

The October Miracle

Our Blessed Mother did something unusual at Fatima. She predicated a miracle, and gave not only the place and date, but the very hour. Little wonder then that a tremendous crowd gathered to witness the supernatural wonder. 70,000 pilgrims were present. We get an idea of the numbers when we recall that the Notre Dame stadium holds only 55,000 when filled to capacity.

Rain fell all morning of the day foretold, October 13. The people were soaked to the skin. But they did not go away. While waiting the Rosary was said and popular hymns were sung. At noon, the hour predicted, Lucy cried, "Here she is! Here she is!"

The Lady spoke only after Lucy inquired, "What do you want of me?"

"I want to tell you that they must build a chapel here in my honor; that I am the Lady of the Rosary; that they continue to say the Rosary every day. The war will end and the soldiers will return to their homes soon."

Lucy asked if the Lady planned to grant the favors she was anxious to obtain. "Some I will grant, others I will not. They must mend their lives, ask forgiveness for their sins. Men must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already much offended."

Then the Lady pointed towards the sun. For twelve minutes the crowd witnessed a grand spectacle. The sun suddenly trembled and shook, making some abrupt movements, and finally began turning giddily on itself like a wheel of fire, casting in all directions great beams of light. These beams changed from one color to another, and these colors were cast over the clouds, trees, rocks and the clothes and faces of the crowd.

After about four minutes the sun stopped. A moment later it resumed a second time its fantastic motion and dance of colored fire. Then it stopped for a short time and began again.

In the midst of its crazy dance the sun left its place in the heavens and began falling in a zigzag fashion upon the crowd below, sending out heat as it fell. The crowd became terrified; many began to say the Act of Contrition aloud, and to confess their sins. But the sun stopped suddenly and climbed back into its place, zigzagging as it had come down.

When the crowd had recovered its composure, it was discovered that everyone was perfectly dry.

This was the great miracle. Its purpose was to compel men to believe in the truth of the apparitions and to obey the message which Our Lady had given them through the medium of the children of Fatima.

PRAYERS: (Ill) mother of Norman, '33 and Richard, '38 Bowes, serious; Clarence Galeley, relative of Poy O'Neil (Morr), serious; mother of Father Robert Kane (Far); mother, father, niece of Bill Leonard (Dil), critical after auto accident; father of Jim G. Sullivan (Law School); two friends of Jim Jansen, auto accident. Three special Intentions.

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