

The Apparitions At Fatima.

Fatima is a little town in Portugal. It has become famous throughout the world, because Our Blessed Lady appeared there to three Portuguese children. The day was May 13, 1917. World War I was at its peak. Our Lady appeared a number of times to these children. This Sunday, Mother's Day, is the anniversary of the first apparition. As a preparation for the feast, it is worthwhile to ponder seriously a prophecy of Our Lady, which seems to have been fulfilled by the present war. Note the stress Our Blessed Mother places on sin as the cause of world disorder. Sinners should realize that they are prolonging the war. This is what Our Lady said to the three children at Fatima:

"You have seen the inferno where the souls of sinners end. To save souls, the Lord desires that devotion to my Immaculate Heart be established in the world. If what I tell you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war will end; but if they do not cease to offend the Lord, not much time will elapse and precisely during the next Pontificate, another and more terrible one will commence.

"When a night illuminated by an unknown light is seen, know that is the signal that God give you that the castigation of the world for its many transgressions is at hand, through war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and the Holy Father. To prevent this, I ask the consecration of the world to my Immaculate Heart and Communion in reparation on the first Saturday of each month.

"If my requests are heard, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. Otherwise, great errors will be spread through the world, giving rise to wars and persecutions against the Church; the good will suffer martyrdom, and the Holy Father will have to suffer much; different nations will be destroyed; but, in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph and an era of peace will be conceded to humanity."

On the occasion of another apparition, Our Blessed Mother said: "I am the Lady of the Rosary. And I have come to warn the Faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not continue to offend Our Lord already so deeply offended. **THEY MUST SAY THE ROSARY.**"

Every Notre Dame student should join the movement started by Father Pat Peyton, C.S.C., a Notre Dame man, and recite the Rosary every day. Father Peyton has arranged for a nation-wide broadcast over the Mutual System on Mother's Day. The Rosary will be recited over the radio. The mother and sister of the Five Sullivans who were lost early in the war, will lead the unseen audience. If you do not recite the Rosary with the radio congregation (10:30 A.M.), then say it in private at the Grotto or at Adoration at 7:00 P.M. Carry a Rosary with you, and form the habit of reciting it every day -- Our Blessed Mother has asked us to do this for sinners and for the world.

"Make Mother's Day-A Day Of Prayer.  
(The request of President Truman)

With the war dead, peace and thanksgiving in mind, Notre Dame is responding to the President's request with the following program in which you should participate generously. Sunday Morning Solemn Mass at 9:00 A.M. (other Masses at usual time.)

Afternoon: Adoration in Church from 12:00 to 7:00 P.M.  
(Plan to make a half-hour before supper.)

Evening: Rosary with Solemn Benediction at 7:00 P.M.

AND DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR YOUR MOTHER