

# Regina Coeli REPORT

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## PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

During the night of March 5 – 6, 1922, Freemasons placed 4 bombs in the Capelinha (the Chapel of Apparitions) and 1 in the adjacent holm oak tree where Our Lady had appeared to the 3 children at FATIMA, PORTUGAL in an attempt to stop the ever-increasing devotion to the apparitions. Though the bomb in the holm oak failed to detonate, 2 within the Capelinha were successfully exploded severely damaging the little chapel. On May 13th, with 20,000 attending, a Mass of reparation was said, and by the end of 1922, the restoration of the chapel began.



The Capelinha after the 1922 Freemasonic bombing, which shows the roof blown wide open.

Eighty-two years and a month later on the morning of May 5, 2004, a group of Hindus were allowed by the Fatima shrine's rector, Monsignore Luciano Guerra, to enter the sanctuary of the chapel surrounding the restored Capelinha and perform a pagan ritual at its altar. Instead of ordering an act of reparation though, Msgr. Guerra (and the local bishop of Leiria-Fatima) officially received the group of Hindus after the ceremony, who presented and placed upon him a pagan prayer shawl.

Only after having come under intense international fire by outraged Catholics did Msgr. Guerra at the end of June attempt first to deny that a "*ritual was performed on or off the altar*" and then to distance himself from the sacrilege by claiming he did not authorize it.<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless, he refused to offer reparation, neither did the local bishop, the Portuguese apostolic nuncio or even the Vatican demand such an act. Due to this scandalous lack of response by Church authorities, Bishop Bernard Fellay decided that the SSPX should undertake a pilgrimage of reparation to Fatima in August 2005.

To some, this authorized ecumenical sacrilege came as completely unexpected at a place such as Fatima, yet, it had



A frame from TV footage shot on May 5, 2004, showing the vested Hindu "priest" chanting a prayer at the altar in the chapel that encompasses the Capelinha (out of picture to the right).

Contrasting the "welcome" given to the SSPX pilgrims, the Hindus were immediately afterwards formally received by the waiting rector, Msgr. Guerra, and Bishop Serafim Silva of the Leiria-Fatima diocese.



In gratitude for being allowed use of the Capelinha, the Hindus presented and draped Msgr. Guerra with a pagan prayer shawl.

During the reception, the Hindus were shown the model of the new, banjo-shaped, ecumenical church, a place that shrine authorities intend to use for inter-religious purposes.



been long in the making, and certain Catholic magazines such as *The Fatima Crusader* and *Catholic Family News* had been presenting evidence warning of an impending ecumenical event, specifically with the Hindus. To the liberal mind though, Fatima is one of the most logical places to implement ecumenism in order to diffuse and ultimately dismantle the completely

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Catholic message of Fatima.

One could say that the events began in 1992 when Msgr. Guerra, the shrine's rector since 1973, held an ecumenical congress in Fatima from May 9 – 12 titled, "Peace and Fatima". One of the speakers invited to speak at the congress was Prof. Robert Muller, Chancellor of the United Nations University for Peace, who said, "*Ecumenism is outmoded now. We must now move to universal religiosity and spirituality under the aegis of one-world government, which will soon see the light of day...*"<sup>2</sup>

This was not a lone statement, for it was repeated 11 years later by Fr. Jacques Dupuis, S.J., in Fatima on October 11, 2003, during the Pan-Religious Conference, "The Present of Man –the Future of God: the Place of Sanctuaries in Relation to the Sacred": "*The religion of the future will be a general convergence of all religions into one universal Christ which will satisfy everyone.*" He also stated that the dogma of *nulla salus extra Ecclesiam* is a "*horrible text*" and that ecumenical dialogue serves not to convert souls to the Church, but to make "*a Christian a better Christian, a Hindu a better Hindu*". Rather than denouncing these liberal remarks as un-Catholic, they were instead applauded by Msgr. Guerra and other delegates at the congress. This is not surprising though, considering that Msgr. Guerra made this comment during the same conference:

The future of Fatima, or the adoration of God and His Mother at this holy Shrine, must pass through the creation of a shrine where different religions can mingle. The inter-religious dialogue in Portugal, and in the Catholic Church, is still in an embryonic phase, but the Shrine of Fatima is not indifferent to this fact and is already open to being a universalistic place of vocation.<sup>3</sup>

Meanwhile, various neo-conservatives in the Church<sup>4</sup> were attempting to deny or obfuscate that anything bad was being planned for Fatima using such veiled statements as "Fatima Will Retain Its Catholic Identity." This especially was true for the building of the inter-religious church and the upcoming Hindu sacrilege (cf. the news section of [www.fatima.org](http://www.fatima.org) for an in-depth look at the subterfuge that the neo-conservative Catholic media waged before and after the Hindu sacrilege). Time not long running proved the exact opposite though.

