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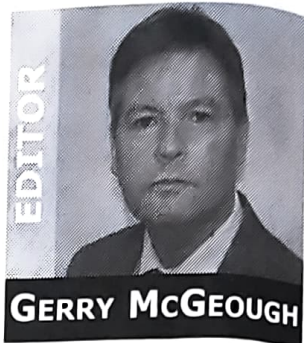
# Inside view

**I**t's often said that people get the type of society they deserve. A neutral outsider observing a particular country might conclude on the basis of his findings that it was either noble and decent or debased and decadent.

Denizens of a country described as being in the latter category may be outraged at the label, but they should first ask themselves if it resulted as a consequence of their inertia as much as the industrious nature of their more probity challenged compatriots.

The Irish are an inherently noble people with deep loyalties and a strong distaste for injustice. Despite centuries of oppression our ancestors remained true to the Catholic Faith and stubbornly retained the hope of independent nationhood.

In recent years, things have begun to slide and the integrity of the Nation has come under attack. Peoples' minds are being twisted by pathetic soap-operas with strong permissive agendas as well as utterly brainless so-called reality TV programmes. Meanwhile, British tabloids poison the outlook of our citizens and may have helped



pave the way for the proliferation of pornography that now litters the shelves across Ireland.

So-called "adult" shops and lap-dancing dens have been washing up on our shores for quite some time now and the drug, contraceptive and sodomite cultures are all part of this parcel of filth.

The fact that all of this has come to pass may be attributed to the tireless efforts of sundry driven souls. However, they would have made absolutely no headway whatsoever if they had been tackled and crushed from the very beginning by the decent people in this country who now shake their heads in disbelief at the current state of society.

The tide can be turned, as was demonstrated by the recent closure of Mr Stringfellow's little joint. Catholic Patriots around the 32-Counties must use this example to take action immediately. Pray, boycott and protest, but do it now.



# Wheels within wheels

**T**iming, as they say, is everything. It should come as no surprise to learn, therefore, that those who have an agenda to implement are adept in the skilful use of timing.

Last year, at a gathering of those shadowy "elites" who have a vested interest in advancing the globalisation programme, it was allegedly decided that the price of oil should increase from the then figure of \$40 a barrel. The reasoning behind this was to supposedly slow public consumption of the diminishing stocks of black gold, thereby buying extra time for the development of alternative energy sources. Lo and behold, oil has now reached \$70 dollars a barrel and consumers are beginning to feel the pinch not just at the pumps but in overall energy cost increases.

Lest that wasn't enough, an attempt was then made to tackle those behemoths of fuel consumption---cheap flights. For several weeks during the summer we were bombarded with media statistics about global warming and the adverse

effects air travel was having on the climate. The general public was being conditioned to recognise the "inevitable need" for a reduction in the number of cheap flights available and accept that in future a climate tax of sorts would be imposed on travellers. The average citizen, it has been decided, must be weaned off the notion of jetting around on a cheap and regular basis.

Just in case the message about air travel wasn't getting through, we were then conveniently treated

to the 9/11 shock replay, only this time it was the prospect of teenagers with hair gel co-ordinating a mass downing of commercial aircraft. Nice timing. The resultant chaos and discomfort for passengers around the world is already causing many to reconsider flying as an option.

Another means of discouragement at the disposal of the globalists is to restrict the spending power of consumers. To this end, we can expect to see a series of hikes in interest rates and a gen-

eral tightening of regional economies over the coming period of time.

All of this factors into an agenda that is about power and control. The proliferation of surveillance cameras and the endless promotion of birth control in order to keep national populations within manageable limits are aspects of this.

Another article of faith central to the schemes of the globalists is the establishment of reserve police forces in every nation. Ostensibly, such





forces are there to augment the existing police by doing traffic duty, crowd management at sporting fixtures and the like. In reality, they exist to act as informers, but are established in such a way as to take the stigma out of informing; an issue that looms large in the Irish psyche. The role of reserve police, as conceived by the globalists, is to have one section of the population "respectably" spying on the rest.

All of this is relevant given that the Twenty-six Counties is now to have its own reserve police force. Interestingly, the greatest resistance to the establishment of this corps to date has come from the regular police, An Garda Síochána. The Gardaí have proven to be an irritating obstacle for those adhering to the globalist agenda. How to square the circle?

Again, impeccable timing comes into play.

Whatever moral ground the Gardaí may have occupied on this matter has been totally undermined by the revelations of the Morris Tribunal. The bizarre antics of individual Gardaí in Donegal, involving them planting a bomb to frame one group of citizens while hiding a shotgun to fabricate evidence against another, has seriously undermined public confidence in the force. Meanwhile, the accusations of there

being a widespread culture of cover-up and corruption within the Gardaí across the country has further alienated public opinion.

As far as most people are now concerned, a reserve police force is almost to be welcomed. How convenient. Recruiting for the reserves, incidentally, began in the same week as the Morris findings became public. The New World Order rolls on.

# Campa Chormaic

## Legacy of GAA sporting legend lives on...

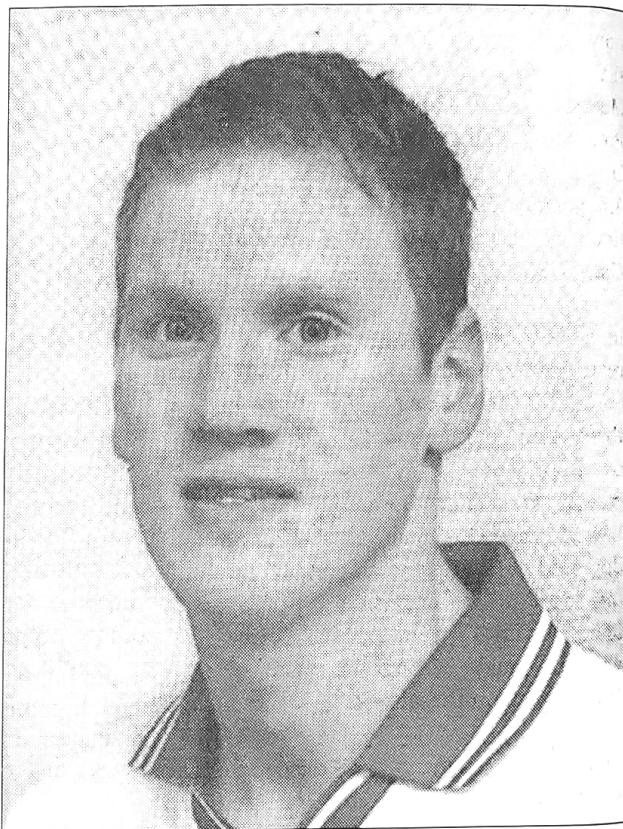
**F**or the second year running, scores of children have taken part in the Campa Chormaic course.

The event, which ran for two weeks in August, was established as a memorial to the late Cormac McAnallen, the highly popular captain of the Tyrone GAA senior football team, whose sudden death in early 2004 shocked the Nation.

The course, which takes place in Cormac's home district of the Brantry in Co Tyrone, involves children of Primary School level taking part in morn-

ing classes during which they study Irish history and culture through the medium of Gaelic. In the afternoons, the children normally dedicate themselves to a range of Irish sporting activities, including Gaelic football, hurling and camogie.

This year the event drew some big names in the world of Gaelic sport and it has done much to promote Irish culture and heritage in the area. Most of the young people involved in Campa Chormaic came from the East Tyrone / North Armagh region and the event itself has been described as having a "Gaeltacht feel" about it.





# AOH on the march!

**T**he Ancient Order of Hibernians turned out in large numbers to celebrate this year's Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, which was held in Donegal Town.

Upwards on thirty AOH Divisions drawn from Donegal and neighbouring counties took part in the annual August 15th parade. They were accompanied by twenty bands and the march was extremely well received by the thousands who lined the route.

Among those present at the parade was Jack Meehan, the National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. The AOH is particularly strong in the United States.

In a testimony to the new resurgence being experienced by the Hibernians, three new banners were on display at this year's march. One from Corran Div. 148, Co Armagh depicted St Patrick bringing the Faith to our Irish ancestors on the front side, with an image of Eoghan Rua O'Neill on the reverse.

Meanwhile Div. 387 Gortrighey, Co Antrim

unfurled its new banner honouring the memory of Fr McKinley, a one-time National Chaplin of the AOH who died in the 1930s. Born at McLaughlin's Corner near Kilrea in the county, Fr McKinley stood for Catholic and National unity. The reverse side of the banner portrayed a scene from a Mass during the Penal Days.

Finally, members of Div. 30 Desertmartin, Co Derry proudly marched with their new banner on show. It depicted the Catholic Patriot Patrick

Sarsfield as well as our Patron Saint.

Traditionally, the AOH has stood for the defence of the Catholic Faith and the promotion of the Irish Nation.



## Congratulations

to our columnist Manus MacMeanmain and his wife Maria on the birth of their daughter Aoibhe!



# That's enough

**O**ne of the most interesting news items to have appeared during the summer related to the annual Orange Order July Twelfth parades in the Six-Counties.

Just before the outbreak of conflict in the Middle East, brief mention was made of the fact that for the first time since 1970 there were no British soldiers on duty at this year's anti-Catholic jamboree. The general implication being that things have become so settled in the North that a British military presence on such occasions is no longer necessary. The truth, needless to say, is somewhat different.

The real reason behind the fact that the British did not have troops guarding the Orangemen is because they no longer have the personnel to spare. The British Army is currently stretched to breaking point. Commitments in Iraq may be the official argument used for this depletion of soldiers in other arenas, but the real drain is elsewhere.

For months now the British have been beefing up their forces in

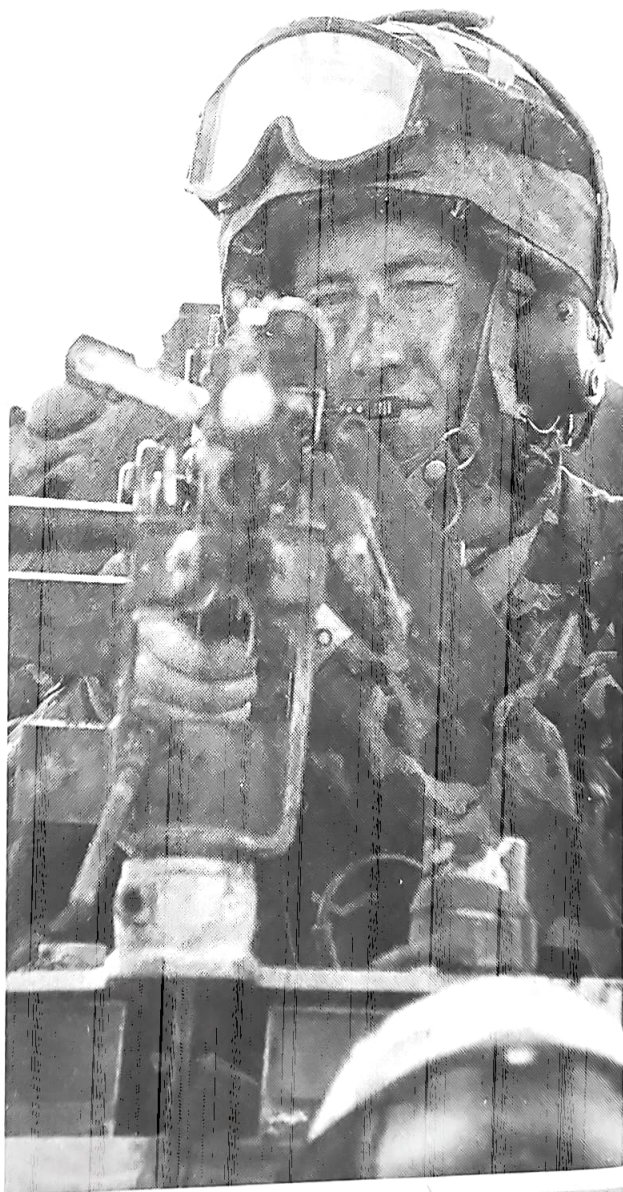
Afghanistan, and taking growing casualties in the process. Ostensibly, they are there to "keep the peace", which is invariably a euphemism for making war. Military engagements to date have involved numerous bloody encounters with a resurgent Taliban and the extent of British losses suffered may be gauged by the sudden upswing in the number of soldiers supposedly killed in traffic accidents. During the Northern "Troubles" the British were alleged to have concealed the true figure of casualties incurred by reporting the deaths of soldiers as having been a consequence of car crashes involving their forces stationed on the Continent.

Fighting the Taliban though hardly explains the need for such a build-up in the region. The true focus of their attention is Iran, which shares its eastern border with Afghanistan. Sooner or later the neo-cons, who appear to be directing US Foreign Policy, intend to go to war with Iran and the military build-up in Afghanistan would appear to be part of the encirclement.

Given such commitments, the British are soon going

to be on the lookout for further military manpower in the form of new recruits. All is not rosy on that front in "Blighty". Following almost forty years of unrestricted access to abortion and near total immersion in the contraceptive culture,

Britain is facing a demographic dearth on a par with much of the rest of the West. In addition, many of the young men of military age in the country are drawn from the immigrant Muslim communities and a significant portion of these are more





# of John Bull

inclined to fight against the British than for them.

