. His piety and his devotion were a witness. I began to imagine the young priest, the seminarian, the poet, the worker, the child from Wadowice... kneeling in this same position, reciting Ave Maria after Ave Maria.

"His witness struck me. I felt that this man, who was chosen to lead the Church, was following a path up to his Mother in the sky—a path that he had set out upon from his childhood. I became aware of the density of the words of the Mother of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego: 'Do not be afraid; am I not here, who am your Mother?'

"I understood the presence of Mary in our lives. That testimony was not forgotten. From that time on, I have recited the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary every day."

### Medjugorje

For Fr. Jozo Zovko's mission in Argentina in the 1990's, Archbishop Bergoglio made him welcome.

When a fellow Archbishop from Argentina, the presently retired Archbishop Emilio Ognenovich, was planning to visit Medjugorje from May 26 to 31, in 2006, upon arriving there, he reported on the parish website that Cardinal Bergoglio was "very happy" about the Archbishop's pilgrimage there.

Cardinal Bergoglio had also welcomed Fr. Danko, a Franciscan priest from St. James Church in Medjugorje, for his mission through Argentina in 2012.

### Allows Visionary's Testimony

Just prior to the conclave, Cardinal Bergoglio allowed visionary Ivan Dragicevic to spread his witness in Buenos Aires. Only a few days before leaving for Rome to join the conclave that eventually selected him as the new Pope, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio gave his approval for Ivan to share his testimony at Luna Park on March 6, 2013. There, Ivan said that the Gospa is shedding tears of blood for Her children who have been killed by abortion.

Ivan also visited the Malvinas stadium on March 4th, where he packed in about 5,500 people. After prayer and the Holy Mass, Ivan gave his testimony and had a public apparition.

In Her message that evening, the Virgin Mary asked the attendees to care less about the world, more about their souls, and to convert and say "Yes" to God.

The website, *Pueblo de Maria*, reports that the attendees watched in absolute silence when Ivan's apparition began. Afterwards, Ivan said that the Blessed Virgin Mary had given the following message to all of the people in Buenos Aires, and to the world:

### Our Lady's Message

"Dear children, today I invite you to open yourselves to prayer. Little children, you are living in a time in which God gives you great blessings, and you do not know how to take advantage of it. You worry about everything else except your soul and your spiritual life.

"Wake up from this tired world, awaken your soul from its sleep, and with all of your strength, say 'Yes' to God. Decide for holiness and conversion. Dear children, I am with you. I am calling you with all of My soul to perfection and holiness within your soul and in all that you do. Thank you for having responded to My call." +++

## *Our Lady of Fatima, Islam, & 9/11*

from [www.thedefender.org](http://www.thedefender.org)  
by Fr. Franklyn M. McAfee

On the morning of September 11, we as a nation were awakened by the terrorist attacks of monstrous proportion; we awakened to the blind and raging hate toward us, fueled by irrational passions that exist in the dark quarters of the hearts of many people.

We asked the question, "Why do people hate us?" The common mantra is that we are hated because "of our democracy, our freedom, our prosperity," but notice that they never say *our religion*.

A famous university professor and researcher on this topic, Bernard Lewis, said that this is not the case. The reason that we are hated by Muslims is that we are Christian. Our Christianity may be emasculated and secularized, but in their eyes, we are still the "Christian West."

They tell us that the word Islam means *peace*. The word Islam does not mean peace, it means *submission*—which was the goal of Mohammed as his armies traversed the vast Arabian desert, thus unifying the disunited caravan people of Arabia into a common family with one religion and one god.

Mohammed accomplished his goal, but the conversion of these nomadic peoples was not achieved through instruction and evangelization. It was brought about by *sheer force!*

### **Islam Conquers**

His successor, Omar, in the space of nine years conquered for Allah a land-mass greater in size than all of Europe. Omar said, "It behooves us to devour the Christians, and our sons to devour their sons, so long as any of them still remain in the world."

In 634, Persia fell to him. In 636, he besieged Damascus and Syria fell. In 638, he conquered Jerusalem, where he built the famous mosque,

and Palestine fell. In 698, the Muslims took control of ancient Carthage, and in less than ten years, they took all Northern Africa.

Africa was a jewel in the Church—the land of St. Cyprian and St. Augustine, the home of Tertullian, the place where, in the third century, Mass was first celebrated in Latin. At the start of the fifth century, Northern Africa had 700 bishops; now there are only a few.