The SSPX's Pilgrimage of Reparation in Fatima was indeed a success and Fr. Fullerton gives a description of its events in his letter contained in this issue of the *Regina Coeli Report*. Let us hope that God and Our Lady were greatly appeased by our efforts to repair the sacrilege committed on May 5, 2004, and that the wrath so deserved by such a crime has been diverted.

#### FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup> Msgr. Guerra's June 29, 2004 communiqué given to the Portuguese media.

<sup>2</sup> *The Fatima Crusader* magazine, Winter 1993, #43, p.22.

<sup>3</sup> Statements from the former 2 paragraphs quoted in the October 24, 2003 issue of the bi-weekly Fatima newspaper, *Noticias de Fatima*, under the heading, "Santuario a Varios Cremos" ("Sanctuary of Various Creeds"). For coverage on the conference, cf. Mr. John Vennari's expose, "Fatima to Become Interfaith Shrine?", available at: <http://www.fatima.org/news/newsviews/sprep111303.asp>.

#### FOOTNOTES continued...

<sup>4</sup> Chief among them is Fr. Robert Fox, director of the Fatima Family Apostolate, and Mother Angelica's EWTN, who erroneously maintain that Our Lady of Fatima's request to have Russia consecrated to her Immaculate Heart has already been fulfilled.

## CHRONOLOGY OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS

**Spring 1916:** The Angel of Peace appears to the Seers of Fatima, Lucia de Jesus (aged 10), and her cousins Francisco (9) and Jacinta Marto (7) and teaches them a prayer of adoration.

**Summer 1916:** The Angel, as the Guardian of Portugal, appears again and asks them to make sacrifices for the reparation of sins and the conversion of sinners.

**Fall 1916:** The Angel appears with the Blessed Sacrament, teaches the children a prayer of adoration to the Real Presence and gives them Holy Communion.

**May 13, 1917:** Our Lady appears to the children in the *Cova da Iria*, requests their presence at the same place at the same hour on the 13th day of the month, for 6 successive months and says she will come a 7th time. She encourages them to recite the Rosary every day.

**June 13, 1917:** With 50 spectators present, Our Lady asks the children to learn how to read. Lucia is told that she will remain on earth for awhile "*to establish ... devotion to my Immaculate Heart*", though Francisco and Jacinta will go to Heaven soon.

**July 13, 1917:** 5,000 people attend. Our Lady says she will perform a miracle during the October apparition. Hell is shown to the children, she requests Russia to be consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart, gives the First Saturday promise, the Fatima Prayer for the Rosary, and the Third Secret.

**August 13, 1917:** 10,000 to 20,000 people gather, but the children, having been imprisoned by the Freemasonic district administrator, do not come. Despite their absence, Our Lady manifests her presence to the crowd.

**August 19, 1917:** The scattered children sense that something supernatural will occur this day, and so hastily assemble in the *Cova da Iria*. Our Lady appears, requests that a chapel be built there and gives some details of the promised miracle.

**September 13, 1917:** 30,000 people gathered and she reiterates her various requests. She tells the children that Our Lord is pleased with their sacrifices, but they should wear the rough rope "*only during the day.*"

**October 13, 1917:** 70,000 come to the the *Cova da Iria* despite a persistent cold rain throughout the night and into the morning, soaking everything and making the ground muddy. Our Lady appears and then the great Miracle of the Sun occurs.

**May 3, 1922:** The local ordinary of the diocese of Leiria (- Fatima), Bishop Giuseppe Correia da Silva, begins the canonical process for giving ecclesiastical approval to the Fatima events.