In light of this scenario, the powers that be within the British Establishment are seeking to cultivate Ireland as a potential source of future recruits. Irish Catholic Patriots must be made aware of this manoeuvre with a view to having it scuppered it at every opportunity.

This year has seen a marked increase in attempts by the British Army to promote themselves in the 26-Counties. Using the ninetieth anniversary of the Battle of the Somme as leverage, their agents have been popping up all over the place trying to arouse interest in the glory days of the British Empire. This approach has included emphasis on the past involvement of Irish soldiers in British Army uniform and we have been treated to some unedifying spectacles in the process. These have included witnessing serving members of the current Irish Army parading with union-jacks at various British Legion inspired gatherings in the South of Ireland. This nonsense needs to stop.

Aside from the fact that the British are still in *de*

*facto* occupation of the north-east of our country, their legacy in the rest of Ireland has left a lot to be desired. Cromwell, the Penal Days, the Famine and the Black and Tans have been conveniently overlooked by the British Legion for some reason. Moreover, their chat about

civilian attire who plied local youths with alcoholic drink and manipulated them into taking the "king's shilling". The following morning droves of such victims would be forcibly removed from their homes by the British Army, sent off to England and prepared for the

36th Division, Irish Nationalists were not permitted a separate division within the British military during World War I and were scattered throughout a host of regiments instead. Then there's also the little issue of execution for alleged infringements. Apparently, the Irish were treated as second class material in this regard as well and more of their number were stood before firing squads than any other nationality serving in British uniform.

These things must be kept in mind now that the British Legion intends to commence a programme involving visits to schools in Ireland in order to present their case. If the government will not take a stance to protect our children in this regard then the onus is on parents and grandparents to put a stop to these proposed visits. The only reason the British Legion has for targeting schools full of little Irish Catholics is for propaganda purposes. The ultimate goal is to promote recruitment for the British Army and its future conflicts around the world. Let them fight their own wars. Meantime, keep the recruiting sergeants of the British Legion away from our Irish Catholic children.

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the Irish who fought in the First World War tends to neglect unpalatable historical realities. For example, how many of those young Irish Catholics who fought in the trenches in Flanders were duped into doing so? Stories abound of incidences in towns across Ireland about "Big Nights" having been hosted by recruiting agents in

slaughter on the Continent. How many of these survived the war only to die as relatively young men in shell shocked squalor in the 1920s and 30s?

In addition, the British Legion must be reminded of the fact that unlike the protestant Ulster Volunteers, who had their



# Don't give up!

COMMENT



CATHAL Ó BROIN

**L**ife is rarely a calm sea. Storms often come and disrupt our peace, and there are indeed many times when we might feel that we cannot cope.

But the One True God is all-powerful and all-loving. He has command over the waves and the wind, and does not want to see us drown. Sometimes the storms of life are sent to make us realise the very essence of our existence - that we are not merely floating around with no destination, with no home in eternity. The most essential thing in life, one could even say the only essential thing, is that we love God and so, save our souls. We are on trial - we are being tested to see if we can love, if we want to love, if we will love. The things that happen or don't happen during this trial are only the means, not the end.

If life seems unbearable at times, it is because we forget that Christ is there, all-powerful, in all situations - there to help us carry our crosses every step of the way. All we need do is call on Him, with faith, with love, with confidence. When we do this we are setting our sails away from the desert islands of earthly affections and inordinate attachments, back to our eternal land - we are turning from the world and looking to Christ. As soon as we do this, all things change. It is as easy as the flip of a coin. Once we look to Jesus Christ Our Saviour, we are conquering the storm, and taking once more, the course God wants us to take, that one which will bring us safely home to Him.

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value. These detestable things thus turn into gold to be gathered and saved forever. All our temporal



trials will end. If we seek first the Kingdom of God, through Jesus Christ, we will be unruffled amidst the tempestuous ocean of

unconquerable. Remember, O soul, that true love is often such - to take that which is bitter to us in this life, and offer it up to God, accepting the situation as it is, in submission. God conquers all things, and makes all things sweet. There is nothing He will not overcome, if we allow Him complete charge over our lives - if we allow Him to overcome us.

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Everybody is called to be a saint. We do not need to become millionaires, or



famous musicians, or elegant writers or charming comedians. What use is it, O soul, to arrive at the Judgement Seat of God with a list of such worldly honours if The Just Judge gives to you that terrible summons "depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels"?

But fear not! Damnation is not the end that Christ has for your journey. There is nobody who wants you to become a saint more than God. But the question is this, "do you yourself want to become a saint?"

It is not an arrogant thing to seek to become holy - to want to become a saint. It should, in fact, be our greatest desire. How many times do we remind ourselves of this, our most important goal? It would not be a bad idea to add to one's morning offering every day "help me, Dear Lord, to become a saint." Another way of putting this is "help me to love You, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, above all things, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength. Help me to see You, Dear Lord, in the tempest, and call on You as my strength in every trial."

In a practical way, the pursuit of sanctity involves the eradication of our many faults, through constant prayer and espe-

cially through consistent recourse to the Sacraments. Holiness is not a complicated thing, it is founded on simplicity and humility. Indeed, God wants us to come to Him like children - to pray for tears of contrition, to ask for a clear knowledge of our sins and a true sorrow for the fact that we have offended Him.

It is impossible for us to comprehend the true privilege that it is to assist at Holy Mass, to be present at the Consecration, and so, to kneel before Christ Crucified on the Cross. How happy we should be, to prostrate ourselves with Faith at the event which, while the worldly and the

certain that God is winning a victory with our lives. Then, we can truly say, having received Christ, physically and spiritually, "I can do all these things in Him who strengtheneth me."

But how can we miserable wretches dare to consider Christ, Our Strength, if we will not cease to cling onto the sins which keep us from Him? Christ wants us to let go of the old self, to come to Him and sin no more. For this, we have the Sacrament of Confession. How truly liberating a Sacrament this is! We go to Him laboured and overburdened, and He leaves us refreshed. In this we may consider our-

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devilish saw as a crushing and bitter defeat for Our Lord, really and truly was the greatest victory ever won in all eternity.

And now, consider the Blessed Sacrament. What an honour of all honours it is, to receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord! If we approach this Sacrament in a state of grace, with a vivid and fervent faith, we can be

selves lepers, plagued by a heinously degenerative disease. There was no cure for leprosy in the time of Christ. There still is no cure for sin, except through Christ. It is so important, O soul, to go to Confession - to confess all serious sins - to refrain from receiving the Blessed Sacrament when one has knowledge of serious sin on one's soul. How often this is forgotten in these

lacklustre times! O my soul - then, having Confessed, I may approach Holy Communion with true humility, knowing I am a Prodigal Son, remembering that while I have walked away from Our Father, he now welcomes me back with joy. Then, O soul, I may be truly happy, knowing that He rejoices at my return, as he looks at me and says "[he] was dead and is come to life again; he was lost, and is found."

Christ has told us clearly, that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. But how many times do we trust Him in this? No matter what storms come in our voyage through our life, we can overcome them if we remember that He is our Light and our Strength. So, O Soul, when you cannot cope, take your eyes off the waves crashing about you, and listen not to the howling of the wind. Instead, turn at once to Our Lord, sleeping beside you in your boat, and ask Him with confidence for His Way, to guide your way, for His Truth, to guide the wind and for His Life, to calm the sea. So, don't give up! With Christ's help we will overcome, and all these storms will be to us the great means to a glorious end. In this way, we will fear not the sea or the wind, but rather, will know that both of them, through Christ, can bring us safely home to Heaven.



# An Indian

*Ora Duffley reflects on her recent experiences in India...*

FEATURE



**ORA DUFFLEY**

**I**t is difficult to find words to describe precisely the essence of India, but to sum it up I would say that India is a kaleidoscope of colour, a cacophony of sound, a complex, chaotic, hot and pagan land! I arrived back home last week, after spending six weeks working as a volunteer in a traditional Catholic orphanage in the city of Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu, South India.

For six weeks I experienced a culture so far removed from anything I could ever have imagined. India is probably the most diverse country in the world, not only due to the variations in its physical landscape, but with a population of over one billion people, it is home to almost every sect and reli-

gion in the world. In the midst of this, only 2% of the population are Christians, and a minute number of them Catholic.

I spent my time helping at the orphanage and teaching at a school set up in June this year by Fr Patrick Summers, of the Society of St Pius X, to educate these orphan boys and girls. These children have been rescued from the most sad and difficult of circumstances by Swarna Vongala, an amazingly generous lady. Swarna, a native of India, left a high profile well paid job in the USA and

of them echoing Our Lord's words 'what you do for the least of my children, you do to me.'

Most of the children have no parents, having either died due to disease, or having been killed in very tragic circumstances, some more sinister than others. Swarna has taken in children who have come from the most difficult backgrounds, from living on the streets, to begging and stealing to survive. She has taken them to her heart, and given them love and security that all children need to flourish. They too love and rely on

infirm, and all of them are currently studying to become traditional Catholic sisters.

The orphanage is home not only to young children and teenagers but also to the elderly, who have no one to take care of them. Many have been abandoned by their families who are either unable to take care of them due to their impoverished situation or just through pure carelessness. I and they were closeted rather safely in the environs of Nav Jeevan Orphanage and St Pius X Priory in Tirunelveli, which is a virtual oasis of order and contentment in the middle of mayhem that is the streets of South India.

My first thought when I travelled the streets of Tirunelveli for the first time, was thank God I'm a Catholic. From that moment, frightened by the painted foreheads and confused almost hypnotised stares of pagan eyes on a western girl, I really learned the value of my faith and the grace of God. I was startled to see with my own eyes what paganism can do to a people, a

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returned to her native land five years ago. Compassioned by the plight of the poverty stricken children and their families she set up an orphanage to take care

her and affectionately call her 'auntie'. Swarna is helped in her endeavors by three young Indian women, all of whom are dedicating their lives to the help of the poor and



# Summer

third world country on its knees, with chaotic streets where the horn honking traffic swerves to avoid 'holy cows', a country that never sleeps. Animals are sacred to the Hindus and causing injury or even to kill one of these animals would result in huge fines and outrage from the people. Temples and mosques are found at almost every single corner, places in which strange and rather shocking worshipping rituals to the pagan gods take place daily. Indeed the ugliness of the Hindu gods is amazing to behold, how anyone could believe in those distorted even devilish looking bodies and angry faces is beyond belief. But Indians are extremely superstitious by nature and terrified of incurring the wrath of their frightful gods.

Hence, the difficult work carried out by missionaries in India is nothing short of heroic. They face constant hostility on a daily basis. Hindu and Muslim officials from the authorities pay regular probing visits to the orphanage and priory. There are many problems for missionary priests to just enter the country to say nothing of such day to day business as opening

bank accounts and the like. In addition to this, according to Indian law it is illegal for children to be baptised as Catholics and

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if this is found to be the case the 'perpetrators' of these crimes will be imprisoned.

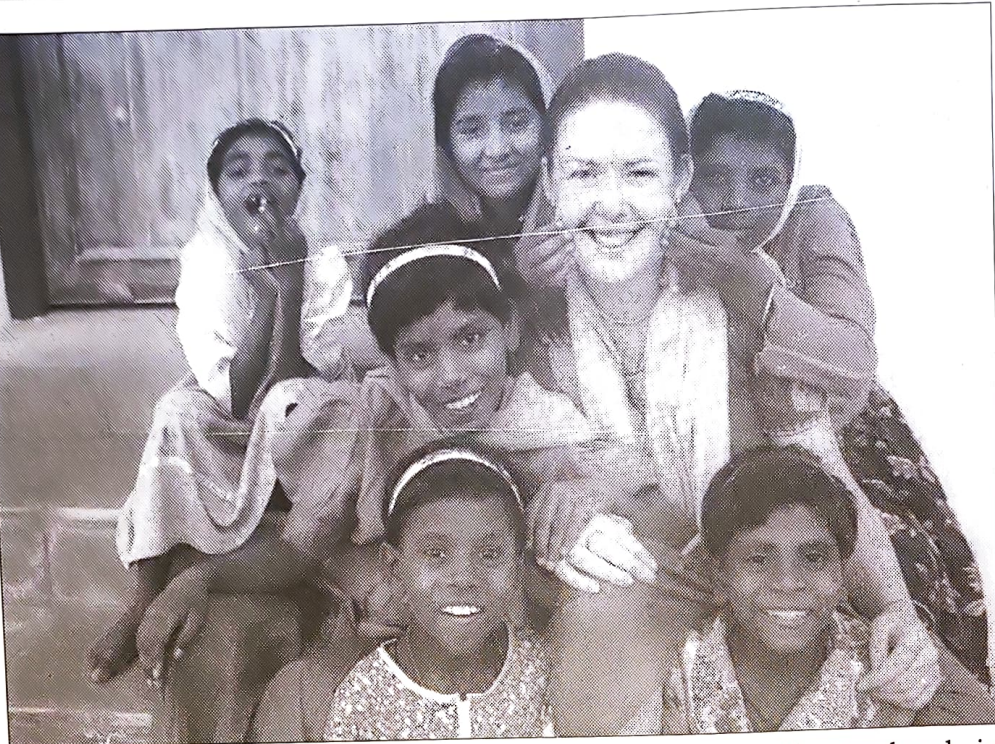
than I could have ever imagined. Indeed it has also been a humbling experience in which I was

almost ashamed for all that I have selfishly taken for granted, and how we can become so upset about little difficulties that are completely inconsequential in the grand scale of things.