Then, the Muslim navy set sail for Spain and took control of 90% of that country, and they held it for 700 years!

### **Fear In All of Europe**

For centuries, all of Europe lived in fear of Muslim attacks on land and sea. The Muslims were eventually to conquer parts of Italy and France. They occupied Avignon, the place Catherine of Siena traveled, to tell Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome. The Muslim Turks tried a naval invasion of Europe, but were defeated at the battle of Lepanto in 1571 by a coalition of European States, organized by Pope St. Pius V.

### **Yet, Another Great Battle**

Then came another decisive moment. The Muslim Turks threw all their might into a battle to invade and occupy Europe by advancing on Austria, and occupying the towns along the Danube. Their goal was the city of Vienna.

In Vienna, the call to defend that city went out, and the response was astonishing—workers, merchants, and students, side by side, took up arms to stop the advance of the Muslim army into their beloved city of art and culture.

### **Polish Support**

Pope Innocent XI called for help from the Christian countries of Europe, and John Sobieski, King of Poland, came to Vienna's defense. Against all odds, in an heroic battle on the slopes of Kohlenberg, John Sobieski and his Polish troops defeated and repelled the Muslim

army. The year was 1683, and the date was *September 11*.

As the Muslims fled, the Christian army took back, one by one, the towns along the Danube that had been held by the Muslims. This historic battle ended the power of the Muslim armies, a defeat from which they never fully recovered.

### **Islam**

The great Russian theologian, philosopher, and mystic, Vladimir Soloviev, a very close friend of Dostoevsky, (in fact he was the model for Alyosha Karamozov in the Brothers Karamozov), called Islam the greatest heresy in the entire history of mankind, because it teaches an inhumane god.

Their god did not die to prove his love for all of mankind. There is no conversion in this life—no sacramental encounter with the Divine—no partaking of the Body and Blood of God—no Good Shepherd—no lost lamb returned—no prodigal son—no coming home—no reconciliation. Only: Submit! Submit! Submit!

### **Bishop Sheen's Comments**

In 1952, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, the well known author and lecturer, wrote the following: "The Christian European West barely escaped destruction at the hands of the Muslims. At one point on land, they were stopped near Tours, and at another point, later in time, outside of the gates of Vienna."

### **Rising Again**

Sheen continues, "The Church throughout Northern Africa was practically destroyed by Muslim power, and at the present hour, the Muslims are beginning to rise again.

"If Muslimism is a heresy, as Hilair Belloc, the historian believes it to be, note that it is the only heresy that has never totally declined. Others have had a moment of vigor, and then gone into doctrinal decay at the death of the leader, and finally evaporated in a

vague social movement. Muslimism has only had its first phase. There never was a time in which it totally declined (yes—held at bay, pushed back, but never ended), neither in numbers nor in the devotion of its followers.

### Christian Evangelization

“The Christian missionary efforts of the Church toward this group has been, at least on the surface, a failure, for the Muslims are so far almost inconvertible. At this time, the hatred of the Muslim countries against the West is becoming a hatred against Christianity itself.”

### Things To Consider

Consider that the European birth rate has fallen below the replacement rate; they are disappearing. Muslims are moving into formerly Christian areas, such as Europe and America, and they are increasing since, contrary to the white Europeans and Americans, they do not have abortions and they are not allowed to use birth control.

### Radical Muslims

Radical Muslim leaders have stated that they want Spain back! A few years ago, a terrorist attack in Spain killed hundreds. Spain's government withdrew its troops from Iraq.

Muslim leaders wrote to the Vatican demanding the use of the Cathedral of Cordoba on the grounds that it was once a mosque. The Vatican denied the request. The Cathedral had at one time been a mosque, but before it became one, it was a church.

The venerable statue of St. James Compostela slaying a Moor was removed from the church and was placed in a museum because *it offends Muslims*. (Unfortunately, perhaps, we usually take little action about displays that offend Christianity.)

Many mosques have been built in Spain, and one was dedicated in the presence of Catholic King Carlos. Mosques and being built in many

places in the world now, and unused Christian churches are purchased and being converted into mosques.

