

Father's Retreat – 1973

4th talk

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

“My dear Brethren,

On this first Saturday of this month of spring, I bring to your attention what you already know, what you have heard many times before, we being mortals, tend to pass away from that which we knew at one time so well and we remember only with vagueness. Here in the very words of our Blessed Mother at Fatima. A reminder of how blessed is this day; how powerful are prayers and of what great benefit this day is for souls the world over, as well as, for ourselves.

You will find this little note that I am reading, in the back of the church. It is entitled, *Do You Know?* ‘Are you offering up your daily tasks as a sacrifice of reparation? You have been asked, by God’s most Blessed Mother, to do so. Are you praying the Rosary every day? You were asked by God’s most Blessed Mother to do so. Are you wearing the Brown Scapular as a sign of personal consecration and making acts of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary? You have been asked, by God’s most Blessed Mother. Are you fulfilling Our Lady’s first Saturday communion request? You have been asked, by God’s most Blessed Mother. Are you making at least an hour of adoration once a week, conforming to Our Lady’s request for penance, sacrifice and reparation; just as the Angel at Fatima instructed the children, prostrating himself the while before the Blessed Sacrament, to pray for those who do not pray, to adore for those who do not adore? Everybody owes God adoration, even little children.’

I might mention, in passing, it is your privilege to kneel before the Most Blessed Sacrament in this church. All over this nation, churches are closed all day, every day, except Sunday. They are open for the briefest time only, in the early part of the morning. Otherwise, there is no possibility of adoration at all. Yesterday, the Most Blessed Sacrament was enthroned upon this altar from eight in the morning, to eight in the evening.

The words of our Most Blessed Mother, ‘Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend my Son very much.’ That was in 1917. ‘More souls go to hell because of sins of the flesh than any other reason.’ That was in 1917. ‘Many marriages are not good. They do not please our Lord and they are not of God.’ That was in 1917. Think of the number of marriages that do not please God today. Think of the number of souls that go to hell today, because of the sins of the flesh. Think of the enormity of the sins of those who dress immodestly today, in comparison to the immodesty of 1917.

The Blessed Mother can no longer restrain the hand of her Divine Son from striking the world with just punishment for its many crimes and the punishments have come, decade by decade, more terrible each time. ‘If my requests are not granted, Russia will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer and various nations will be destroyed.’ That was in 1917. ‘I have come to warn the faithful (us) to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not continue to offend the Lord, Who is already deeply offended.

Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and after each decade, the following prayer, ‘O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, deliver the Holy Souls from Purgatory, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.’ Pray, pray a great deal and make sacrifice for sinners, for many go to hell because **they have no one to make sacrifices and pray for them.**

God wishes to establish in the world, the devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people do what I tell, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask graces from her and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be

venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her. War is a punishment from God for sins. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace.

I promise to help at the hour of death, with graces needed for salvation, whoever, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart.'

After Fatima, with the passing of time, another appearance, Our Lord appeared to Lucy in 1943, complaining bitterly and sorrowfully, that there are so few souls fulfilling Our Lady's request, saying, 'The sacrifice required of every person is the fulfillment of his duties in life and the observance of My laws. **This is the penance I now seek and require.**'

St. Joseph, the only saint to appear at Fatima beside Our Lady, held the Child Jesus in his arms and blessed the seventy thousand people three times. It is he, of whom it has been said, 'The sound of victory will be heard when the faithful recognize the sanctity of St. Joseph.'

Dear Brethren, I mentioned to you last night, that tomorrow the Blessed Virgin will be doing what she is doing today. She is doing today what she did yesterday. **She is weeping.** The tears of the Blessed Mother are very special. For, until we are told of the tears of the Queen of Heaven, we do not quite understand what it means when we hear the words, 'The Blessed Virgin Mary wept. The Blessed Virgin Mary is weeping. The Blessed Virgin Mary will weep.'

In the year 1846, when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to the two little children, on the holy mountain of La Salette, the children were very ignorant. They had not made their first Communions, did not know their prayers, had never been to confession. The girl was fourteen and the boy was nine. They never knew that they were in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but OH! they did know that whoever she was, she was holy. They did know that they loved her.

When the Blessed Mother began to leave the children, she rose slowly into the heavens and as she departed from the children, rising into the sky, the poor little boy, who did not know that it was his Blessed Mother in Heaven, but knew that he loved her desperately, leaped in the air to catch her feet, so that she would not go. They asked the boy afterwards, how could he be so irreverent. Of course, the child never knew it was the Blessed Mother, and he said, 'I knew she was so holy that she was going to heaven and I wanted her to take me with her.'