In addition to this, I must admit to having been so impressed by the way that women presented themselves. Women are viewed with suspicion and treated improperly, so it was refreshing to see the dignified way in which they presented themselves in the face of such adversity. Indian women wear bright coloured saris or turidas and adorn themselves







with all kinds of jewelry, but for all their apparent vanity one very obvious thing was apparent, their naturalness, their unassuming nature and most profoundly their modesty. I for one was certainly impressed and inspired by their dignified example.

As regards schooling, the children attend Veritas Academy. I taught five lessons a day, standing beside an old fashioned fan. Again, I was amazed by the faith of the children. If I ever forgot to begin lessons with a prayer I was swiftly reminded, "Miss Ora, the prayer" and the children would take the lead. I taught English, Maths and Geography to the students as well as Music and Art. The latter two were a novelty for the children, as those subjects are not usually taught in Indian schools.

In addition to classes I gave them a taste of our own wonderful culture in the form of tin whistle lessons and we even got around to the rudiments of our national sport, hurling; belting a few

physically paralysed in such a way that she needs assistance with every simple action. She is mentally sound and trying to learn Latin but he has no family. Every evening I fed her and spoke with her and

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pucks of the sliotar under the burning sun of India, an unusual sight indeed! While at the orphanage I met Cecelia, a girl in her 20s with a rare muscular disease, which has left her

she almost always had a smile on her beautiful face even though she suffered from many pains. What a cross, but how heroically she bears it; so inspirational. When things are

put into context like that one cannot but feel ashamed for getting so upset and critical about small difficulties and we should thank God for everything we have. People like Cecelia are an inspiration to the rest of us.

So, although while I was there I despaired of the food, perspired in the heat, got savaged by mosquitoes, fought off lizards and survived the haywire traffic, oh and experienced the joys of lost luggage Indian style, I would still go back.

Since I've returned people have asked about the "poor children" and I have had to reassure them that those little children are probably the luckiest in all of India, if not perhaps the happiest. It would be impossible not to be inspired and touched by them. Their large trusting eyes, bright warm smiles and their need for lots of hugs and affection would soften any heart. Never before in all my years teaching have I met children with such a beautiful 'joie de vivre' like those that I met at the orphanage.

I spent many happy hours, after the homework was finished, playing connect 4, board games, and skipping and chatting to them. It was especially heart warming to hear them singing all of the songs they knew as they played their simple games, songs including *Tantum*



*Ergo, Sancte Pie Decime and Salve Regina.*

On the day I was leaving, a little boy came up me offering a gift, his nicest rosary beads. Of the two he owned he gave me the one made from stone, and kept the plastic one for himself. Another, had just received a lovely picture of Our Lady, but wanted to give me a gift of his own and insisted that I take it. I have been touched by such generosity from children who have nothing materially but have the kindest of spirits.

Never before, moreover, have I seen a dedication to the faith such as they have. This is due to the great work of Swarna and her sisters and to the efforts of Fr Summers and Dr Sunil who have worked tirelessly to promote a safe and happy environment for the orphans. Thanks to the consolation of a daily schedule, which sees the day beginning with morning prayers and Mass to the Rosary in the evening and finally night prayers, these children are surprisingly well adjusted.

The work of Fr Summers and his fellow priests in giving the people of India, especially the children, who are the future, a solid education that provides for both body and soul is priceless to say the least. What I gained most from my experience is a true appreciation of my faith and of the work done by

our traditional priests; something that we occasionally take for granted. I also gained a less materialistic outlook and a

home. Yet this very experience has opened my eyes to the realities of my world, one that is absorbed in self interest. I feel a tug

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greater appreciation for those things that cannot be bought but are yet priceless.

While I was in India, cursing the intense heat and tough conditions I said that I couldn't wait to get

back to the oasis of order that I found in the truly Catholic society established at Nav Jeevan and the St. Pius X Priory in South India. Having seen the dedication, love and vision that the priests, sisters and volunteers have

for the orphan children in their care, I know that future is bright.

The running of the school depends entirely on your generosity. I am asking you, if you really truly value the merits of Catholic education, to dig deep into your pockets and send whatever you can to Fr Patrick Summers, addressing the cheque to: 'Bright Social Services Society', Priory of the Most Holy Trinity, 1 Marcel Lefebvre Place, 8A/3 Seevalaperi Road, Ani Nagar, Palayamkottai, TN 627002, South India.

Alternatively you could lodge a donation into an account: Ora Duffley India Fund, Account: 3293007. Sort Code: 90-11-16.

*Thank you and may God Bless you.*





# Catholic place the next generation

**GARY BRADY**

**T**he results of a survey published last year stated that in Ireland "in 1980 1,451 babies born had six siblings, whilst three years ago the figure was just 218."

The President of Dublin City University, Professor Ferdinand Von Prondzynski, also recently made it clear that Irish people will be an ethnic minority in their own homeland by the year 2050. It cannot therefore be considered 'alarmist' to state that any Nation which does not replace itself is doomed to become extinct; and that is our future unless mass immigration is stopped and the Irish people begin to breed.

Those nations with high birth rates are only doing what was natural for all right thinking peoples before the onset of the contraceptive culture that has engulfed the West. I

believe, however, that we can reverse the decline in our country if we are prepared to make the necessary sacrifices. Let us, for the sake of argument, look at demographics from a

Imagine, theoretically, that we have forty young married couples supportive of the views that we espouse in this magazine; ie that what matters is the Catholic religion and a

equalling 400 people. Now supposing that one in every eight has a Religious vocation, and that there is a possibility that out of the 280 children who marry, about 100 keep the views of their parents and wish to emulate them, we then have 230 couples.

Now imagine that this generation has been taught the Faith well and decides to trust in God also. Each family is again, theoretically, blessed with an average of eight children. Hey presto we have 1,840 children! Add to that the 320 of the previous generation plus forty Grandparents (allowing for the possibility that half have passed away) and our original forty couples have become 2,200 people in just two generations!!

In just one more generation using the same percentage, one in eight having a vocation, 500 who keep the Faith and an eight fold blessing from God, would result in 10,880 children, plus 1,840 parents, 160 Grandparents and ten great-grandparents. This

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Traditional Catholic and Nationalist viewpoint. What if, instead of using contraception, Nationalists were to leave themselves open to the Will of God and accepted all the children sent by Him?

Gaelic Nation. Now imagine that these forty families trust God and refuse to limit their family size. Let us assume that God gives each couple eight children. So now we have 320 children, plus the original eighty parents,



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makes a stunning 12,890 people - all from just forty couples!

This is of course not taking into account the numbers of people brought into our ideological circles through the sheer weight of numbers and influence of the above.

Ireland is a small country, imagine what an influence these numbers of people could have considering that we have only taken a conservative estimate of an imaginary forty couples and even then allowing for a number of their offspring not following suit.

We should never ignore the evils that are happening today in front of our own eyes and we should fight against them in every way.

At the same time we should not forget the future and the possibilities that exist. Never forget

that our enemies are literally a dying breed and their lifestyle means that time is on our side.

In the past we have often failed by concentrating too much on the short-term, let us now plan for a Catholic and Nationalist future.





# Hunger Strike

**New York attorney Martin Galvin outlines the background to the Long Kesh hunger strikes of Twenty-five years ago...**

**T**wenty-five years ago, ten Irish patriots gave their lives in an unequal battle, resisting a British plan to brand them and their country's struggle against British rule as criminal. Now, even as we pay homage to the memory of the hunger strikers of 1981, the British appear to be marking the anniversary in their own peculiar fashion, by attempting the same criminalisation policy which triggered so much suffering a quarter century ago.

## **Special Category**

The importance of criminalisation is perhaps best illustrated by the brutal measures undertaken by the British to achieve the objective.

Following internment on August 9, 1971, the British proclaimed that Irish suspects held without charge, trial or legal rights were mere criminals and not political prisoners. Republicans vowed to resist being so labeled. Legendary Belfast Irish Republican Army com-

mander Billy McKee led a hunger strike against this policy after other protests were dismissed by the British.

Ultimately the British conceded the principle, if not the words. Special category status was created. Conditions associated

England. Again Republican political prisoners refused to allow themselves and their cause to be branded as criminal.

After attempts at an honorable resolution were dismissed out of hand by the British and protests

British medical staff ultimately refused to sanction force-feeding and their government conceded by promising the Republican prisoners transfer to prisons in the North, along with recognition as special category prisoners. Four of the Republican prisoners were repatriated. The British reneged on Frank Stagg and he would later die on hunger strike.

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## **Mistake**

British administrators concluded that special category was a severe setback. It became increasingly difficult for even the most stiff upper-lipped of British ministers to proclaim that there were no Republican political prisoners, merely criminals, in Long Kesh or Armagh, only to be challenged about the growing numbers of Irish prisoners recognised as special category.

with prisoner-of-war status, such as no criminal uniform, no prison work, association with other political prisoners, etc, were awarded. British policy makers however, would not let the issue be so concluded.

## **Damage limitation**

Having failed in the six counties, the British attempted damage limitation by denying special category status to Republicans who dared to bring the struggle to

were ignored, Republican prisoners, including Marion Price, Dolours Price, Hugh Feeney and Gerry Kelly began a hunger strike. Two Mayo-born Republican prisoners, Michael Gaughan and Frank Stagg would join. Several weeks into the hunger strike the British began a brutal process of force-feeding that would last almost six months. Michael Gaughan died from the effects of this force-feeding.

Commissions were empanelled and a strategy contrived. British ministers announced new initiatives heralding a new era of justice beginning with the end of internment in the mid-1970s. Meanwhile the British



# Anniversary

devised Diplock courts and constructed H-blocks. Behind the facade of justice and rights they devised a new strategy to label Irish political prisoners as criminals, and with them Ireland's long struggle against British rule.

## Blanket

An artificial date of March 1, 1976 was designated. Those jailed for actions taking place on or before February 28, 1976 would be recognised as special category prisoners and be granted all of the conditions of political status. Those engaging in the very same actions as part of the same struggle after that date were to be branded as criminals. They would wear criminal uniforms and be confined in the H-blocks, as part of the public acceptance of their new status as criminals. Kieran Nugent became the first Republican prisoner to be handed a criminal uniform. He shouted back that his British jailers would have to nail it to his back in order to force him to wear it. Alone, he tied a blanket around himself and resisted every attempt to bully, beat and break him into accepting the garb of a criminal, and of course paid a terrible psychological and physical price.



**Margaret Thatcher - The Face of British intransigence in Ireland**

Hundreds of "blanketmen" would eventually be held in Long Kesh. The British tried beatings, brutal searches, intimidation and loss of remission in order to force a criminal uniform and criminalisation upon them. A steadily escalating campaign to break them and the women prisoners in Armagh was resisted by an escalating protest campaign by the prisoners themselves. Massive support for the H-Block-Armagh Committee was provided by Churchmen,

politicians, human rights activists and individuals who did not endorse the armed campaigns of the IRA or INLA, but recognised that Republican prisoners were jailed for actions which were politically motivated and undertaken because of British rule in the North.

All attempts at honourable resolution were rejected by the British. Ten Irish Republican prisoners, led by Bobby Sands MP, would ultimately give their lives on hunger

strike rather than betray their struggle by accepting criminalisation. Thatcher was beaten, albeit at a terrible price. The world recognised that criminals do not die such deaths for the freedom of their country.

Twenty-five years later, as we pay homage to the memory of the hunger strikers of 1981, surely we must not betray the very principle for which they suffered and sacrificed so much.



# That they all

**CIARAN MCARDLE**

**O**ne heresy that urgently needs to be tackled is that of false ecumenism.

True ecumenical dialogue, between a Catholic and non-Catholic, consists of the Catholic rigorously presenting the truth of Catholic doctrine to a non-Catholic, so that the non-Catholic may convert. By this method the Church wishes to "recall her erring sons and to lead them back to her bosom."<sup>1</sup>

False ecumenism is quite different and consists of compromising the Dogma, the Doctrine, and the Divine Worship of the Faith so as to achieve a false semi-communion with those still in error.

It has mutated into something even worse; "ecumenical prayer", which has been consistently condemned by Holy Mother Church. The Baltimore Catechism calls it a sin against Faith, hence a sin worse than murder.

"A Catholic sins against Faith by taking part in non-Catholic worship, because he thus professes belief in a religion he knows to be false."

One incurs excommunication by taking part in such a travesty as can be seen from the Council of Carthage, AD 398

"None must either pray or sing psalms with heretics; and whosoever shall communicate with those who are cut off from the Communion of the Church, whether clergyman or laic, let him be excommunicated."<sup>2</sup>

Yet many Catholics engage in charity works, evangelisation, and works of mercy with non-Catholics. Pius XI rightly called false ecumenism, in *Mortalium Animos* "a most grave error, by which the foundations of the Catholic Faith are completely destroyed."

