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Our Lady's Appeal At Fatima

On May 13, 1917, Our Blessed Mother appeared to three little children near Fatima in Portugal and asked for a number of favors. Her first request was this:

"Would you like to offer yourselves to God, to make sacrifices and to accept willingly all the sufferings it may please Him to send you, in order to make reparation for so many sins which offend the Divine Majesty, to obtain the conversion of sinners, and to make amends for all the blasphemies and offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary?"

Two months later, Our Lady made the same appeal to the children, this time adding a prayer.

"Sacrifice yourself for sinners, and say often, especially when you make sacrifices, "Oh Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary!"

During the same apparition Our Lady of Fatima gave the children a prayer she wanted recited after each decade of the rosary:

"Oh Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy. "

In August 1917, our Blessed Mother appeared once more, and her appeal was again for the needs of sinners:

"Pray, pray very much, make sacrifices for sinners. Remember that many souls are lost because there is nobody to pray and to make sacrifices for them".

God allows a number of crosses to enter our lives every day; headaches, disappointment, trials and sufferings of one sort or another. These are opportunities He offers us in saving sinners. Learn never to complain about misfortune, recalling that your patience will save many souls from hell daily.

Lazy Bones

A number of years ago, the following question was asked in a Religious Survey: How much time do you waste each day? A few of the answers given by the students will help you examine your conscience.

"More than I should considering the sacrifices my parents make to send me to school."

"Too much, considering my grades." (class average, 70)

"None, I don't even go to a show."

"I am never more disagreeable than when I really waste time."

"The entire day, as I do not take myself seriously."

PRAYERS: (deceased) uncle of Don Karducci (St. Eds); mother of Dominic Palermini (AL); cousin of Ray Wichmann (Z). (Ill) Bob Hamilton, '34 operation soon; brother of James Sullivan (Cav), ruptured appendix; Charles Hayes, friend of Howard Vissering (Z). Two Thanksgivings. Two special Intentions.