How do you think the Blessed Mother, the Queen of Heaven, wept in front of the children? She is weeping today. She will weep all day. Most of you, perhaps, have heard and some of you perhaps have seen the newspaper accounts of the weeping statue in New Orleans, the weeping statue in Atlanta, GA, the weeping statue most recently at Georgetown University. This is the Pilgrim Virgin statue. Perhaps you have seen the pictures of the tears, that not only stream down the face, but are dripping from the tip of the nose, of the statue; a steady stream of tears.

Now to return. They said to the little boy, as they questioned him, completely convinced that he was making up the story, and completely convinced that this was all a fraud; they said to him with sarcasm, 'Well, if she was weeping, then how was she weeping?' The little boy said, (remember, this is the Queen of Heaven, and you know that she wept with a quiet dignity, that is what you would expect....a quiet dignity) 'How did she weep? Why she wept just like a mother who has been beaten by her children.' And how was that? When the Blessed Mother appeared to the little children, they found her seated. She was not standing. She was so exhausted and crushed with grief, that she could not remain seated only, she was slumped forward, with her elbows on her knees and her face buried in her hands, weeping like a mother who had just been beaten by her children. That is how the Blessed Mother wept yesterday, is weeping now and will weep tomorrow.

This has not been in the newspaper, but it has happened in a school where there are very few Catholic children, but many Protestant children. All of the girls in the second year of high school, one day, two

months ago, were changing after a basketball game and suddenly, they burst into tears. Every last one of them. They cried out loud and almost hysterically. The teachers found out they had heard weeping, terrible weeping. During the week, those children had discussed, in class, the Supreme Court decision for abortion. Most of those little girls, though they were not Catholic, were frightened by that decision. Angered by it, and terribly bewildered and they were not Catholic children. The very next day, the same thing happened. Only this time, it happened in the class and for more than an hour, all of the teachers in the building were trying to stop the crying and these girls could not stop, because, they said, they heard a mother weeping. Four children said that they saw a woman with a baby in her arms and she was most beautiful, and she was weeping. They said the reason why they could not stop weeping is, moment by moment, they heard that mother crying and they could not be stopped. For one hour they wept with wild abandonment, because of what they heard. We would do the same. Men or women, eighty years old, or eight years old, we would weep in the presence of the Blessed Mother if we could see her weep. If you could see the suffering in the face of the Immaculate Queen of Heaven this day. If you could see those brimming eyes. If you could see the face diffused with the suffering of her grief, you would weep. If you could hear our Blessed Mother weep, you would weep. But she asks for consolation and it is only to be given by us.

So you think the great sinners of the world console our Most Blessed Mother? Do you think they ever think of her? Who are the great sinners of the world? The atheists? Not at all. The communists? Not at all. The most terrible sinners in the world are Catholics, **because they know**. They know about God. They know about grace. They know about the pardon of God. They know about our Most Blessed Mother and they know about Mass. They know about the tabernacle presence of Christ.

In this parish, do you think that the people throng by the hundreds, every day, to make reparation to Christ? The good few do. The greater number of good would, if they could. Somehow or other, they cannot manage the time. You see what we have? You see how little we appreciate our faith, because so few of us are definitely striving with unbending effort, to be a saint. Yet, we know that.....we know God has willed sanctity for us. But the most terrible sinners in the world are Catholics, because they apostatized from Jesus Christ, Redeemer and Savior and apostatized from the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This is why Almighty God constrained the faithful of this world, to offer reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the first Friday of the month and the first Saturday of the month; as a special effort to make up for the outrages of Catholics. How do we know this is true? Because when the Blessed Mother, with tears, rose and spoke to the children at LaSalette, when she did speak, she laid a charge and here are her words, 'However much you pray, however much you do, you will never make up to me what I have suffered for you.' Then, she begins to name the crimes that have caused her tears. 'This, (that is a demonstrative finger pointing) this, is what makes the arm of my Son so strong and so heavy, I can no longer withhold it'. Then she names the Catholic sins, that's all. She doesn't talk about war. She doesn't talk about murder. She doesn't talk about terrible sins of violence, or sins against purity, NO! The fact that people do not go to Mass on Sunday. The fact that when they go, they are blocks of stone; (This is the year 1846) and insensible, to the presence of God. The fact that they eat meat on Friday. The fact that they do not fast in Lent. She said, 'This is what makes the arm of my Son so strong and so heavy, I cannot withhold it.' **The sins of Catholics.**

We are the children of God...but we have outraged Him more than the most terrible sinners in the world. Because we are the children of God, we have a sensitivity to the sufferings of our Most Blessed Lady, that others do not have and cannot have. Therefore, if we were to see her tears and hear her weeping, we would change our lives. There would be much fewer "ups" and "downs". Much fewer wanderings to the right and to the left. There would be rather, a steady, straight, upward course toward sanctity. There would be no hedging and no compromising and no watering down and no postponing. It would be today.