Those who pursue the path of false ecumenism are consciously or unconsciously doing the work of the Devil by destroying said foundations. They need to be resisted (in a spirit of charity), even to their faces if necessary.

The title of this article is an extract from the Holy Gospel of Saint John. In John 17:21 Our Lord prays for His disciples "That they all may be one." There are essentially three exegeses concerning this passage of Sacred

Scripture; the humanist exegesis, the Protestant exegesis, and the Catholic exegesis.

**The humanist exegesis runs thus:**

Our Lord prayed that they may all be one, so what we need to do is assemble all of mankind together; suppressing or ignoring the very real differences which exist between the tribes of man. At all costs we must gather them together in one body. There will be peace then. We don't want to prove Our Lord a liar.

**The Protestant exegesis runs thus:**

The Catholic Church is

merely a Christian sect like any other. Catholics wrongfully claim to be the One True Church and the Sole Ark of Salvation. What we need to do is to assemble all the sects together, the Catholic Church included, into one body. Thus we shall establish for ourselves a truly One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, which, since the apostles until now, has never existed.

Obviously the above exegeses are blasphemies.

**The Catholic exegesis runs thus:**

Our Lord prayed to His Heavenly Father that all of





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His disciples may be one. Of course His Heavenly Father answered his prayer. On Pentecost Sunday the Holy Catholic Church was born, with the Holy Ghost, the soul thereof, descending upon the Apostles. As the Holy Ghost is indivisible, He never left the Church with the heretics and schismatics who did. Hence none of the Christian Church's Divine Unity was ever lost. The disciples of Our Lord were one within the Catholic Church on Pentecost Sunday; they are one within the Catholic Church today, and they ever shall be one within the Catholic Church.

The Catholic exegesis is the correct one. I mean when did Our Lord ever pray for something, without His prayer being answered promptly? Did Our Lord have to wait two thousand years for the loaves and the fishes to multiply?

What type of unity did Our Lord envisage? We are told in John 10:16 by our Lord Himself.

"There shall be one fold and one shepherd."

The Catholic Church has been one fold with one shepherd since it was

established on Saint Peter on Pentecost Sunday. Our Lord's prayer for unity has been perfectly answered.

However, today's Catholic Ecumaniac does not accept the Catholic exegesis of this verse. He does not believe in the Holy Catholic Church, hence he

on Calvary that His Bride, the Church, was won for Him. We are a Pearl of Great Price. The Protestant sects are only cheap counterfeits. Yet the Apostate Ecumaniac is too proud to admit this.

Filled with the diabolical spirit of pride and con-

a line of action that will lead to godlessness."

The ultimate aim of the liars, hypocrites and equivocators in new church is not that Christ may draw all men to Himself so as to forgive their sins and heal them.

Just as the Freemasons proclaim the equality of all religions so as to advance the cause of a brutal, liberal and godless secular order, so too their cronies in new church do this. The ultimate end of new church is the construction of a godless humanist brotherhood of man.

The Thomistic definition of evil is: the privation of a due good. Men of good will hunger and thirst for the Catholic Religion in its entirety. To men of Good will, the Catholic Religion in its entirety is due them. Men of Good will are being denied the entirety of Catholic teaching by new church, and so will never convert. Is there anything more evil than this?

1 *Mortalium Animos* (1928) by Pius XI which condemns all inter-faith ecumenical activity.

2 *Council of Carthage, IV, 72-73, apud George Hay, The Sincere Christian* (Dublin James Duffy & Sons, n.d.), p.555.

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has apostatised and isn't Catholic at all.

Today's Apostate Ecumaniac prefers the blasphemous Protestant and humanist exegeses of this verse. When he prays for "Christian Unity" he makes a mockery of the Divine Unity, which exists solely within the Church.

The Apostate Ecumaniac makes a mockery of the shedding of Christ's blood, for it was with the shedding of the Precious Blood

tempt, he sets out to build a new church. New church is an artificial contrivance, and hence is not of God. By impugning and concealing the known Catholic truth, which are sins against the Holy Ghost, he sets out to achieve his diabolical aims. Like Lucifer, he wants more than what God would give him. Like Lucifer too, he shall end up with nothing.

Pope Leo XIII in *Libertas* taught that "to treat all religions alike" is to "adopt



# Father Portugal:

## Popular Texan Priest talks to *The Hibernian*...

**Father, could you tell us a little about yourself and your background?**

Sure. I was born and raised in El Paso, Texas until I was about 12 years old. My family has been from El Paso for quite some time. My mom's side were there from the time it used to be Spanish territory. My father's side immigrated from Portugal probably around one hundred years ago.

When I was twelve years old I went to Italy for three years of schooling and then Germany for three years, until I was about 17 years old. I finished my last year of school at what's called Cathedral Highschool – that's a private school run by the Christian Brothers in our City.

Then I spent two years of college in St Mary's College – that's run by the Society of St. Pius X in St Mary's, Kansas. And then from there I did about eight and a half months at the traditional Benedictine Monastery in Silver City in New Mexico. It was after that, in the Fall of 1995, that I went to the seminary. After six years of seminary I was ordained a priest and my first assignment was in

2001 to St Michael's School in England and then after my assignment there my next one was Ireland (2003).

**Are your family traditional Catholics?**

My father goes to the Latin Mass all the time, and so does one of my sisters and her family, but they are about the only ones who go consistently.

**You belong to the Society of St. Pius X.**

***“Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre saw clearly that the Catholic Church had fallen to modernism”***

**Could you briefly give our readership an outline as to who and what this Society is?**

The Society of St Pius X is simply that. They are a priestly society, a group of priests. Now, the word “society”, sometimes people hear that and they think, “that sounds dodgy, that sounds odd.” But really, that's an old name. The real name of the Jesuits is actually the Society of Jesus. Simply, all these men who wish to devote themselves to living

precisely as a society as [run] our Lord Jesus.

So why Saint Pius X? Our founder, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre founded the carism for the times that we live in. The congregation was established officially in 1970. [He knew] that there was a great need to combat the heresy of modernism. Of course, every age has its saints, every age has its problems and therefore its reaction, and in 1970

Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre saw clearly that the Catholic Church had fallen to modernism, the very thing that was condemned by Pope St Pius X... [He] ...called it the synthesis of all heresies.

What is modernism? Some people hear that word and they think that we are against cars and planes and trains. No! It's nothing to do with that. I love technology myself, especially aeroplanes. Modernism is a way of

thinking – it is embed with novelty – this idea that everything new is without question even better. And this concept as applied to theology, as applied to morality is very deadly. And so, Archbishop Lefebvre was the superior general of the Holy Ghost fathers, and before that he was the Bishop of a little diocese in France, but before that he was also the Archbishop of all of west Africa, the French speaking Africa, so he was apostolic nuncio during Pius XII's time. So that would be, if you want, the background of our founder. And he established the Society of St Pius X in 1970.

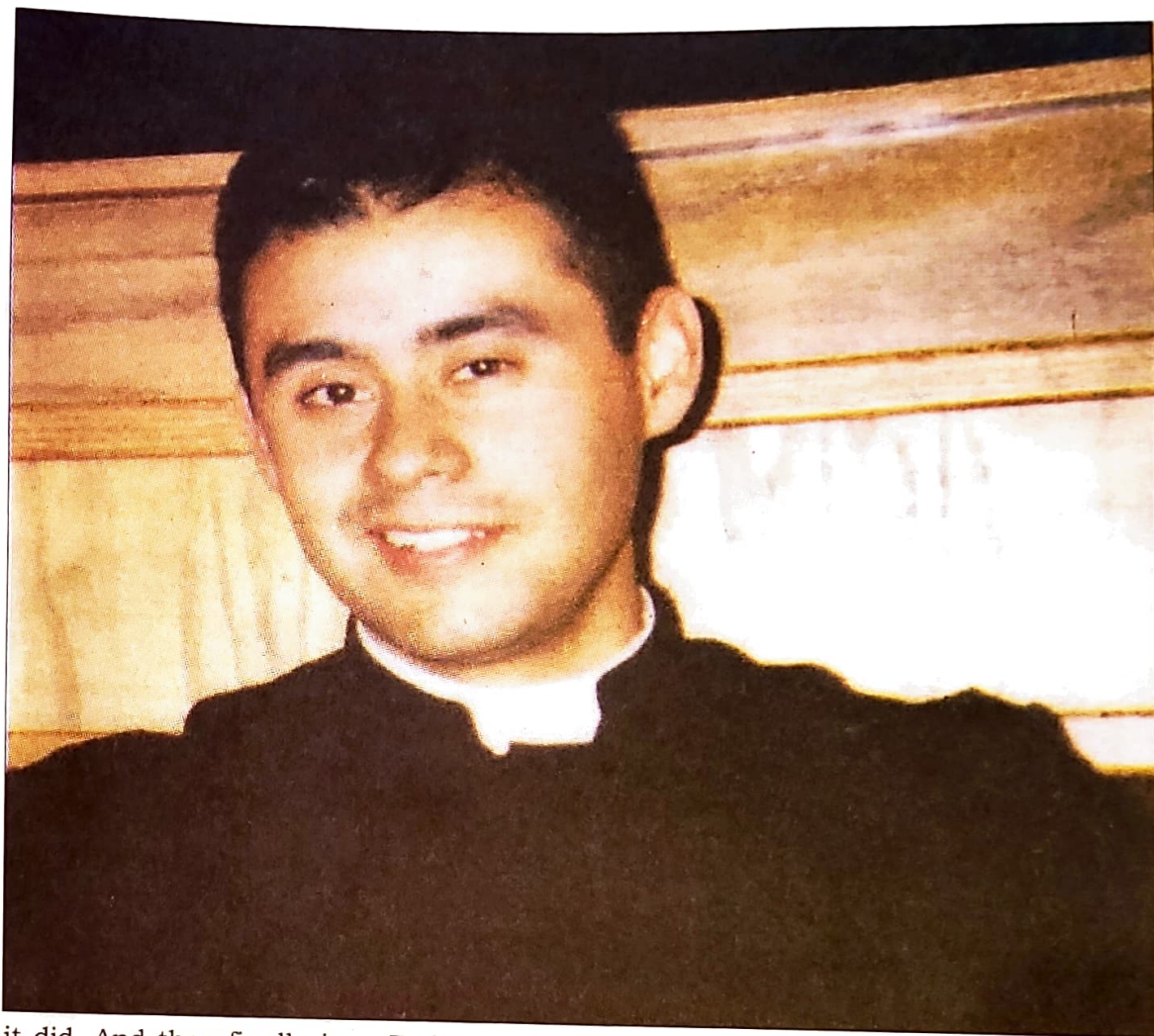
Now, he retired in '68, because of course Vatican II had been closed and many of the congregations were dumping the constitutions which had been written by their founders, the saints. This was happening with the Holy Ghost fathers, and Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre said that he in conscience could not have anything to do with that. He was a Holy Ghost father, and he did not want, under his charge as superior general, to be part of the destruction, as he saw it, of their congregations.



# Tradition in action

gation. So he resigned, because they were going to do it behind his back, basically "look, if you don't go along with this we're going to go to Rome."

He said "fair enough - I resign." And so, he had a three year period before he founded the Society. At any rate, after those three years of retirement - because he retired in Rome to a nice convent - there you go - nice convent and have your own private Mass for yourself - but then, a lot of French seminarians and seminarians from other places would come seeking him out in Rome because of the different things they were coming across and meeting in the seminaries at the time, which were very unsettling in terms of bad doctrine. And so, they were asking him "where can we go, what should we do?" And so, he was an old bishop of the Church who had connections, and would put them here, put them there. And then in this one case he had a friend in Fribourg, Switzerland.



it did. And then finally in 1970 Archbishop Lefebvre had written up a constitution, a rule for this congregation, which was approved by Rome on November 1st, 1970.

**Archbishop Lefebvre had been involved in the Council, known as Vatican II, in the 1960s. Didn't he have grave reservations about its outcome?**

Oh yes, totally. In fact he was from a group of

Fathers, who, when they realised what was going on at the Vatican Council, were really scandalised and shocked. This group of Fathers got together to try to slow down the, as they saw it, determined minority, who became in fact an influential group because of the support of John XXIII. You can find this confirmed in Life Magazine, covering the Council in the 1960s. It's incredible to read secular works - they were delight-

ed to see clearly that there was a vehement and vocal minority who were liberal, and therefore in fact modernists, and that they were supported by John XXIII and therefore able to swing the Council.

**Though it's probably true to say that the Church, in general, went into Vatican II with a view to doing some Spring cleaning only. Which is fair enough. Right.**



But what really happened was that it was effectively hijacked by those who had an entirely different agenda. And they actually prevailed, and the outcome has been that the Church, which was very strong up until then, and had a huge amount of vocations and schools all over the world, and had missionary zeal, has now turned into something that's in a state of total and utter collapse and confusion.

