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We Start The Rosary Month

Sometime ago, a Maryknoll missionary, Father Robert Greene, was confronted by a Chinese communist general who made the diabolical boast: "You say you're the chosen of God. Well, we're the picked troops of Satan. We'll see who wins!" That's the group that would destroy the Mystical Body of Christ -- of which we are all members. And the group means business.

When you get a wound, you apply an antiseptic to ward off infection. And so it is with the Mystical Body of Christ. Communism is a virus threatening to destroy whole sections of that Mystical Body.

The antiseptic against this diabolical virus, if Our Lady's message at Fatima means anything at all, is Prayer and Penance. The charity of Christ urges each member of the Mystical Body to do his part by praying for those held in the diabolical clutches of atheistic communism.

Furthermore, Our Blessed Mother is the mediatrix of all graces. No petition can come to Christ except through her -- nor can any grace come from Christ except through Mary. She is the one member of Christ's Mystical Body who mediates between the Head and the members, helping to apply even the least gift that flows from Christ to every least member of the Body.

A Comparison

"Mary is to the modern world what the prophets were to the old world," says Bishop Sheen. "The prophets came to warn the people and to urge them to return to God. They came to beg God for mercy for their people. This is the role that Mary plays for us today in her apparitions."

At Fatima she laid down the conditions for ending the Red Menace:

- 1) Sacrifice: The sacrifice demanded of everyone is fulfillment of his duties in life and the observance of God's law.
- 2) Rosary: Say the family rosary every day. And after each decade say: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell; and lead all souls to heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy mercy."
- 3) Consecration: We must give ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We must, at the cost of great sacrifice, live that consecration.
- 4) First Saturdays: Go to Confession and Communion, say 5 decades of the rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries.

Your reward: She assures you the graces necessary for your own salvation.

Note that Our Lady declared: "War is a punishment from God for sin." Statesmen, diplomats, politicians -- all can babble endlessly; but they won't explain world conditions -- and their solution -- half so well as do Our Lady's words. Hence, every day during the month of October there will be public recitation of the rosary at 5 p.m. in the Lady Chapel of Sacred Heart Church. If you miss this, there will be the Family Rosary in your hall chapel later in the evening. Don't miss it!