



The Great Promise

At Fatima the Blessed Virgin said to Lucy, one of the three children to whom she appeared monthly from May to October: "Look, my daughter, my Heart is all pierced with thorns, which men drive into it every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Console me, and let men know that --

I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months will go to confession, receive Holy Communion, recite the beads, and keep me company during a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the purpose of making reparation.

Confession may be made eight days before or after the First Saturday Communion. Meditation may bear on one or several mysteries of the Rosary; meditation on all fifteen Mysteries is not required. The daily Rosary with meditation suffices, if said in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as she requested.

Tomorrow is the first Saturday of the month. It will be very easy for you to make these five First Saturdays. You will be at Notre Dame for four of them and the fifth Saturday will find you in church wherever you are, because it is New Year's Day.

What Our Lady actually promises you is the assurance of extra special graces to help you reach Heaven. If you use these graces, you will be saved. It does not mean that you can play havoc with the Ten Commandments and then expect to be dragged into Heaven by Our Lady. Those who make the First Saturdays will have a better hold on Heaven.

Prayers

A student asks that you pray for his infant nephew who has been attacked by a strange disease which, most likely, will retard the baby's growth for life. It will be a splendid act of charity for you to include this youngster in your Novena to Our Lady of Fatima. (The Novena devotions will consist of: daily Rosary, Mass, Communion and a visit to the Grotto)

(Deceased) mother of John Waters (OC); Mrs. Spencer, friend of Eugene Maguire (Dil); mother of Donald Fullem, '31; Edward McCann (Utica), brother of Mother James Marie, SSJ. (Ill) Mary Taylor, friend of Mike McGuirl (Wal). Four Special Intentions.