Exactly. Take Ireland for example. Go into the Catholic Almanac for 1971, six years after the Council, when things were already starting to go down. Ireland ordained 224 priests. That's priestly ordinations for the one year. And this is, of course, excluding brothers, excluding nuns – just priestly ordinations. That's, of course, the finishing of a class after years of study, so, the Good Lord only knows how many thousands of seminarians would have been there. In fact, the seminarians that were listed in that book were almost 2,000 in number. This year, there's no more than 70 seminarians. And that's for the entire Roman Catholic Church in Ireland. It's incredible.

**So, in the space of forty years there's been a complete and utter turn-around.**

Completely. What Cromwell couldn't do to

the Roman Catholic Church, the Church has done to herself. That is what is remarkable. While Cromwell was going around blowing up Castles and burning monasteries and killing monks and priests and nuns – the Church was still able to function and still have lots of vocations to send back to the country from Irish seminaries abroad to continue the work despite the risk of martyrdom. Now, in a time

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of peace and prosperity, it's incredible, the devastation is immense.

**What's your perception of Ireland?**

I think it's a nice country. It's obviously got a lot of the traditional elements of what you might expect, but at the same time it's very modern. What's nice about the people is that they are still very friendly, despite their having changed a lot. As a priest in cassock you see these things, because, being in cassock, you stick out like a sore thumb, and so you are able to read the perceptions of people, no matter where you go.

In my years here I've only had three occasions where someone's been rude, and

I've walked around Dublin, Cork City, Grafton Street, you know, everywhere. And I would say, of the three times, one of the people that made the comment were English, so that doesn't count, does it?!

**The SSPX adheres strictly to the old Latin Mass, and the Catholic Faith as it was up until Vatican II in 1965, is that correct?**  
That's correct.

**How do you perceive the status of the Faith in Ireland and where does SSPX fit in?**

First of all, people have a very Catholic sense about them. You still see people make the Sign of the Cross when they pass a Church, which you never see back home. I've never seen that in these so-called Catholic countries, like Spain, but I've seen it here, quite often.

There's a Catholic sense about them – a respect, but, no doubt there is unfortunately the effect of Vatican II, so people have no clue on doctrine. They don't really understand perhaps why, but that can always be taken care of, through teaching, that's what priests are there for.

I would say that the Catholic sense is, as far as I am concerned, a lot stronger here than anywhere else I've encountered, so that's a sign of hope – definitely, because you have got something to work with.

And, for our congregation as well, I think people are waking to the crisis in the Church, judging by the events of the Church here in Ireland at the recent time. That makes it easier for us to validate our statement.

Ten or fifteen years ago people would think that you are over the top, or perhaps making it up. So it's like “we've been trying to tell you this, all these convents are closing, all the seminaries in Ireland are closing – there's only one left.”

If the priests don't wear their cassocks, if priests don't teach the Faith, the priest is reduced to some sort of glorified social worker.

**Do you think that the freemasons and their sponsors are trying to reduce Ireland to a secular nation?**

Totally. Because Ireland has always been the backbone for the Catholic Church. So, of course, the enemies of the Church have always attacked Her. Ireland was marked out precisely because it's Catholic. That's clear. The very fact that the Irish in



the 1850s were being starved out of existence, and they were emigrating by the millions, that's called ethnic cleansing, but no-one addresses it as such. No-one's ever heard of the ethnic cleansing, or genocide of the Irish. But nobody cares, because of the fact that they were a Catholic nation and that would obviously bring attention to the Catholic Church and the fight.

That's a clear case. Look at Cromwell. The churches were all burned, the monasteries, burned, and priests being attacked and executed in times past. The Church was only emancipated in the 1830s. And I just think after that point the attack became different.

**Would you suggest that in today's Ireland that the promotion of the contraceptive culture, of abortion, and all the attacks against the family are part of the new wave, if you like, of this ethnic cleansing?**

Totally. Because if you attack them head on, the Irish character – if you take a gun and put it to their head, and say “deny your faith”, they will do the exact opposite. But if you fill peoples' pockets with money and try to destroy the reputation of the Church, and at the same time encourage illicit impure behaviour, have them drunk and enjoying “life”, then before you know it they just become

slaves to their passions then you can accomplish what you want.

And the Society of St Pius X is not afraid to speak

***“Now is the time, it's now or never. There's a fight that's before us...”***

about the consequence of that, which of course is hell, for those who are unrepentant. That is a very important doctrine.

**The SSPX is organised in every province in Ireland, and you are growing in numbers in terms of congregation, is that correct?**

Yes indeed. A lot of young people. We just sent an 18-year-old Kerry lad to a traditional Redemptorist monastery in Papa Stronsay, in Scotland.

**So, what's your advice, Father, for Catholics who are concerned about the Faith in Ireland, and especially the young people?**

Well, of course, the obvious would be to study their Faith. They must know their Faith, it's very obvious. If they don't know their Faith, they are just completely dead ducks. For the Catholic Church and Faith, for the spiritual life and grace, you have got to know your Faith. If you don't know your Faith, you'll never

know God. If you don't know God you'll never love God. If you don't love God, you'll never serve God, in which case, you'll never go to Heaven.

**What would your advice be to priests who are concerned at the way things are going?**

I would say that they need to know their Faith as well.

They must be honest and generous. They must not be afraid. Now is the time, it's now or never. There's a fight that's before us, and

I tell you what, you've got to take it head on or otherwise, we are not going to live forever, so we might as well give it all we've got for the salvation of our soul and those entrusted to our care. That's what the priest is for. He wasn't ordained to sort of float around, and just kind of take it easy and enjoy life. That's why we wear the black cassock, we are crucified men, we are Altus Christus.

**There's a tendency to whittle down our Faith to accommodate others. But as Catholics we should recognise that there really is no salvation outside the Church?**

You are right. There is no salvation outside the Catholic Church. It is true.



**Archbishop Marcel Levebvre**



# Saint Philomena

EDSEL PURCELL

**T**he year was 1802. Europe was in turmoil after decades of war and revolution.

The month was May. In the city of Rome, archaeologists were excavating in the Catacomb of Saint Priscilla. They came upon a well-preserved shelf-tomb. This was marked with three tiles bearing the inscription Pax tecum, Filumena, and also the symbol of a palm, a lily, arrows, an anchor and a scourge. The tomb, when opened, was seen to contain the remains of a young girl, twelve or thirteen years of age, and a phial of her blood.

Three years later, a priest from Mugnano near Naples travelled to Rome. He fell ill but was cured by the unknown Virgin Martyr, for which reason the Roman authorities entrusted her Relics to his care. The subsequent Translation of the Holy Relics to Mugnano was attended by many miracles, graces and favours - a sure sign of Divine approbation and benediction.

Of course, anyone who is a client of Saint Philomena will not be surprised at the range of her wonder-working abilities, of which there are many recorded examples - sinners convert, the sick are cured, family difficulties are resolved expectant mothers obtain comfort and relief, temporal needs are met, priests and religious are assisted in their vocations. Indeed, no matter is too trivial or unimportant to concern the dear little Saint.

Such was the wonder-working ability of Saint Philomena that in 1837 Pope Gregory XVI formally canonised her, an act unprecedented in the history of the Church, since nothing was known for certain concerning the Saint except her name and evidence of her martyrdom. Other honours followed, including her nomination as Patroness of the Living Rosary and of the Children of Mary. A number of Popes also demonstrated their devotion to the Saint by bestowing costly gifts on her Sanctuary at Mugnano.

Consequently, it is not to be wondered at that many who are now canonised saints had great devotion to Saint



Philomena - St. John Vianney, St. Peter Chanel, Pope St. Pius X, St. Peter Julian Eymard, St. Padre Pio, also Pope Blessed Pius IX and Venerable Pauline Jaricot, to name but a few. Moreover, let us not forget the countless thousands of ordinary Catholics who evinced their gratitude to their generous Patroness by spreading her devotion throughout the world.

In a sense, the story of Saint Philomena is remi-

niscient of the Wedding at Cana - he good wine has been kept until now. God held His dear little Saint quietly in reserve through long centuries, until these dark times of revolution, war, great confusion and even loss of Faith called for her powerful intervention.

Hail, Philomena, come from the dark Catacombs to enlighten our souls!

*Saint Philomena's principal Feast Day is on August 11th.*



# Your Letters... Hibernian Welcome...

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Dear Sir,

*The Hibernian* is a welcome guest in our home and we hope the magazine prospers.

Every article reveals to us the Irishness which we had hoped to find when our family arrived on your shores 5 years ago. You will however meet with much opposition, including from those who rip out the trees in O'Connell street and honour those, in Cork City, who delighted in murdering innocent and helpless women and children on your shores. They will want to destroy more than Ireland's fishing industry.

Having read the review in the *Hibernian* we went to see "The wind that shakes the barley" last Sunday evening and watched as friends and brothers died trying to rid the ancient yoke in their quest for freedom, wearing the brown scapula and medals. We were no strangers to that part of history via the host of available literature.

On leaving the cinema, walking along and contemplating the movie, we were suddenly presented with the most acute contrast. Turning a corner we faced a brightly lit town centre where crowds had gathered standing around, apparently aimlessly, drinking and conversing. Young girls were seen scantily and distastefully clad. Walking through the young crowd some conversations contained the foulest language, peppered with the most despicable adverbs.

Suddenly we felt totally out of place and were pleased to reach the quiet respite of our vehicle. Driving home we contemplated the movie, the terrible civil war and the ideals and vision of the freedom the men and women had fought and died for. I cannot help compare the image of the lovely principled and disciplined Irish lass in the movie with her current floozy peers in the town square and one wonders if the young men and women of today know of Tom Barry, Dan Breen or even the life of the "Man of war man of peace. Is there any of that zeal left?

Today the rest of the world is in much the same quandary. News on the radio is dominated about the alleged foiled terrorist plot to destroy aeroplanes in the U.K. Is it true or is it yet another ploy to create distraction or justify the annihilation of the Lebanese and continue the rape of Iraq so Israel can have their water and manipulate the oil price.

Either way the powers that be will keep the fires fuelled and continue to divide and conquer whilst the B<sup>3</sup> (they used to be referred to as B&B but the other B has joined them for breakfast) do nothing, or at best stall the peace negotiations whilst they test their latest weaponry and offload surplus explosives.

One tends to forget that the current state of Israel was created and given to the Jews in 1948, largely financed through a contrived and imposed debt (on Germany), it displaced over 900 000 Arabs into Jordan who had been living in Palestine and built concrete walls to keep it's natives, many of which are Christian, out.

Could it be that some have not forgotten and their mindset is united with the "terrorists" of that region.

No man made law will bring peace, unite races or it's people, nor prevent the destruction of nation. Human rights is a joke when we ruthlessly murder at both ends of life, the unwanted unborn and the obsolete aged. But please Mr. planet destroyer do not ask for employment if you are a smoker. We do not even deserve the smallest of Graces from God for failing to do mere daily duties.

Only the One True Roman Catholic Faith, that of the Mass rocks, will bring about unity of mind and heart, congruence between nation and cross all language barriers through it's love, humility and charity. Let them behold who confuse meekness with weakness since we have Gods promise and find a ductile strength through His most Holy Mother and His army of Saints, so many of which are interred in this Irish soil.

We must storm the Vatican in prayer to implore the Holy Father for the immediate consecration of Russia. Why don't we give Our Lady a chance, what have we got to loose? We only stand to gain since we have her promise "in the end my Immaculate heart will triumph."

We must also read with discernment there is ample trustworthy literature and reference material for anyone wishing to avail of this, most of which is available via *The Traditionalist*.

Keep the flag flying.  
Jan W.L. Hermans, Monaghan



# ALIVE - O

Pat Malone examines the attack on Faith in our schools...

**I**n 1996 the future of the Catholic faith in Ireland was dealt a final and deadly blow by the introduction of the Alive - O programme into our 'Catholic' primary schools. This horrendous programme entered our schools with the blessing of the Irish bishops. With this action our shepherds did that which no good shepherd could even conceive of; they not only abandoned their flocks, they first led their lambs down a treacherous path and then abandoned them in the very presence of the wolf.

The foundation for the introduction of this heretical programme into the schools had been laid years in advance. The 'Children of God' programme, introduced in the 70s, was not, by any stretch of the imagination, a Catholic catechetical programme. Its glaring omissions and deficiencies in doctrine should have merited a book burning of Inquisitorial dimensions, however many failed to recognise the poison hidden in the sugary talk of 'child - centred approaches' and 'new methodologies'. And so the faith of a

whole generation was placed in jeopardy by those who should have been its protectors. Many lost their faith, others retained a nominal, syncretic Catholicism, unsure of what they believed or why they believed it. What faith remained was vulnerable, built as it was, on sand. The greatest testament to God's grace and to the Catholic homes of yesterday is, that some young Catholics, deprived of the

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truths of faith for the whole of their school-going lives, are now making a return to tradition and bringing their young children with them.

Unfortunately, though, the majority of young Catholic parents are at best confused about their Catholic Faith. An insidious mixture of heresy and half-truth has given birth to a pseudo-Catholicism among many young Catholic parents. This is how the groundwork was effectively done.

