

### THE POWER OF THE ROSARY – Part 3

Again, we will turn to the power of the Rosary during times of war. The Franco-Prussian War began in 1870-1871. Bismarck's mighty military might humbled the French armies. Paris was taken on Jan. 6, 1871; and the victorious Germans swept westward planning to overtake France to the English Channel. However, in western France where piety was known among the Catholics, Our Lady appeared again to ask Her children to pray. On January 17, 1871, Our Lady appeared to Eugene and Joseph Barbadette, ages 12 and 10. Soon the parishioners with their pastor, Father Guerin begin to pray the Rosary. In this apparition at Pontmain, Our Lady wore a blue gown with 43 stars. Our Lady gives them a message that soon their prayers will be answered. Incredibly, the westward sweep of the German armies halted and within ten days an armistice was signed on January 28, 1871. In gratitude to Our Lady, France built the basilica of Our Lady of Pontmain. These apparitions were approved by the Church in February, 1875.

In the year 1914, World War I breaks out. Some interpret the 43 stars at Pontmain to indicate that in 43 years time, there will be another calamity which is the exact calculations for WWI. Our Lady leaves France and appears to three shepherd children in Fatima Portugal in the year 1917. Many do not know that the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia erupted in that year. Alexander Kerensky overthrew the Romanoff dynasty and gave Russia the only democratic government it had ever known. Kerensky, however continued the war against Germany. General Ludendorf sent to Russia in a boxcar – Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin; and on Nov. 7, 1917 this handful of Bolsheviks overthrew Russia's democratic government. Kerensky fled to Australia and Atheistic Communism began its footing in Russia which had high ideals of spreading its errors throughout the world.

Our Lady of Fatima came in May of 1917 as the Bolsheviks were planning their Revolution in Russia – seven months before it actually begins. In every one of the six Fatima apparitions, Our Lady gives us the medicine to cure the world – THE ROSARY!

Our Lady stated that World War I would end, but “if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the Pontificate of Pius XI. 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. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church.”

As Our Lady predicted, World War II erupted and the errors of atheist Communism spread. Our Lady added that many will be martyred and nations will be annihilated, if people do not convert. Have people converted? The answer is no. Can Divine punishment be avoided?

It depends on the world's fidelity to Our Lady's requests.

Lucia asked Our Lady during the apparitions, "Who are you and what do you want?" Our Lady responded, "I am the Lady of the Rosary, and I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. People must not continue to offend the Lord, Who is already so deeply offended. They must say the Rosary."

Therefore, Our Lady gave us a solution: the recitation of the daily Rosary for the conversion of sinners. The Fatima message is a remedy for our culture immersed in sin. If it were not for Our Lady's promise that "Finally, My Immaculate Heart will Triumph," we would be much dismayed and disheartened. So let us heed her requests and pray our daily Rosary for peace in the world.



In July 1972, in New Orleans, La. this statue of Our Lady of Fatima miraculously wept real human tears.