**October 13, 1930:** Bishop Correia da Silva declares the Fatima apparitions worthy of belief and authorizes the *cultus* of Our Lady of Fatima.

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September 1, 2005

Dear friends and benefactors of the Society of Saint Pius X,

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and sacrifices made for the intentions of the recent pilgrimage of reparation in Fatima on the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

It was a great pleasure to see that several hundred of our U.S. faithful had made the trip to Fatima in order to unite with several thousands from many other countries on this momentous occasion.

For those of you who were unable to make the trip, yet joined us in spirit, a brief account of the events might be of interest.

The program began on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Conferences were given in four different languages on the purpose of the pilgrimage – to make reparation to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary and especially for the public desecration of the Fatima Shrine itself on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Fr. Couture gave the conference in English to a crowd of nearly 400 pilgrims, who overflowed into the hallways outside the conference room. In the evening a film was shown on the current crises within the Church.

On Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. our Superior General, Bishop Bernard Fellay, celebrated a Pontifical High Mass in a field about a mile from the shrine. During the sermon he spoke to the crowd of nearly 2500 about the reasons for this pilgrimage. "This time what calls us here is the wrath of God; His anger and indignation in front of what is happening – offenses against the Glory of God and against the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and much more – the eradication of the real message of Fatima; offenses which in whole are in line with the new theology introduced at the time of the Second Vatican Council, which generated the New Mass and Ecumenism. We are here to recall and remember what the Blessed Virgin Mary really said and why she came and that she called for prayer and penance – in the sense of reparation for our sins and for those of others."

In the afternoon many of the faithful attended the Stations of the Cross, long ago erected on the hill where Our Lady appeared on August 19<sup>th</sup>, near Aljustrel the town where the three children lived. The group following the Stations in English was quite impressive as nearly 400 made the climb from station to station to the summit.

That night a vigil of prayer was held before the Blessed Sacrament from 10:30 to midnight.

Then on Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup> the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was celebrated by Fr. Schmidberger at 11:30 a.m. There followed several short inspirational sermons and then the procession to the Sanctuary of the Apparitions. The group of nearly 200 priests and religious and over 2000 faithful stretched out through the streets of Fatima as it headed toward the Shrine.

As we entered the Shrine grounds the excitement soon began. With the clergy leading, one of the security personnel tried to silence our small PA system, indicating that it was forbidden on the Shrine grounds. One young man holding one of the speakers indicated

that he could not turn it off and after a few excited words the guard walked away.

Meanwhile the group proceeded toward the little Chapel of the Apparitions, where the Shrine Rector had allowed the desecration to take place. A bit of a surprise awaited us there. As the Cross-bearer and Acolytes approached the entrance to the Capelhina they were prevented from entering by a barricade set up by a group of security guards. The guards claimed that we needed written permission to enter, even though our prior in Fatima, Fr. Maret, had already set up an appointment for an hour of prayer with the Shrine Rector. As the long line of pilgrims continued to file into the Shrine grounds it appeared that the guards soon thought better of this and opened the barricade for us to enter. All then filed in and knelt around the Capelhina to pray.

It immediately became evident, however, that the Shrine officials did not intend to allow us to pray in peace. It seems that the time of our visit had also been chosen as a good time for the cleaning of the Sanctuary, which continued with vacuum cleaners roaring, through the first half of our Rosary. After the third decade the cleaning women were replaced by several sisters who, using the Capelhina speaker system, tried to drown out our hymns and prayers with their own. The struggle soon came to a climax when one fired up young brother jumped over the barrier in order to try and take the sisters' microphone away. Security guards were quick to respond, being almost as quick as the sisters were to depart, and they grabbed the young brother and forced him back over the barrier. The shrine authorities then retaliated by blasting music over the Shrine's larger speaker system.

Despite the attempt to drive us off, we continued with our prayers of reparation and, after finishing our rosary, we made the Act of Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Bishop Fellay, then gave his blessing to the pilgrims and as we processed from the Capelhina a hearty round of applause went up from the crowd.

Thus was performed a small, yet significant, act of reparation for the glory of God and honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We must all continue to perform such acts of reparation in our daily lives especially by prayer and penance, as Our Lady requested. Through these means we can all console our Lord Jesus Christ and his Blessed Mother Mary and work for the salvation of poor sinners. Ad maiorem Dei gloriam.

