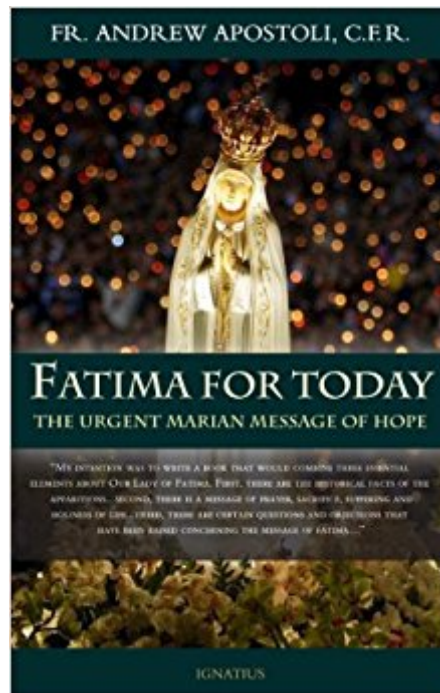


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Fatima For Today: The Urgent Marian Message Of Hope



Synopsis

Though the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima took place almost a hundred years ago, Our Lady's call to prayer and penance for the salvation of souls and peace in the world is as relevant now as when first delivered to three Portuguese peasant children in 1917. At the peak of the First World War, Our Lady warned of another worldwide conflict, the rise and spread of Communism, and a terrible persecution of the Church unless people repented of their sins and returned to God. She also requested devotion to her Immaculate Heart and a special consecration of Russia. Much of what Our Lady of Fatima said was revealed soon after her appearances, but the third and final "secret", which was not a message but a prophetic vision seen by the children, was not unveiled by the Vatican until 2000. Pope John Paul II, who read the third secret while recovering from the attempt upon his life in 1981, believed the vision signified the sufferings the Church had endured in the twentieth century. Because of the prophetic nature of her messages, Our Lady of Fatima has been the subject of much controversy and speculation. In this book, Father Andrew Apostoli carefully analyzes the events that took place in Fatima and clears up lingering questions and doubts about their meaning. He also challenges the reader to hear anew the call of Our Lady to prayer and sacrifice, for the world is ever in need of generous hearts willing to make reparation for those in danger of losing their way to God.

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Customer Reviews

Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R., a founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, has been teaching and preaching retreats and parish missions for several decades. He is considered one of

the world's foremost experts on the apparitions at Fatima. He is the author of numerous books, including *Following Mary to Jesus and Walk Humbly With Your God*. Fr. Apostoli is the vice-postulator for the cause for the canonization of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. A frequent host on EWTN television, he hosted the TV special "Our Lady of Fatima and the First Saturday Devotion".

"Fatima for Today". by. Father. Andrew. Apostoli is EXCELLENT. As. close. to. perfection. as. possible. Vivid. and. precise. particular details and accurate generalizations. combine to. provide. intelligibility and. that. generates. enthusiasm for the subject and the author. For those of us who have studied the story of Our Lady of Fatima and her conversations and revelations. to. the. three children in Fatima, Portugal, this is a magnificent book that puts all the elements together in an. interesting. and. gripping. narrative that provides. pathways. of. activities. to. grow. in understanding and appreciating. the. Providence of God to enrich and complete. the life of each individual who is willing. to. grow in truth and grace.

I have just finished Fr. Apostoli's wonderful book on Fatima and I would recommend it to every Catholic. Our Lady's requests at Fatima are simple and can be carried out by anyone. As I read the book I couldn't help but wonder what our world would be like today if more people had heeded her message and warnings from the beginning.

This is a great book by a very respectable, holy priest. I think it is a must read for everyone. It really helps to make sense of what is going on in the world today and offers hope for bringing true peace to the world which no one can deny we really need. This is the second copy I purchased. I read the first one and gave it away (to a Muslim) a number of years back. I want to reread it and possibly pass this one on also.

Father Apostoli provides the clearest guide ever to the apparitions at Fatima. His treatment both of the actual event and the response of the Church to it is balanced - reflecting a faithfulness and charity unfortunately lacking in some other works on this subject. In particular, he demonstrated that Pope (now Saint!) John Paul II did consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart despite what a number of naysayers, doomsdayers, and radical Catholic reactionaries contend. Saint John Paul II was the Marian pope of our time - and Sister Lucia confirmed clearly that his consecration was "accepted by Heaven." But the book is hardly a polemic, it is a sure guide to the importance of Fatima in our time. A splendid read!

I am a catholic, and have always heard about Fatima apparitions throughout my life, and it was wonderful to hear about it as is always for any apparition of our Lady. But there was so much I did not know and this book opened my eyes on how special and important the Fatima apparitions were for the entire humanity. It is because of this book that I have a complete new understanding of the significance of praying the rozary everyday, and my love and devotion to our Lady of Fatima has truly increased. I bless you Fr. Andrew Apostoli for this book. Thank you.

Well written and easy to understand. Highly recommended to anyone wanting to know more about Our Lady of Fatima, especially in historical context.

Born 60 years after the visions at Fatima, I had grown up hearing about them, the secrets and devotions. However, I was never given a complete picture and in the bit transmissions of information the message was lost. While I have a great devotion to the Immaculate Conception, I have not read anything else about Our Lady of Fatima or the visionaries. This book presents a beautiful summary of the events, the message, the meaning of the message and how to apply this message. It is inspiring and gets you wondering how you can console the Immaculate Heart of Mary! I recommend this book to anyone who is curious about this whole Fatima thing! Learn how this was loving reiteration of the good news, "Repent and believe the Gospel!" We have have heavenly mother interceding for us and she shows her love by reminding us of living virtuously and pointing us to her Son. Know what spiritual weapons we have and how we can bring greater grace into this world.

This book helps explain so many mysteries, not just Fatima. I hunger and this book feeds my soul

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