### Anti-Christian America

Although the statesmen of our governments apparently have not yet taken it into account, (*or have purposely chosen not to do so*) there is still grave danger that the temporal power of Islam in the world may return. With it, may come the menace that it may shake off a West which has ceased to be Christian, countries which at this time, by our current leadership and laws, *affirm themselves as great anti-Christian world powers*.

And how long do you think that God and nature will allow that to happen? It is imperative now that all devout souls strive for their own Christian perfection, as well as that of their family members and friends.

Do not worry, but rather, pray, obey, and trust in God. Trust means accepting the will of God, according to *all of His* holy arrangements. Then be at total peace. He is yours, and you are His! God is a loving Father, and you may rest assured that He will always take care of us. Praise God for that!

### Mary Is The Key

How did Bishop Sheen know that Islam, once it obtained temporal power, would become a menace, for in 1952, we were at peace with all Muslim governments? He knew it by studying the nature of Islam, and, in his study of Islam, he found the secret antidote for defeating it—*by prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

The Koran teaches Our Lady's immaculate conception, virgin birth, and Her pre-eminence in Heaven. It states, “Oh Mary, God has chosen You and purified You above all the women on earth... higher than any woman on earth... higher than the mother of Mohammed... higher than the daughter of Mohammed.”

Mary is the key. Muslims love our Blessed Mother. This is one thing that we have in common

with them. The Marian shrines in the Holy Land are places of great veneration for the Muslims.

### Fatima

After the death of his daughter, Fatima, Mohammed wrote, “Thou shall be the most blessed of all the women in Paradise, *after Mary*.”

When the Muslims were driven out of Portugal, the Muslim chief had a beautiful daughter named Fatima, named after the prophet Mohammed's daughter. She fell in love with a noble young Catholic man and remained in Portugal, herself becoming a Catholic.

Her young royal husband loved her so much, that he changed the name of the town where they resided to “Fatima.” It was at the *very place* where Our Lady later chose to appear to the three shepherd children!

She became known as *Our Lady of the Rosary*, as well as, *Our Lady of Fatima*. The titles are linked! The Church now celebrates Her feast day on October 13, commemorating the apparitions of the Virgin, and the great Miracle of the Sun, which occurred there in 1917.

### The Miracle Of The Sun

The sun danced in the sky, and then, to the screams of the horrified crowd, started to plunge downward to the earth before finally turning back. Many thought that they were about to die. It was witnessed by more than *75,000 people!*

Since then, pilgrim statues of *Our Lady of Fatima* travel around the world, and often crowds of Muslims join Catholics in waving handkerchiefs in the traditional farewell salute.

Could the Virgin, whose Rosary stopped the Muslims in Lepanto, and whose invocation defeated them at Vienna, be a connection between Fatima and Islam? Are Mary and Her Rosary the answers to terrorism?

In the book of Genesis, God said to the serpent, “I will put enmity between thee and the Woman, between thy seed and Her seed. Thou shalt strike at Her heel, *and She shall crush thy head!* +++

# St. Padre Pio

## & Garabandal

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St. Pio ranks among the Church's great confessors, but for him, the center of his life was his Mass. As a crucified priest, it was his special calling to dramatize the sacrificial offering of Christ during the Mass in its profound and incomparable mystery.

Those who went to San Giovanni for St. Pio's Mass would quickly realize that their day had to be reoriented, since the Mass was at 5 o'clock in the morning. It was always such a moving experience, that often, for more than a half hour after the Mass had ended, the church would still be filled with people kneeling in silence; anything else during the day was anti-climactic.

### His Preparation

From the minute that Padre Pio awakened, he was like a race horse in the starting gate until he could begin Mass. At 12:30 a.m., he would ask Padre Onorato (who assisted him at that time), "What time is it?"

Padre Onorato would reassure him, "It is 12:30. It is still early."

Padre Pio would then insist, "Remember, do not let me be late. I must be up at 1 a.m."

"He could not be late," Padre Onorato explained, "and because of his anxiousness, at 1 o'clock, he was already awake. Then Pio would say, 'Help me to get up. What am I doing in this bed?'"

From 1:30 to 4 o'clock, he would sit in his little armchair, clutching his Rosary. The motion of his lips indicated the devotion of his heart as he prepared for Mass by praying the Rosary.

### Garabandal

A number of times, Padre Pio spoke to various persons about the Virgin of Carmel who appeared

to the four children in Garabandal. On two occasions, he wrote a letter to Conchita.