Enter the Alive-O programme - its blatant dis-

regard for the doctrine of the faith was breathtaking. The Junior Infant/Primary One book was introduced in 1996, subsequently one book a year was published, relevant class teachers were introduced to the programme year-by-year in a series of annual indoctrination sessions. Those teachers brought up on the 'Children of God' programme were, for the most part, unlikely to see any

problems with the programme, while those who objected were made to feel, as they had been for the past twenty or more years, like dinosaurs. Their religion was extinct and to be honest, if they knew what was good for them, they should make themselves and their annoying opinions extinct also. After all, these programmes had been drawn up by 'experts' and sanctioned by our bishops. Were they experts? Were they bishops? On yer bike.

The attractive presentation of the programme

makes it look, on the surface, like a veritable gift to teachers. Each yearly programme consists of a teachers book with weekly schemes and daily plans, a pupil textbook, a pupil workbook, CD's, DVD's and posters, everything one could possibly need to allow heresy class be as effective as possible. 'Just a spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down....' and all the rest.

Many Irish Catholics are simply unaware of how truly awful the Alive-O programme is. I would advise anyone who thinks it may be inefficient but harmless to get your hands on it somehow. Look at the pupil's book that your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews may have. Get a teacher you know to allow you to look at the teacher's handbook. But beware, this programme should come with a health warning. Any Catholic versed in his/her faith may not recover from the shock too quickly. Important to mention here too is the fact that Alive-O supports the Department of Education's Relationships and Sexuality (RSE) programme which is completely at variance with



Church teaching and guidelines on sex education. This is something that a lot of Catholic parents simply do not know. Hence their surprise at the lack of support from the Irish bishops in their fight against the RSE programme. Other parents remove their children from RSE classes but allow them to remain in the classroom while the poisonous Alive-O programme is being taught. They simply see no connection.

The Teacher's Books frequently recommend that certain Catholic doctrines be omitted, claiming that the children are too young for such teaching; yet many of the stories and 'New Age' concepts presented are highly complex and confusing in the extreme. One of the more worrying aspects of the programme is its concentration on 'Little Beings.' Children are encouraged to be 'creators'. Making these 'little beings' out of plasticene or playdough, they are encouraged to give them a life and a personality of their own making. They are encouraged to pray in front of these beings, introduce them into humanistic meditation sessions and they are used extensively in preparation for First Confession.

The characteristics of Pantheism and 'New Age' religion are endemic in the programme. Children are encouraged to take part in

'New Age' type rituals while they talk of the 'connectedness' of creation. A typical example of this type of thinking is the inclusion of the 'Earth Commandments' in Alive-O 8, including such gems as 'You shall not lay waste the wild places', and 'You shall not upset the balance of the different species.'

The rich heritage of Catholic hymns and prayers are subordinated in practice to Alive-O's own humanistic repertoire. Children are taught to sing from a young age, "We are the greatest, yes we are, 'Cos Jesus told us so (yeah), Jesus told us so (yeah)."

How are we, the Catholics of Ireland, allowing this scandal to go unaddressed? The words of Jesus concerning those who give scandal to little ones are far from mild. Yes, the shepherds have abandoned their flock, but this does not give the rest of us an excuse to sit idly by. Pope Leo XIII in *Sapientiae Christianae* said the following; "When necessity compels, not only those who are invested with the power of rule are bound to safeguard the integrity of the faith, but as St. Thomas Aquinas maintains, 'Each one is under obligation to show forth his faith, either to instruct and encourage others of the Faithful, or repel the attacks of unbelievers'."

# ALIVE-O7



Fifth Class

Primary Seven



Even if we are home-schooling our own children, we are obligated to consider others who, through no fault of their own, are being denied the knowledge of their faith and being constantly exposed to heresy in the name of Catholic education. Let us tell our bishops that we cannot accept a counterfeit catechesis any longer. We must continue to tell them even when they refuse to listen.

When we feel discouraged or afraid of this enormous task let us remember the words of another saintly Pope, Pius X, when he said;

*"In our time more than ever before, the chief strength of the wicked lies in the cowardice and weakness of good men... All the strength of Satan's reign is due to the easy-going weakness of Catholics. Oh! If I might ask the Divine Redeemer, as the prophet Zachary did in spirit: What are these wounds in the midst of Thy hands? The answer would not be doubtful: With these was I wounded in the house of them that loved Me. I was wounded by My friends, who did nothing to defend Me, and who, on every occasion, made themselves the accomplices of My adversaries."*



# The Battle of

Gerry McGeough

**D**uring the course of his involvement in the nationwide Ordnance Survey project of the 1830s, the famous historian John O'Donovan penned numerous observations on the various parts of the country he covered. In the area around Granard in Co Longford, the renowned scholar noted that the people were very kind, friendly and decent, but that they were kept under what amounted to severe repression by the police.

This hardness of attitude by the English crown forces was a legacy of events that had taken place in the area more than a generation earlier, when the north Longford region became the site of the last major land battle of the 1798 Rebellion. The Battle of Ballinamuck, which was fought in September of that year, marked the end of hopes by the United Irishmen to win independence from Britain through relying on French military assistance.

In many respects, the '98 Rebellion had been doomed from the start.

The best prospects for success occurred two years earlier, in 1796, when an enormous French Fleet attempted to land at Bantry Bay in West Cork carrying thousands of seasoned troops along with ample supplies and munitions. At the time, the British military in Ireland were utterly unprepared for conflict and the United Irishmen

population there. When Rebellion did finally occur in the North in the early summer of 1798 it was confined to the eastern counties of Antrim and Down and was quickly suppressed amid appalling bloodshed.

The British encountered more stubborn resistance in the south-east of Ireland when the people of

three French ships carrying over 1,000 soldiers appeared off the coast at Killala in Co Mayo in the West of Ireland. Under the command of General Jean Joseph Amable Humbert the troops were part of the 70th Demi-Brigade, many of whom were descendants of Irish soldiers from the Wild Geese Regiments who had fought for France over the previous century.

***"Local stories still tell of scattered survivors being captured and buried alive."***

organisation was at its strongest. Had the French been able to link-up with their Irish allies, the British would have been defeated within weeks.

As it transpired, storms dispersed the French ships and prevented the invasion. Alarmed by the close shave, however, the British set about crushing the United Irishmen through the combined use of informers and brute military coercion. In 1797, General Lake unleashed his red-coats on the United Irish stronghold of Ulster in a terror campaign that effectively broke the morale of the

Wexford and surrounding counties rose up under the leadership of several Catholic priests. Throughout most of June they had the red-coats on the run but were eventually hemmed in by superior military numbers and were unable to spread the uprising across the South. As the defeated Wexford Rebels were butchered at Vinegar Hill near Enniscorthy it must have seemed that, apart from some localised encounters around the country, the Rebellion was over.

That perception change dramatically on August 22nd, however, when

Humbert quickly established himself and two days later captured Ballina. Irishmen from throughout the area flocked to his standard and the combined forces put the infamous General Lake to retreat in a brilliant victory, on August 27th, that became known as the "Races of Castlebar". On the thirty-first of the month Humbert proclaimed the Provisional Republic of Connaught.

The General was nonetheless acutely aware of the overall weakness of his position. His was the only one of a number of French expeditions to Ireland to have made it through, and he now found himself alone in a country that was flooded with some 100,000 British regulars



# Ballinamuck

supported by bloodthirsty Loyalist Orange Militias. He had to move quickly.

It appears that he initially intended to ensconce his forces in Donegal with a view to re-igniting Ulster ahead of a new French landing. To this end he fought eastwards across Mayo, winning a significant engagement at Carrignagat, near Collooney in Co Sligo. At this point plans changed. Fired by the French arrival, the United Irishmen in Westmeath and Longford went into rebellion against the British. News of this uprising in the Irish midlands encourage Humbert to risk a direct assault on Dublin before the British could encircle him.

On September 7th, the little Franco-Irish army crossed the Shannon under constant rearguard attack from General Lake's 14,000 red-coats. Britain's overall commander in Ireland, Lord Cornwallis, had meanwhile reached Carrick-on-Shannon in Co Leitrim with a force of some 15,000 men. Cornwallis, who had distinguished himself by losing the American Colonies in the 1780s, did not intend to lose Ireland and he deter-

mined to block Humbert's progress.

Meanwhile, a trickle of survivors from the massacres at Wilson's Hospital and Granard brought unwelcome news of the United Irish defeat in Westmeath and Longford to the French camp. Humbert's options were diminishing rapidly and the loss of the chains needed to pull his cannon and wagons left him facing a last stand situation.

On September 8th, the Franco-Irish force drew up for engagement at Ballinamuck, between Drumlish and Dromard on the Longford/Leitrim border. Humbert knew that his stance was a forlorn hope, but he wanted to retain French military honour.

The battle began with a short artillery duel followed by a bloody charge by British dragoons who cut through exposed Irish rebels to reach the French line. After a short, vicious struggle, Humbert ordered his troops to surrender and they were immediately given Prisoner of War status. The Irish Rebels, mostly small farmers, were not so fortunate. Under Colonel Teeling, an Irish officer in the French Army, they held on to



their arms knowing that they would be shown little quarter. About a thousand of them defied Lake who refused to permit an honourable surrender. They were attacked by both British infantry and dragoons and volley upon volley of shot was poured into their number at Shanmullagh Hill where they were slaughtered by the hundred. Local stories still tell of scattered survivors being captured and buried alive.

Some 200 of them were taken prisoner and hanged at Bully's Acre near Ballinallee. Others were transported to Botany Bay in Australia. Reprisals began immedi-

ately and the humble cottages of people in the area were looted and burned. The British then retraced the route of the Franco-Irish Army across Mayo to Killalla, which was taken on September 23rd following further slaughter.

Today, a number of monuments in Longford stand to the memory of the Gaelic-speaking Irish Catholics who fell at Ballinamuck for the freedom of the Irish Nation. The French Standard captured at the battle, meanwhile, remains on display in the protestant Church of Ireland cathedral in Armagh, where the British union-jack continues to flutter on Irish soil.



# The Third

**Part one of a series:** *The Secret of Fatima reveals the Global Chastisement by means of World War, famine and genocidal persecution of the Catholic Church throughout the World...*

**FR PAUL KRAMER**

**O**n May 13, 2000, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican Secretary of State, announced that the so-called "Third Secret" (more properly the third part of the Secret revealed to the three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, Blessed Jacinta Marto and Blessed Francisco Marto on July 13, 1917) would soon be revealed.

On June 26, 2000, a document was published by the Vatican which was claimed to be the entire Third Secret, but that document was only a portion of it. It described a vision which depicted the assassination of a pope along with other prelates, clergy and laypeople by a band of soldiers. Already on September 2, 1952, the sole survivor of the three child seers, Sister Lucia dos Santos, explained to the Jesuit, Father Joseph Schweigl, that the Third

Secret is divided into two parts: one part concerns the pope (this was the portion revealed by the Vatican in June 2000), and the other part is the continuation of Our Lady's words to the three children beginning with the phrase, *"In Portugal the dogma of the faith will always be preserved etc..."* This part of the secret has never been published.

That there remains unpublished a portion of

pope, I traveled to Bavaria to visit a personal acquaintance of the then Cardinal Ratzinger who had questioned him about the Third Secret. The priest, a retired seminary professor who has personally known Pope Benedict XVI for decades, related to me that after concelebrating the Mass with the then Cardinal Ratzinger, he questioned the Cardinal about the Third Secret. The reason for the conversation was that the retired professor could not recon-

revealed on June 26 of that year.

Some ten years earlier Cardinal Ratzinger explained to the professor that Our Lady of Fatima warned against making changes in the Mass in the Third Secret. She also foretold that there would be an evil council in the Church. (Cardinal

Ratzinger's secretary at the time, Fr. Klemens, made a similar disclosure to another priest who is an acquaintance of mine.) The portion of the Third Secret published in June 2000 said nothing about these matters. While driving down to Bavaria from central Germany, I spoke to the professor on the phone about his conversation with Cardinal Ratzinger. He said, *"I confronted Ratzinger to his face."* Later that evening at his home he related to me that when he confronted the Cardinal with his question about there being more to the Third Secret than what was published, Ratzinger replied in German,

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the Third Secret is attested to by the words of some of the persons who have had the privilege to read the text of the document. One of those was Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. Shortly before he was elected

cile what Cardinal Ratzinger had told him some ten years earlier about the contents of the secret with what the Cardinal seemed to be saying in 2000: that the entire secret had been



# Secret

*"Wirklich giebt es da noch etwas"* (Eng. - "Really, there is something more there.")

