

Immaculate Heart of Mary

On June 13, 1917, when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to the three children at Fatima, she addressed a special message to Lucia, the eldest of the three.

"Jacinta and Francisco I shall take soon," she said, "but you must remain on earth for some time. I want you to learn to read and to write, for it is through you that Jesus wishes to make me better known and loved. He wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart . . ."

A month later, on July 13, after she had allowed the children a momentary glimpse of the horrors of hell, Mary repeated her message: "You have just seen hell, where the souls of sinners go. To save souls from hell, God wishes to establish throughout the world the Devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

Obviously, if God wishes the devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart established throughout the world, He intends that we do our share by praying for the spread of this devotion, by making sacrifices (the conscientious doing of our routine duties), and by telling others about it. (If we never tell others, how will they hear about it?)

In doing our share to establish this devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart, we must be careful to "put first things first". All our talking, all our praying, all our sacrificing will be of little use if we make no effort to make our own heart immaculate, free from sin and from attachment to sin.

Our own immaculate heart is the best, most positive, most practical proof of our loyalty and devotion to Mary's immaculate heart. At the same time, it is our greatest proof of our loyalty and devotion to our baptism, for at our baptism (and again every Holy Saturday) we renounced Satan and sin. And at the conclusion of our baptism, in the ceremony of the clothing with the white garment, the priest spoke these words to us: "Receive this white garment. Never let it become stained, so that when you stand before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, you may have life everlasting."

Immaculate Heart of Mary, help me to keep my soul immaculate, free from all stain of sin so that I, having renounced sin and all attachment to sin, may be saved from hell and may have life everlasting. Immaculate Heart of Mary, stir up in all hearts a firm resolution to be faithful to our baptismal promises — and so shall devotion to your Immaculate Heart spread throughout the world to save souls.



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ELEVENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

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Regardless of where we spend our days, whether in a kitchen, an office, a factory, a school, a hospital, or outdoors, we Catholics have at least one thing in common: Baptism.

Most of us received Baptism in the first days of our life. It implanted the seed of Divine Life in our souls but, from there on, God left it largely to our parents and us to nourish that seed of Divine Life, to cultivate it and help it grow.

By the very fact that you are reading these lines, there is reason to assume that you have been assisting at Mass and taking advantage of your opportunities to receive the Sacraments (Penance and Communion). These are indications that you have been cooperating with God's grace. You can, with honesty, borrow St. Paul's words to describe yourself: "His grace in me has not been fruitless."

That is a matter in which to take some justifiable satisfaction because it implies that you have been giving God your cooperation, for it is a common recognition that although God created us without our cooperation, He will not save us unless we cooperate.

But life does not stand still, so what must we do to keep on growing spiritually?

Mass, the Sacraments, prayer and apostolic living!

(Mass, the Sacraments, prayer — these are easy to understand. What about this "apostolic living"?)

Well, when we were baptized, the priest anointed our ears and tongue. He uttered the same words as Jesus had uttered: "Ephpheta: Be thou opened." When Jesus uttered the words, a deaf-mute was instantaneously cured. By our Baptism, we should be ready to "hear" God's message and proclaim it. "Hearing" involves listening to sermons, reading Catholic literature, taking part in Catholic discussion groups; "proclaiming it" involves presenting the Catholic way of life by our own conduct, and by our having the right Christian answers when the need arises — whether in the kitchen coffee session, the office, factory, school, hospital, or outdoors.

You feel timid about it? You're in good company! It was St. Paul himself who declared: "I am the least of the apostles, and not worthy to be called an apostle."

"Ephpheta!"



Immaculate Conception Church

Rexton, N.B.

Rev. Herbert Grattan, Pastor

Mission Churches: South Branch with Sunday mass at 9.30

Chapel Point with Sunday mass at 11.00

Weekday mass in Rexton at 7,30

Confessions every Saturday evening at 7.30

Baptisms: Sunday at 2 p.m.

11th Sunday after Pentecost August 18, 1963

Our Sincere thanks to ladies of C.W.L. who catered to the Supper held in the Hall last Sunday evening. The sum of \$54.00 was realized from this endeavor.

A Blood Donor Clinic will be held in the Richibucto School on Tuesday, August 20th, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

This week, anticipating the opening of the school year, Our Sunday Visitor devotes itself to the discussion of Education. Of special interest will be an offering by John Patrick Gillese entitled "What Catholics should understand about Education". Our Sunday Visitor this week also presents a series of articles on the Liturgy. Catholics will gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the Liturgy through these articles. Be sure to get your copy of Our Sunday Visitor at the door of the church this morning, and, after reading it, pass it along to a friend.

God Bless you.

High Masses for the Week.

Mon. Mrs Alyre Robichaud - Family

Tues. Lawrence Maloney - Sisters

Wed. Thomas Robichaud (Anniv) - Mrs Thomas Robichaud

Thurs. Ronald Murphy - Mr & Mrs Owen Murphy & Terry

Fri. Hubert Leblanc - K of C Council 1219

Sat. George Hebert - Louis Hebert

Server this week. Alvin Roach

Thursday. What about Thursday? Well, this coming Thursday, August 22, is a very special day. But, to understand its importance, we must first go back to July 13, 1917, when in the little village of Fatima, Portugal, the "other of God" explained to three small children: "If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, promoting wars and persecution of the Church; the good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me and she will be converted, and a certain period of peace will be granted to the world. The prophecy of Russia as a world power of any kind, must have seemed, at that time in 1917, utterly fantastic. Russia had been crushed by the German armies on the west and by conditions at home, where the revolution was about to explode. What seemed fantastic in 1917, has long since become a very real and ever present problem. In fact, one might almost say that all the rest of the world now formulates its policies either to conform with, or in opposition to, the policies set up by the Kremlin. Meanwhile, the sufferings foretold by Mary have come to pass. This coming Thursday is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Now do you see why it has such special importance? History is being written - not by the famous but by the faithful who humbly offer their rosaries and their Christian conduct for the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Are you doing your share to write that history for the future.?"