The first letter was received on March 3, 1962, and it was affixed with an Italian stamp. It was unsigned, and it carried no return address—neither on the envelope nor in the letter.

### The Letter:

*"My Dear Children,*

*"At nine o'clock in the morning, the Holy Virgin told me to say to you: 'Oh blessed girls of San Sebastian de Garabandal! I promise you that I will be with you until the end of the times, and you will be with Me at the end of the world and later, united with Me in the glory of Paradise.'*

*"I am enclosing a written copy of the holy Rosary of Fatima, which the Virgin told me to send to you. The Rosary was composed by the Virgin, and should be propagated for the salvation of sinners, and for the preservation of humanity from the terrible punishments with which the Good God is threatening it.*

*"I give you only one counsel: pray and make others pray, because the world is at the beginning of perdition. They do not believe in you or in your conversations with the Lady in white. They will believe when it is too late."*

### Our Lady Answers

In ecstasy, Conchita then asked Our Lady who it was that wrote the letter, and Our Lady responded that it was Padre Pio. She also gave Conchita a secret message to send to him. Later, Conchita wrote out the message in front of a number of people, and a message of her own, but folded the paper and placed it in an envelope, for no one but Padre Pio to see.

### Meeting With Padre Pio

In January of 1966, Conchita was summoned to Rome. During her 10-day stay in Italy, the following took place: a meeting with Pope Paul VI, an interrogation by Cardinal

Ottaviani, the then Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, meetings with some Vatican members, and a meeting with Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo. All during that meeting, Saint Pio held Conchita's hand and a crucifix that Our Lady had kissed, which Conchita asked Padre Pio to bless.

Perhaps they spoke about their mutual suffering. Once, Padre Pio said, "*While suffering is repugnant to our human nature, if endured with the right spirit, it is so beneficial that if one only knew the value of it, one would gladly exchange pleasure for pain.*"

(You who are suffering or in pain, ponder the above sentence again.)

### Second Letter From Pio

"The second letter for Conchita from Padre Pio was dictated by him to Padre Pellegrino one month before Pio died, on August 22, 1968. The letter said:

*"I pray to the Most Holy Virgin to comfort you and to guide you always toward sanctity, and I bless you with all my heart."*

The letter was given to Ms. Luigina Sinapi to hand carry to Conchita. With it, Luigina was also instructed to give to Conchita a souvenir of Padre Pio, the veil that covered his face as he lay in state.

(Some years back, at a monthly prayer meeting in the Bronx starting with a Mass, which was often said by the local bishop and attended by Conchita, many other persons, including Dr. Rosalie Turton, were shown this precious relic.)

### A Prophecy

Conchita also received some consolation regarding what seemed to have been a failed prophecy. In a vision, she had been told that Padre Pio and the Pope would see the Miracle. However, when Padre Pio died, she was perplexed. She mentioned this to Fr. Bernardino Cennamo, and he said to her that Padre Pio himself had told him that he had seen the great Miracle. The same thing then happened with Pope John Paul II. +++

# Revelations & Current Events

by Dr. Courtenay Bartholomew

**R**ecently, Professor Courtenay Bartholomew published his eighth book entitled "The End of This Era: A linkage of Science and Religion" (B055, \$12.95). He chose for the cover, an angel pointing to a large meteor or asteroid plummeting toward Earth. The book has been endorsed by two leading U.S. scientists. Because of its relevance to a number of recent happenings, he sent us this commentary. +++

On February 11, the world was shocked when Benedict XVI announced that he would resign from the papacy. Is it coincidence that he chose that date, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes?

Now, what is perhaps not widely known is that after the announcement of the historic resignation, it is recorded that two bolts of lightning struck the dome of St. Peter's Basilica that same night. The question, of course is, what is its significance, (if any)? There are those, however, who believe that it may not be a good omen.

Perhaps of significance also, just four days later, on February 15, a small meteor, which had broken off from an asteroid, was seen over Russia's Ural Mountains. At a speed of 30,000 miles an hour, most of it burnt up as it entered the Earth's atmosphere and crashed into the Chelyabinsk region of Russia, with a power and force equivalent to that of several atomic bombs! The noise and shockwave from the blast shattered the glass in over a thousand buildings!