Sincerely yours in the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

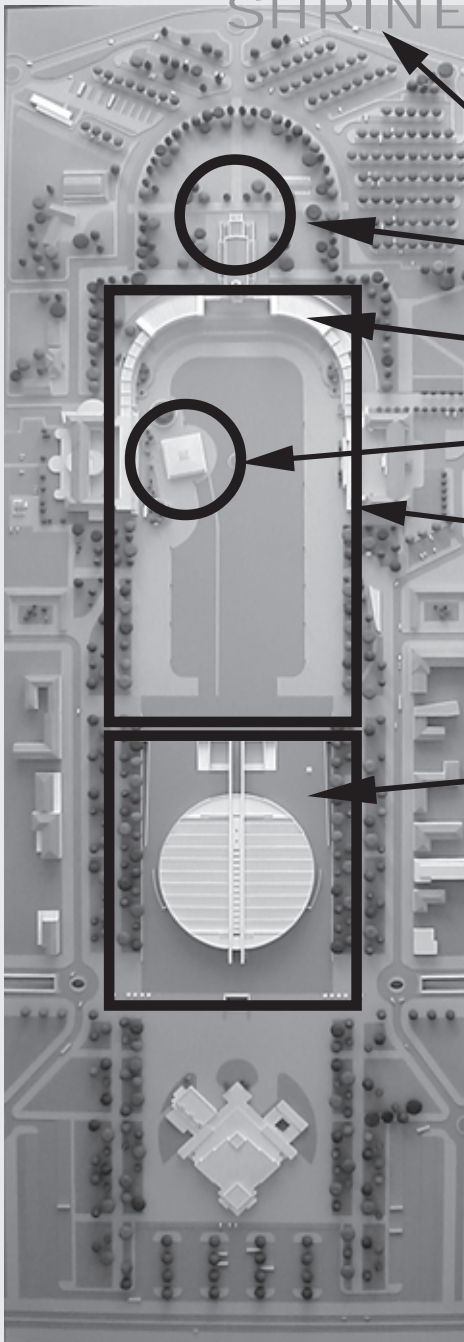


Fr. John D. Fullerton



# FATIMA—Pilgrimage of Repa

## MAP OF FATIMA SHRINE



SSPX's chapel  
(about 5 blocks  
due NE from  
shrine)

Basilica

Colonnade

Capelhina

Esplanade,  
or square

Inter-religious  
church (under  
construction)

Aljustrel (due  
south about ½  
mile from  
shrine)

Mass field (about 5 blocks slightly  
NW from shrine)



Sunday's Pontifical Mass was celebrated by Bishop Fellay on the spot where Archbishop Lefebvre celebrated Mass on August 22, 1987, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the apparitions, during which he also consecrated the SSPX and inasmuch in his power, Russia, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



During the Mass, Bishop Fellay gives his sermon alternating in English, German and French, explaining the necessity of the pilgrimage of reparation.

## RECOMMENDED BOOKS ON FATIMA

*Fatima Twilight*, Mark Fellows (available from Angelus Press: [www.angeluspress.org](http://www.angeluspress.org))

*The Whole Truth About Fatima*, Volume I, Frère Michel de la Sainte Trinité (available from The Fatima Center: [www.fatima.org](http://www.fatima.org))



The Way of the Cross was held on Sunday in Aljustrel, the Seers' village, along a scenic path that climbs upwards to the Calvary scene in the photo. It was remarked that the faithful "conquered the hill" with their raised and awe-inspiring voices.



Each station consists of a bas-relief housed in a chapel. In thanksgiving for their liberation from Communism, Hungarians presented the stations, Calvary scene and a shrine to King St. Stephen in 1964.



Echoing Archbishop Lefebvre in 1987, the SSPX renews its Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



During the Way of the Cross, the pilgrims also stopped briefly at the Valinhos, situated 400 meters from Aljustrel and which marks the site of Our Lady's 4th apparition.



At the Mass field, the SSPX's Eastern European District erected a stand to promote their apostolic work and Catholic Slavic culture via choral CDs.





On Sunday evening, from 10:00pm until midnight, a vigil of reparation with the Blessed Sacrament exposed was held, attended by 500 people at its climax. The same was done in 1987.