‘Behold, now is the acceptable time. Behold, now is the day of salvation’ Those are the words inspired by Almighty God that came from the lips of St. Paul to the Corinthians. ‘Behold now.....’, not tomorrow. ‘Behold, now is the acceptable time. Behold, now is the day of salvation.’ This is the day. The day we honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is the day. The first Saturday of this month. This is the day to ask Almighty God and to mean what you say. ‘Oh God, make me a saint!’ Ask for the sanctification of all in your home. Ask with confidence and give yourself in consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Remember, please, there are tears now. There have been and there will be tears, dreadful to behold, and the weeping dreadful to hear. The experience of being in the presence of God’s most Blessed Mother as she weeps, is enough to bring us to the earth, prostrate., without the ability to even kneel. Crushed with the awareness of ‘What I have done to cause those tears!’

My dear people, on this Day of Recollection, I would like to commend to your good prayers, three classes of the poor. The poor souls in purgatory. Before the Most Blessed Sacrament today, you may do so much for them! You have a rosary. You have the Stations of the Cross. You have the tabernacled presence of Christ. You have the intercession of God’s Most Blessed Mother. When you have free time today, be good to the poor souls.

Think of the poor souls in captive nations. So long abandoned to pain, to punishment, to disease, to death and despair; for whom so few do pray. Take care of the poor children. The poor children. The poor, little, innocent children, who are not even aware that they are walking across the top rail on the banister of the bridge, that carries them across the gulf from innocence to sanctity, or from innocence to depravity. As they walk, they do not even know that they are balancing. As they walk, they are not even aware that arrows of temptations are being shot at them. As they walk, they are not even aware that they are being prodded to lose their balance, by demons. As they walk, they do not know that they are being dazzled by the brightness of the temptations that come from education and materialism, and their own companions. As they walk, they are not even aware that they are buffeted by winds that rise from hell. The winds of all of the errors that blow across the face of this earth.

Those poor little children walk as securely as though they were on a concrete pathway passing across a lawn, where one false step might bring them onto the firm earth, covered with green grass. So they walk as blindly as though there were no danger. When the fact of the matter is, they are teetering along a railing, just as narrow as the sole of their shoe. One false step and down.

Pray for the poor souls in purgatory. Pray for them generously. Give them many, or all, of your indulgences. Pray for the captive nations. Pray for the children who are in the concentration camps of Siberia. Do you ever think of that? Pray for the mothers who are there while their husband and children are back home. Pray for the father who is here while the mother and children are back home. Pray for the entire family that is there, but separated. Pray for the little ones.

Who are the little ones? Do you know the little ones of twenty-five years old and twenty years old and they are as ignorant of God and our Blessed Lady as the little ones two years old and four years old, who have had no instruction in their home? You will find children two years old and four years old in the home where they have had instruction and love of God, far, far, advanced in learning, in comparison to the men and women twenty-five years old, who are teaching in the universities, and do not even know the purpose of their lives.

I especially have in mind the little ones. Those who have not been introduced to mortal sin. Those who have not yet been totally robbed of their childhood. The innocent and the helpless and the defenseless. No, they are innocent. They’re not helpless. They have the power to change the world’s way by becoming saints. Even now, they have a great power as they pray before God. They are not helpless at all. They are not defenseless at all, because legions of angels bear them up again and again, to keep away the forces of hell from them. They have the intercession of our Blessed Lady; Her solicitude and Her care. But because they are only children, they are not aware of the danger from adults. The

danger from schooling and the danger from companionship. The danger from their television programming and the danger from what they see and read. So, again and again and again, they pass by the shields of defense and walk into an area of grave danger for their immortal souls.

Pray for souls, my dear Brethren, pray for souls. Pray for souls. They are going to hell. A blizzard...a blizzard of souls...every day!"

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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