Coincidentally (or was it?), on the same day, February 15, within hours of the meteor strike, a much larger asteroid (an object in space made of rock and metal), named Asteroid 2012, the size of an Olympic swimming pool, passed just 17,000 miles away from planet Earth (the diameter of the Earth is 8,000 miles).

It was the closest ever recorded pass-by of an object that size. Had it hit the Earth, it would have been catastrophic! *Signs of things to come?*

Indeed, some asteroids may be as large as half a mile or more. That said, Dr. Michael Griffith, the Administrator of NASA, (the National Aeronautics and Space Administration), said in April, 2004: "Impacts greater than 1 km will result in worldwide damage."

Now, for a good number of years, I have been led to research the alleged apparitions and miracles of Our Lady from both a religious and scientific point of view.

To be brief, in my last book I detailed two Marian apparitions which are very relevant to the recent events, the visionaries of which I have personally met. After decades of investigations by the Roman Catholic Church, they were eventually approved as authentic.

## Our Lady of All Nations

The first were the many private apparitions of Our Blessed Mother to Ida Peerdeman in Amsterdam, which began on March 25, 1945, feast of the Annunciation, and ended on May 31, 1959, which, at that time, was the feast of the Queenship of Mary. In Amsterdam, She called Herself the *Lady of all Nations*, and was first seen by Ida standing in front of the Cross of Her Son.

Several years ago, I visited Ida in her home and had an hour-long conversation with that simple and humble lady. Among the Blessed Virgin's prophecies to her, many of which have since come to pass, was this one that is pertinent to what I have written about above: "The world has embarked upon corruption. The world will suffer calamity upon calamity. This materialistic world is rushing into economic ruin. There will be cataclysms upon cataclysms... there are meteors. Look out for them."

## Our Lady of Akita

The other relevant apparition, which I cited in my book, took

place in a small village in Akita, Japan, in the convent of the Handmaids of the Holy Eucharist, where the Blessed Virgin spoke to Sr. Agnes Sasagawa, a holy Japanese nun, on October 13, 1973.

Most significantly, this is the anniversary date of the awesome and undisputed miracle of the sun in Fatima, Portugal, which defied normal scientific laws and changed colors (a phenomenon which I was also privileged to witness in Medjugorje, in 1987). However, on October 13, 1917, in Fatima, the sun was seen to plummet towards the Earth, but suddenly it retreated to its celestial abode.

I have traveled to Akita on two occasions and spoke to the now aged Sr. Agnes, and her nuns. Our Lady had spoken to her in the chapel through a statue which came to life. Interestingly, it had been carved in the image of *Our Lady of All Nations*, as She first appeared to Ida in Amsterdam!

Among other things, Our Lady said: "The work of the devil will infiltrate even the Church, and one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, and bishops against other bishops." Then She added, "If men do not repent and better themselves, the Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all of humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the Flood, such as one would never have seen before. Fire will fall from the sky and wipe out a great part of humanity—the good as well as the bad. The only arms which still remain for you will be the Rosary, and the Sign left by My Son."

As a young theologian, Joseph Ratzinger perceived a vision of the Church, after some "enormous confusion," in serious crises—but a Church which would find Herself being reborn again as a "simpler and more spiritual" entity.

On Ash Wednesday, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI also spoke of "divisions which besmirched the face of the Church." But ultimately, we are certain that our Church is protected by the Holy Spirit, and that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. +++

# The Tribulation

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The Tribulation is the first of the four great future events prophesied at Garabandal, and while it is not supernatural, like the other three—the Warning, the Miracle, and the Great Sign, all four will occur in the order mentioned above. Our Lady told the children at Garabandal that its outbreak will signal the beginning of the “end of our times.”

## After The Tribulation

The four seers learned of the coming Tribulation on 6/19/62, the first of two nights that have come to be known as “The Nights of the Screams...” The second night of the screams dealt with the *Chastisement*, occurring later on in time.

When the visions unfolded before the eyes of the seers, they were terrified and let out horrific screams—not the normal screams of 13-year old girls. In 1967 they spoke and wrote about those visions.

Mari Loli said as follows: “In spite of continuing to see the Virgin during the first night of the screams, we saw a great multitude of people who were suffering intensely and screaming in terror.

“The Blessed Virgin explained to us that this great Tribulation would come to us because a time would arrive when the Church would appear to be on the point of perishing. It would pass through a terrible trial, and we asked the Virgin what this great trial was called... and She told us that it was “Communism.”