The late Malachy Martin was another who had read the Third Secret. This is no surprise because Malachy, then still a Jesuit, was a close and trusted collaborator of Pope John XXIII and personal secretary of the Jesuit Cardinal Augustin Bea at the time when Pope John opened and read the secret in February 1960. Malachy was a regular guest on the American radio program, AM Coast to Coast with Art Bell. Malachy often spoke about the Third Secret on the Art Bell program. In his last appearance on that program, Malachy said that there is something dreadfully horrifying in the Third Secret. Yes, Malachy explained, there is world war and terrible catastrophes and the annihilation of entire nations (including the overflowing of the North American and European coasts by the oceans)...but there is something far worse, much more horrifying than any of those things in the Third Secret. He wouldn't say what it is on

the air. In one of my phone conversations with him, Malachy approached the topic when I quoted a prophecy of St. Francis of Assissi about a future 'pope', an antipope who

belief that the antipope foretold by St. Francis is also in the Third Secret. Malachy's answer to me was, "Were it only that." He did not elaborate further. He didn't have to

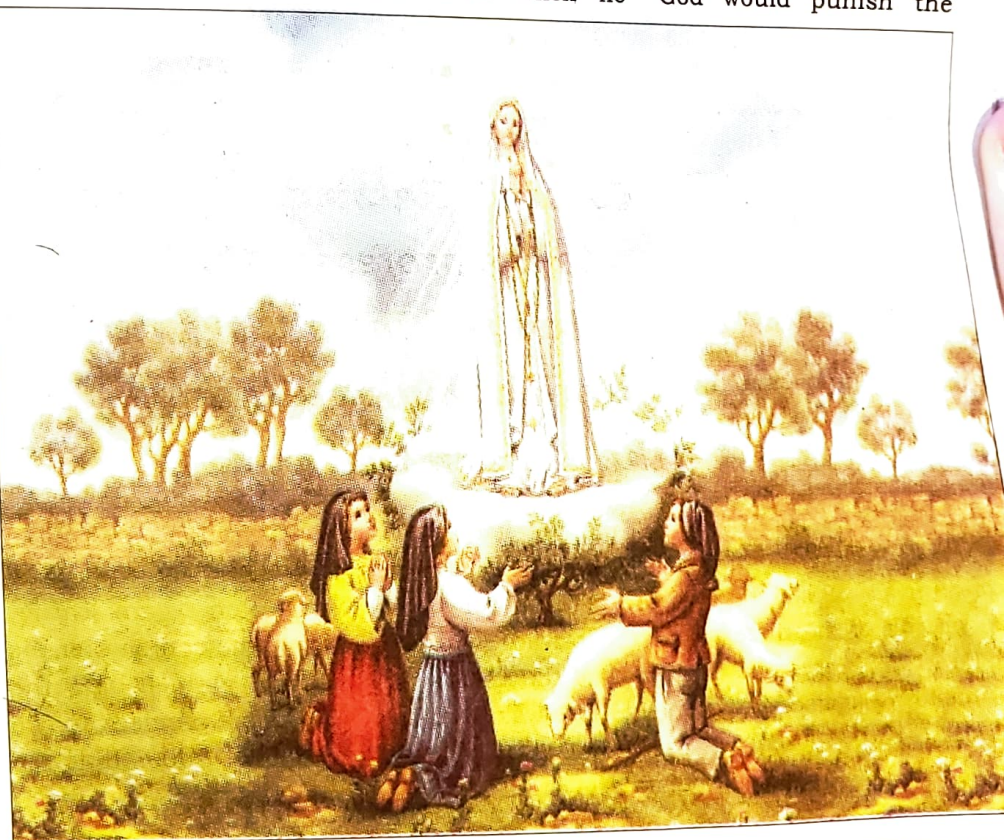
revealed in his 1984 interview with Vittorio Messori that what is in the Third Secret "corresponds to scripture" and is set forth "in many other Marian apparitions".

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will be a heretic and will lead a multitude of souls into apostasy. I told Malachy that it was my

because Cardinal Ratzinger gave away the key to the content of the Third Secret when he

The apparition of Our Lady of Good Success, on 2, February, 1634 foretold of the moral corruption and depravity of the twentieth century, and of the world war, a "terrible war" that would come as a punishment. Again in the nineteenth century Our Lady of La Salette warned of the world war by which God would punish the







**Lucia dos Santos, Francisco Marto, and Jacinta Marto**

world. The swift conclusion of the war will not bring an end to the tribulation, but will be, as Our Lord Jesus Christ foretells in the Gospel, *"the beginning of sorrows."*

*For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and famines. These things are the beginning of sorrows.* (Mark 13:8)

The Message of Fatima, and in particular the Third Secret reveals The Great Chastisement by which God will punish the

whole world for the crimes of sinful humanity if people do not repent and stop offending God. On October 13, 1917 at Fatima, in the moment before the great

***"On the night of January 25, 1938, Sister Lucy saw the ominous red glow Our Lady had foretold would be the great sign..."***

Miracle of the Sun, the Blessed Virgin said, *"People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more*

*for He is already too much offended."*

Our Lady warned of the gravest consequences if this warning is not heeded. The greatest consequence and ultimate chastisement for unrepentant souls is the eternal punishment of hell. It was in order to prevent the eternal damnation of souls redeemed by the Blood of Our Divine Savior Jesus Christ that His Most Holy Mother came to Fatima. Thus She explained in the apparition of July 13, 1917:

*"You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."*

The Blessed Virgin's request that people *"amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins"* was not heeded. Our Lady of Fatima told Blessed

for *"blasphemy, the desecration of marriage and Sunday labour."* In the apparition of July 13, 1917, Our Lady foretold that, *"The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the reign of Pius XI."*

Unfortunately people did not stop offending God, and the worse war, World War II broke out during the reign of Pius XI. Our Lady revealed to Sister Lucy the sign that would indicate the onset of the impending chastisement:

*"When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is going to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father".*

On the night of January 25, 1938, Sister Lucy saw the ominous red glow Our Lady had foretold would be the great sign that God was *"going to punish the world by means of war, famine and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father."* On the following day the strange phenomenon of the *"illuminated night"* was reported in newspapers across Europe and North America. Sister Lucy understood that the punishment of the world was about to begin, and several weeks later, in March (1938), Hitler invad-

Jacinta, *"wars are punishments for sins of the world."* It was revealed to the holy priest Père Lamy that World War One was a punishment specifically



ed Austria and annexed it to Germany, and this act began the escalation of events which transformed the various aggressions of Germany, Italy and Japan into World War II.

World War II could have been prevented if the requests of Our Lady of Fatima had been heeded. She had already promised, *"If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."* Our Lady emphasized that the only way that peace can be obtained is by obedience to Her requests when She asked for the praying of the daily Rosary *"in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary in order to obtain peace for the world ... because only She can help you."*

It was precisely to prevent the chastisement of the world, *"by means of war, famine (and) persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father"* that Our Lady of Fatima requested the consecration of Russia and the devotion of the First Saturdays. Her exact words were: *"To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays."* The promise connected with this request is: *"If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."*

It is of the utmost importance to bear in mind that

World War II was only the beginning of the threatened chastisements. If people do not repent and amend their lives then

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more severe chastisements will follow. Our Lady had foretold in particular the punishment of the Second World War when She said, *"The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the reign of Pius XI."* This particular chastisement has already taken place.

The threatened punishment of the world *"by means of war, famine, persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father"* is a far more general prophetic warning that has only been partially fulfilled. Whether or not it will take place is contingent on the fulfillment or non fulfillment of Our Lady's requests. The chastisement is fully revealed in the not yet published third part of the Secret, while being only mentioned in a general manner in the second part. What Our Lady said about it in the second part of the Secret is:

*"If My requests are heeded, Russia will be convert-*

*ed, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of*

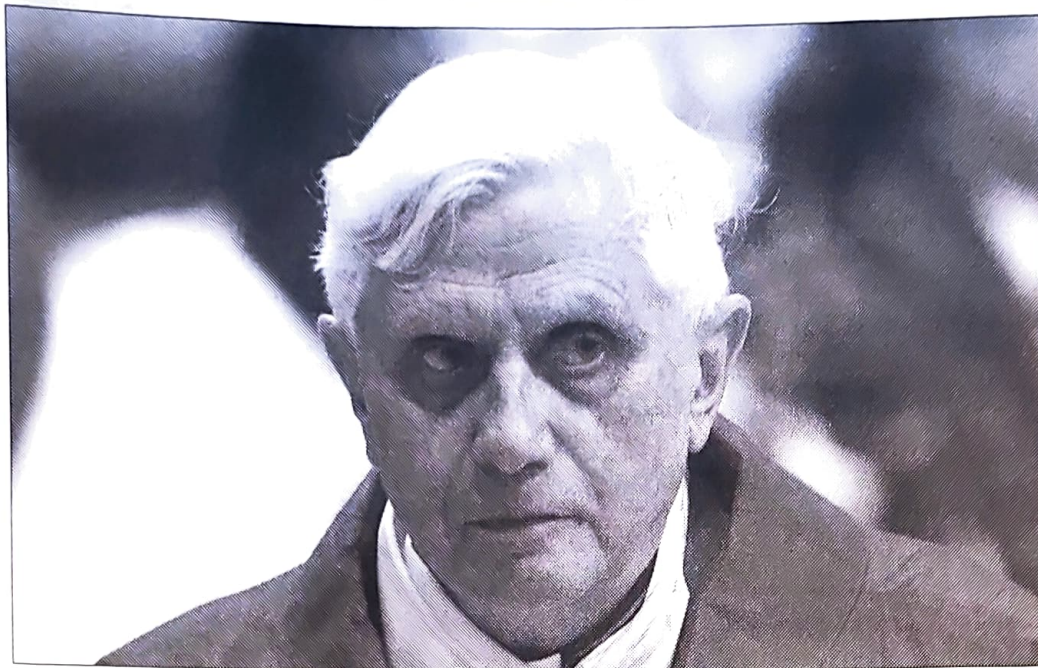
*the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated."*

It was on June 13, 1929, in Tuy, Spain that the

Blessed Virgin appeared to Sister Lucy and fulfilled Her promise that She would *"come to ask for the consecration of Russia"* to be performed by the Pope together with all the bishops of the world. Our Lady's words requesting the consecration were written down by Sister Lucy: *"The moment has come in which God asks of the Holy Father to make, and to order that in union with him and at the same time, all the bishops of the world make the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart promising to save it by this means ..."* This solemn act of consecration of Russia to be







performed by the Pope and all the bishops of the world at the same time has never been done. There has never been any act of consecration of Russia (or of the world or of anything else for that matter) performed by the Pope and all the bishops of the world at the same time. None of the acts of consecration performed by Pius XII, Paul VI or John Paul II were performed by all the bishops of the world at the same time. This is a plainly established historical fact against which there can be no argument — *contra factum non est argumentum*.

It was God's will that the requested act of consecration be accomplished quickly: On January 21, 1935, Sister Lucy wrote: *"About three years ago, Our Lord was very displeased because His request had not been attended to and I made*

*this fact known to the bishop in a letter ... from an intimate conversation with Him, it seems that He is ready to show mercy towards Russia as He promised five years ago and which He wishes so much to save."* On August 19, 1931, Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Sister Lucy with the message, *"Make it known to My ministers, seeing that they follow the example of the King of France in delaying the execution of My demand, they will also have to follow him into misfortune."*

This is a very stern warning spoken by Jesus Christ Himself, since the example to which He refers was that of the disobedience of the French King who failed to consecrate France to His Sacred Heart. That request was made by Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. It was revealed to St. Margaret Mary who communicated

it to King Louis XIV. Louis XIV and Louis XV did nothing, and finally, after being jailed, Louis XVI tried to obey the command of God but could not make the required public and solemn act, and in 1793, he was beheaded at the guillotine.

Our Lord has made it unequivocally clear that a

been performed properly, then some of the pastors of the Church will pay for this omission with their lives. This is plainly depicted in the vision of the Third Secret published on June 26, 2000. In that vision the Pope is killed by a group of soldiers, and other high ranking prelates are killed as well.

When Cardinal Ratzinger spoke of the 'Third Secret' in his November 11, 1984 interview with *Jesus* magazine, he said, *"the things contained in this 'Third Secret' correspond to what has been announced in Scripture, and has been said again and again in many other Marian apparitions ..."*

These words of the Cardinal referred to the future events foretold by the Blessed Virgin in the Third Secret set forth in *"the letter"* of January

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certain period of time has been given to the Pope to perform the requested consecration of Russia, after which, if the consecration will still not have

1944 to Bishop da Silva, *"in which Sister Lucy wrote down the words which Our Lady confided as a secret to the three little shepherds in the Cova*



da Iria." This is the 'Third Secret' that Sister Lucy revealed on September 2, 1952 to the emissary of Pope Pius XII, Father Joseph Schweigl S.J., who explained that the 'Third Secret' is divided into two parts, one concerns the pope, and the other is "the continuation of Our Lady's words, 'In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved etc.' " This is properly the 'Third Secret' of which Cardinal Ratzinger spoke saying, "the things contained in this 'Third Secret' correspond to what has been announced in Scripture, and has been said again and again in many other Marian apparitions." This has been confirmed by the nephew of Sister Lucy, Father Jose dos Santos Valinho, who plainly stated on February 14, 2003, on the Italian TV program Enigma, that the third part of the secret is closely connected to the second part. It concerns the Church: war, persecution and the loss of faith. There will be a universal crisis in the Church and in the whole world. Thus, it corresponds to the Virgin's words in the second part of the Secret: "The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated." In particular it corresponds to the July 13, 1917 revelation that God was "going to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine and

persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father." Father Valinho also plain-

Terror. Judging by what Our Lord foretold to Sister Lucy, it appears

## **"There will be a universal crisis in the Church and in the whole world."**

ly maintains that the third part of the Secret is the continuation of the second part of the Secret that ends with the words, "in Portugal the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved, etc. ..." His precise words: "the dots (after the etc.) indicate 'here is the third part that is not yet revealed'." In fact, Sr. Lucia wrote in her memoir the words, "here begins the third secret" within the quotation marks that contained the Holy Virgin's words.