On Monday afternoon before the procession, near-identical *ferverinos* in 4 languages were given. Here Fr. Daniel Couture incites the English-speaking pilgrims with the words: "God wills it! The Blessed Virgin Mary deserves it, and we need it!"



Waiting to process, an image of Church Militant, in the form of national flags and chapel banners, is seen drawn up arrayed for battle against her enemies, amongst them, Modernism and Liberalism.

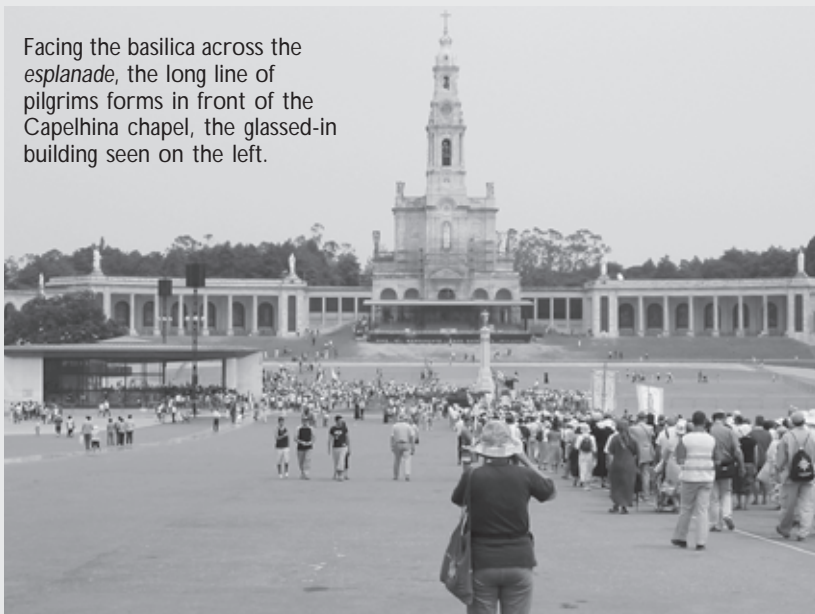


After the *ferverinos*, the procession, stretching nearly 5 blocks from the field to the shrine, makes its way towards the Capelhina.

Just before entering the shrine's *esplanade*, the pilgrims passed the atrocious inter-religious church still under construction, further inciting all to do penance and make reparation.



Facing the basilica across the *esplanade*, the long line of pilgrims forms in front of the Capelhina chapel, the glassed-in building seen on the left.



Upon reaching the Capelhina chapel, the ironic un-ecumenical actions of the shrine officials began. Nevertheless, despite the barrier, sounds of vacuum cleaners, contra-singing and loudspeaked chant, the recitation of the rosary continued and the act of reparation was made.



The act of reparation completed, the bishops and clergy depart jubilantly amidst clapping and the singing of *Christus Vincit*.



While leaving though, the looming sight of the ecumenical church reminds all that the fight for Fatima is far from over. However, knowledge that *Christus Vincit* (Christ conquers) encourages all to continue with the struggle for the Faith.



Before leaving the *esplanade*, the 200 or so members of the clergy lined up for a "victory photo".

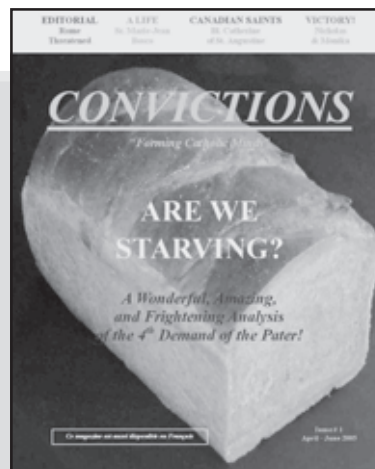
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<i>November</i>	That Catholics will give more thought to avoiding Purgatory
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We would like to thank the very many of you who offered to make homes, and other forms of assistance for our faithful who lived in Louisiana and Mississippi and were displaced by hurricane Katrina. This outpouring of fraternal charity will surely bring down from Our Lord an abundance of grace. We ask you to persevere in this good work into the future as the extent of the catastrophe becomes even more evident.

## FRANCISCAN MINIM SISTERS TOUR

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