## Communism Dead?

But isn't Communism dead, at least Russian Communism, since much of Asia is still red?

Not according to Garabandal. Russia will make one last all-out attempt at world domination. Mari Loli, being interviewed by Fr. Francis Benac, S.J., in 1978, said: “Our Lady spoke several times about Communism. I do not remember how many times, but She said that a time would come when it would seem that Communism had mastered or engulfed the whole world.

“I think that it was then that She told us that priests would have difficulty saying Mass, as well as talking about God and divine things. Our Lady said that priests would have to go into hiding, but I did not see whether they were being killed or not. She did not say they would be killed, but I am sure they would be martyred.”

“It is all related to Communism, —the things that are going to happen in the Church and to the people—because all of these things will have repercussions among the people. When the Church suffers confusion, the people are going to suffer as well. Some priests who are Communists will create such confusion that people will not know right from wrong.”

## Become A Communist Agent

Fr. Walter Ciszek, S.J., who spent 23 years in Soviet prisons and Siberian labor camps, lived to tell about it in his books, “*With God In Russia*” and “*He Leadeth Me*” (we have the latter book on audio tapes).

Father Ciszek mentioned that the Communists tried to recruit him, promising him all kinds of benefits if he would work as their agent in the Church and join the network that was already in place.

## Spain And Russia

Conchita's Aunt Antonia testified to having heard the visionaries say in ecstasy, that, “*If we do not amend our ways, Russia will take over the whole world.*”

Some references have been made specifically to Spain. On February 23, 1943, Sister Lucy of Fatima, who spent 21 years in Spain in Tuy and Pontevedra, sent a statement to Bishop Antonio Garcia of Tuy-Vigo, which read, “If the bishops of Spain listen to the desires already manifested by Our Lord, and begin a true reform of the people and clergy, then it will go well—but if not, Russia will again be the enemy by which God will punish Spain once more.”

Conchita said that, “Communism will return to Spain,” but she went on to say that, “It will suffer less than other areas of Europe because of the persecution it had already endured during the Spanish Civil War (1936-39) where 13 bishops and more than 7000 priests and religious were put to death.”

## Italy and Russia

Blessed Sr. Elena Aiello, mystic and stigmatist, who received revelations of future events said, “Russia will march upon all the nations of Europe, particularly Italy, and will raise her flag over the Dome of St. Peter's. Italy will be severely tried by a great revolution, and Rome will be purified in blood for its many sins, especially those of impurity! The flock is about to be dispersed and the Pope will suffer greatly!”

## Valtorta And Italy

In the book, *The End Times*, Chapter 64 is titled *The Collapse of Italy*. Jesus speaking to Maria Valtorta, says of Italy, “I had chosen you for the loftiest destiny and had entrusted you with the gems of My Redemption and with My Doctrine in the Church, which thrives in your land like a palm tree and a cedar; the Church, from which honey and wine stream, and in which all the living who want to have shelter in the true ark of eternal salvation do find a shelter.

“Instead, you have chosen lust, arrogance, cruelty, greed, falsehood,

corruption, and satanism. Thus, punishment you draw upon yourselves, punishment you devise with your own hands, punishment you inflict on yourselves, and you call upon the one who ruins you, and not upon the One who would still forgive you."

### Before The Warning!

In 1979, Jacinta of Garabandal, said, "The Warning will occur when the Tribulation will be at its worst." With no human force able to stop the persecutions, God will intervene with the Warning.

To sum it all up, a worldwide Communist takeover led by Russia will appear to have succeeded, and in the midst of this frightful aggression will be a harrowing persecution of the Church. Priests will go into hiding, the churches will be boarded up, and it will become very difficult for the faithful to practice their religion.

According to the Jan/Feb 2012, issue of the *Garabandal Journal*, (pp. 16/17) it will be as though the Church has disappeared, but *after the Warning*, there will be a great turning to God.

### All Nations Will Shake

What follows is from an article written by Fr. Joseph Brennan, O.S.C., in the *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*, 5/83. He mentions scripture telling us: "I will shake all the nations!" Is it possible that these words of God's holy prophet will see their fulfillment in our own times?

The world crises today are in every major area of human affairs, and it is *immediately pressing and universal* in extension.