It is important also to consider, that after a certain point, such as the outbreak of a world war, the pastors of the Church may be physically unable to carry out the consecration, as was the case with Louis XVI, who unsuccessfully attempted to carry out the consecration of France after it was already too late to save France from the revolution and the Reign of

Secret and depicted in the vision of the third part will take place before the consecration will have been accomplished. What Our Lord said to Sister Lucy is this: "The Holy Father, pray much for the Holy Father, he will do it but it will be late."

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, explained why this act of consecration is so necessary. In a letter, dated May 18, 1936, Sister Lucy wrote: "About the other questions, if it will be convenient to insist in order to obtain the consecration of Russia ... I

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**King Louis XVI**





**Sr Lucia with the Bishop of Leiria, Portugal**

have spoken to Our Lord about the subject and not too long ago I asked Him why He would not convert Russia without the Holy Father making the consecration, (He replied) 'Because I want My whole Church to acknowledge that consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary so that it may extend its cult later on and put the devotion to this Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to My Sacred Heart ... Nevertheless, the Immaculate Heart of Mary will save Russia. It has been entrusted to Her.'

The ultimate purpose for the consecration of Russia is not the conversion of Russia or world peace. The conversion of Russia and world peace are graces promised by God to be obtained by means of

that consecration, but the ultimate purpose of the consecration is to save souls from hell by establishing the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady Herself

devotion to My Immaculate Heart. To whoever embraces this devotion, I promise salvation; those souls will be cherished by God, as flowers placed by Me to adorn His Throne." It

**"...the ultimate purpose of the consecration is to save souls from hell..."**

said, "To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart." On June 13, 1917, the Holy Virgin said that it is Jesus who wishes to establish this devotion: "He wishes to establish in the world

is for the salvation of souls that Heaven requests the consecration of Russia. "The salvation of souls ... is always the supreme law of the Church." (Can. 1752) Those who oppose or hinder the consecration for whatever reason set

themselves in opposition to the supreme law of the Church and are therefore criminals in the sight of God.

The consequences of disobedience to Heaven's requests will be incalculable and catastrophic. Those who claim that Our Lady's requests have been fulfilled and the consecration of Russia has been done have lost touch with reality. Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the Vatican press secretary in September 2002, made mention of the fact that the Catholic Church is presently persecuted in Russia. Our Lady of Fatima warned that Russia would persecute the Church if Her requests were not heeded. She said, "If My requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace ..."

Our Lady of Fatima said to Sister Lucy in May 1952, "Make it known to the Holy Father that I am always awaiting the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart. Without the Consecration, Russia will not be able to convert, nor will the world have peace."

Our Lord said He would not convert Russia without the Holy Father making the consecration (of Russia), "Because I want My whole Church to acknowledge that consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary." There is as yet no



sign of that triumph, or that conversion, because Our Lady's requests have not been heeded, and therefore the world looks forward to the Great Chastisement by which God "is going to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, persecution of the Church and of the Holy Father."

The Great Chastisement that is revealed in the Third Secret of Fatima is concisely set forth in the one page letter of Sister Lucy to Bishop da Silva which contains the 'Third Secret'. The secret that Cardinal Ratzinger spoke of in the Jesus interview is in that letter. When he said, "Yes, I have read it", Ratzinger was referring to that letter, "in which Sister Lucy wrote down the words which Our Lady confided as a secret to the three little shepherds in the Cova da Iria."

It is those words of Our Lady that Cardinal Ratzinger was referring to when he said in the Jesus interview that the Third Secret refers to "the dangers threatening the faith and the life of the Christian, and therefore the world", and he went on to say, "the things contained in this 'Third Secret' correspond to what has been announced in Scripture, and has been said again and again in many other Marian apparitions ..." It is by examining what "has been said again and again in many other

Marian apparitions" that we will discover "the dangers threatening the faith and the life of the Christian, and therefore the world" which have been "announced in Scripture" and foretold in prophecy.

such as one will never have seen before. Fire will fall from the sky and will wipe out a great part of humanity."

Blessed Anna Maria Taigi (1837) wrote of the coming chastisement, saying:

**"The first punishment will be both physical and spiritual: wars and revolutions..."**

On October 13, 1973 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Akita, Japan to Sister Agnes Sasagawa and revealed: "If men do not repent ... The Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the deluge,

"God will ordain two punishments: One, in the form of wars, revolutions and other evils, will originate on earth; the other will be sent from Heaven. There shall come over all the earth an intense darkness lasting three days and three nights (Joel 2:31) ...

the air will be laden with pestilence, which will claim principally but not exclusively the enemies of religion ..."

The first punishment will be both physical and spiritual: wars and revolutions etc. will be the substance of the physical chastisement "various nations will be annihilated"; and "persecutions of the Church and the Holy Father" will make up the spiritual chastisement: "the good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer."

In 1947, only a short time after the end of World War II, Pope Pius XII stated in his Christmas message to the Cardinals: "The world is on the verge of a frightful abyss ... Men must prepare themselves for suffering such as mankind has never seen." There will be



**The Three Children of Fatima**



a great world war far more destructive than the first two world wars. Sister Elena Aiello (1961) who is of great renown for her prophecies was told by Our Lady:

*"My Heart is sad for so many sufferings in an impending world in ruin ... The wrath of God is near. Soon the world will be afflicted with great calamities, bloody revolutions, frightful hurricanes and the overflowing of rivers and the seas ... the world will be overturned in a new and more terrible war. Arms most deadly will destroy peoples and nations. The dictators of the earth, specimens infernal, will demolish the churches and desecrate the Holy Eucharist, and will destroy things most dear. In this impious war, much will be destroyed of that which has been built by the hands of men ...*

*Another terrible war will come from the east to the west. Russia with her secret armies will battle America; will overrun Europe. The river Rhine will be overflowing with corpses and blood. Italy, also, will be harassed by a great revolution, and the Pope will suffer terribly ...*

*Russia will march upon all the nations of Europe, particularly Italy, and will raise her flag over the dome of St. Peter's. Italy will be severely tried by a great revolution and Rome*

*will be purified for its many sins, especially those of impurity ..."*

*birds can soar the sky, then half the world deep drenched in blood shall*

## ***"...the half-destroyed city in the Fatima vision published on June 26, 2000 represents the destruction of half the world..."***

In the apparition of Our Lady of Good Success, which took place on February 2, 1634, the Mother of God revealed to Mother Marianna de Jesus Torres: "there will be a terrible war in which the blood of priests and of religious will flow ... wickedness will seem triumphant." The same was foretold by Sister Rose Asdente of Taggia (1847): "There shall be great confusion of people against people, and nations against nations. The Russians," she explains, "shall come to make war on Italy ... Priests and religious shall be butchered and the earth, especially in Italy, shall be watered with their blood."

The prophecy written on an English tombstone centuries ago foretells: "When pictures look alive, with movements free, when ships like fishes swim beneath the sea, when men, outstripping

die." It would appear therefore, that the half-destroyed city in the

Fatima vision published on June 26, 2000 represents the destruction of half the world: half the human race, more than three billion (3,000,000,000) human beings will perish in the chastisement, as the tombstone prophecy predicts. Sister Lucy elaborated this topic on December 26, 1957, saying to Father Fuentes: "Tell them Father that many times the Most Holy Virgin told my cousins Francisco and Jacinta, as well as myself, that many nations will disappear from the face of the earth.





she said that Russia will be the instrument of chastisement chosen by Heaven to punish the whole world if we do not beforehand obtain the conversion of that poor nation."

It appears that the world today is truly "on the verge of a frightful abyss." The prophetic revelations made to Sister Elena Aiello confirm the earlier prophecies of St. John Bosco, Blessed Anna Maria Taigi and others that there will be a great war waged against the Western nations by Russia, China and the Islamic nations. Most westerners have no idea as to just how dangerous the geopolitical situation is. They have swallowed the idea hook, line and sinker that the United States is the world's only superpower, and therefore they believe the United States can exert its will wherever it wishes while remaining unchallenged by any other competitor.

There is in fact only one military superpower in the world, and that is Russia. "Russia," Donald McAlvany explains, "(the 'former' Soviet Union) still has the largest military machine in the world; the largest nuclear missile arsenal ... the largest arsenal of tanks, armored vehicles, nuclear submarines, ICBM's and SLBM's (Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles), and warplanes in the world."



It is still the intention of Soviet Russia to conquer the entire world. In a speech to the Lenin School for Political Warfare in Moscow in the 1930s, Dimitri Manuiski

Soviet Russia has unswervingly adhered to this policy since then to the present. In November 1987, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev stated in a speech to the

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declared, "War to the hilt between communism and capitalism is inevitable. But today we are too weak to strike. Our day will come in 30 - 40 years. But first we must lull the capitalist nations to sleep with the greatest overtures of peace and disarmament known throughout history. And then, when their guard is dropped, we will smash them with our clenched fist."

Politburo: "Gentlemen, Comrades, do not be concerned about all you hear about glasnost and perestroika and democracy in the coming years. These are primarily for outward consumption. There will be no significant internal change within the Soviet Union, other than for cosmetic purposes. Our purpose is to disarm the Americans and to let them fall asleep."

The Soviet military leaders are disciples of Sun Tsu, the author of the Art of War, who wrote in 500 B.C., "We advance through retreat." The retreat was the dismantling of the inefficient and bureaucratic Stalinist state, the Soviet Union, and restructuring it into the present Leninist state, Soviet Russia. What took place was not the collapse of Communism but the planned demolition of Socialism. In the Winter 1993 Issue of The Fatima Crusader, I reported:

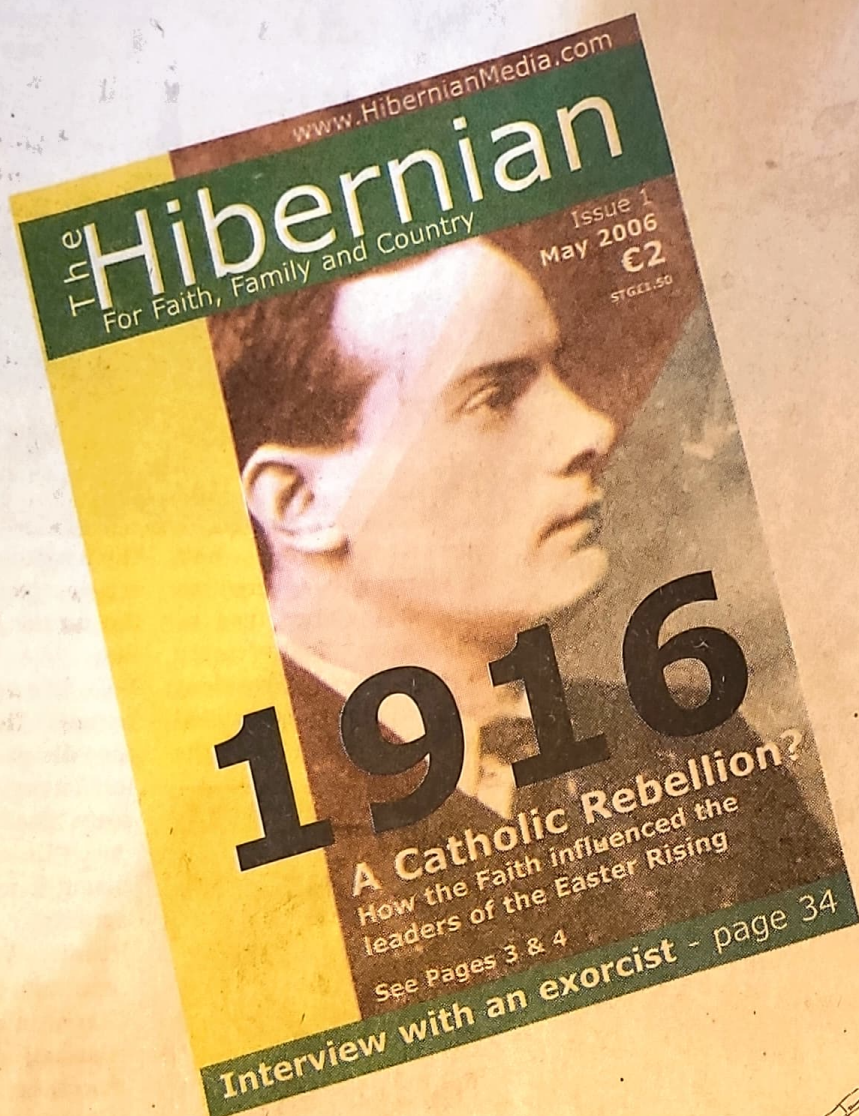
Europe is moving away from the post-war balance of power between the NATO-EEC bloc and the Warsaw Pact-COMECON bloc. Gorbachev is promoting the dissolution of the blocs and the re-ordering of Europe into one united unit.

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