### Exceptional Prophets

In the last 200 years, God has given the Catholic Church a line of prophets that have been exceptional and dramatic.

(Many were visionaries of Our Lady, who are now beatified, canonized, or are about to be... Francisco, Jacinta, Lucia, Bernadette,

etc.). The sun danced at Fatima, springs of water gushed from the rock at Lourdes, statues wept in Sicily, and many miracles of healing and conversion abound at all these places. Daily, new signs occur there indicating, by this intense prophetic activity, that the times which are targeted for us are upon us.

Four Popes, known for their holiness and learning, have in their teaching and prophetic office, dealt with the very times that we are passing through. They are: Pius IX, Leo XIII, St. Pius X, and Pius XII. *Among* the canonized or beatified saints that have dealt prophetically with this same period are Saints Don Bosco, Louis De Montfort, Frances of Rome, and Bl. Anna Marie Taigi.

### What They Disclose

The burden of these prophetic messages of Our Lady, the Popes, and the holy men and women mentioned, can be summarized thus:

1) They foretell a time of unprecedented and terrible confusion and suffering unlike anything ever experienced in human history. It will affect every area of human life. Everything on earth, including the earth itself, will be shaken to its core. Many institutions will never rise again, though they be very ancient.

2) Christianity will undergo its most severe test as of yet. There will be many casualties, many purifications. Such confusion will reign that it will appear that Christianity has almost vanished.

3) But then, as to fulfill what Jesus said, "Unless those days be shortened, no flesh shall survive," there will be a direct Divine intervention, both amazing and terrible, that will completely reverse the course of world events. This intervention will occur in response to the prayers, sufferings, and outcries of millions of afflicted humanity.

4) As a result, there will be a turning to God that will match the apostasy from God that preceded it, and, as Our Lady said at Fatima,

*"In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph, and an era of peace will be granted to all humanity."* This will be a peace such as the world has never known, and it will endure for a long time.

5) The conditions, the good as well as the bad, described above, will apply worldwide. *No human being will be exempt from them.*

One of the distinctive marks of all this is that special role that God has assigned to Mary in the solution of this crisis, as well as in the prophetic elements that preceded it.

(Editor's note: For more information about these times and Our Lady's involvement, read more about Garabandal and Medjugorje, which cannot be approved until all comes to pass.)

### Despair! No!

But ought all this plunge us into despair? Not at all. We believe in God and in the high and holy purposes that He has in His creation; and, at no point can God's creation be outside His governance. Any control He cedes to others, in reference to His works, is only partial and conditional. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

God is the Lord of history, and we know that in the past, He has often revealed His plans to His people, for the times they were living in. "For the Lord God does nothing without revealing His secrets to His servants, the prophets" (Amos 3:7). St. Thomas Aquinas, taught, "In every generation, God sends prophets to His Church."

### Sent To Prepare Us

It is very important for us to recognize that God does not send His prophets to merely satisfy our curiosity about the future, *but to spiritually prepare us for that future*. When people heeded the prophets that were sent to them, they were saved. When they ignored them they paid the price, and the price was always high. Pray and obey. +++

## Ask Me For Guidance

from *The Curate's Diary*, 3/13

*The monthly message of Jesus as mediated by the visionary Anne, is as follows. Jesus speaks:*

I wish to tell the world of My Love. Dearest children of God, you will be welcomed in Heaven. You have a family here who prepares for your arrival.

Each soul on earth is steadily making progress on its earthly journey, in that you are steadily approaching the end of your life, even if you will live to a very old age. If we begin with that thought, My next thought will make even more sense to you.

### What Will You Bring To Me?

I wish you to consider what it is you will bring to Me when I come for you. Will you bring Me *kindness to others*? Will you bring Me *service to your family*? Will you bring Me a *duty fulfilled in obedience and dignity*?

You see, little souls, I will not ask you for your material possessions, because they will have no value here, *unless you used these possessions to help others*. Only then can material possessions acquire heavenly value.

### You Are Here To Serve

I have placed you in the world to serve. I am with you in each day, but *you must also be with Me*.

### Ask Me For Guidance

Dearest Children, *ask Me for guidance* and I will tell you how I wish you to serve. +++

*Footnote: Fr. T. Doyle, Editor of "The Curate's Diary," states that as nothing is printed without Anne's bishop's permission, these messages are "safe."* +++

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