



# The Fatima Message

World Apostolate of Fatima  
Diocese of Lansing, Genesee County

Newsletter, Spring, 2023



## A Note From Our Chaplain, Rev. Roy Horning...

This year's convention theme is "Mary's Call to Prayer in Modern Times". Mary asked the Fatima children to pray and that message is certainly relevant and asked of us today. One of my first principles about the spiritual life is that it must be rooted in prayer and the sacraments. My reasoning is that prayer is first and foremost communication, or conversation with God. Every healthy interpersonal relationship is rooted in communication either through words or actions and this is especially true of our relationship with God. The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** (everyone should have a copy of this at home) says that prayer is the elevation of the mind and heart to God in praise of his glory; a petition made to God for some desired good, or in thanksgiving for a good received, or in intercession for others before God. Through prayer the Christian experiences a communion with God through Christ in the church. The Sacraments are God's gift of Himself to us and a participation in the very life of Christ our Lord. **The Catechism** states that the sacraments are an efficacious sign of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church by which divine life is dispensed to us through the work of the Holy spirit. The Sacraments (called "mysteries" in the Eastern Church) are seven in number: Baptism, Confirmation,

Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. Thus, I am continually reading what the saints have to say in regards to prayer and participation in the Sacramental life of the Church. Why 're-invent the wheel' when the masters have left us road maps to get to our destination? Regularly, I find nuggets of gold that I pass on to you through homilies or bulletin articles. I recently read about spiritual insights that St. Julian of Norwich gained through a life of solitude lived in a cell attached to St. Julian's church in Norwich. She was born in 1342 and lived well into the 1400's. Julian probably took her name from the church which would have been about 400 years old at the time. She became an anchoress after receiving a series of sixteen visions of the Lord during a severe illness in 1373. As an anchoress, she was a woman dedicated to religion and permanently lived alone in a cell (room) attached to the church, hence the name 'anchoress'. She spent twenty years reflecting on the visions she had received and recorded them and their meaning as *The Revelations of Divine Love*, which is recognized as one of the great classics of spiritual literature. One of her more memorable quotes embodies the whole of her spiritual teachings and speaks to her belief that we should see God primarily as all loving. Julian was convinced that "***all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well***".

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## 2023 WAF First Saturday Calendar

<b>April 1 Holy Rosary</b>	5191 Richfield Rd, Flint	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>May 6 SS Charles &amp; Helena</b>	230 E. Vienna, Clio	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>June 3 St. John</b>	600 N. Adelaide St, Fenton	<b>8:15AM</b>
<b>July 1 St. Mary Queen of Angels</b>	4413 Morrish Rd, Swartz Creek	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>Aug 5 St. Mark</b>	7296 Gale Rd, Goodrich	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>Sept 2 St. Robert</b>	310 Cherry St, Flushing	<b>8:30AM</b>
<b>Oct 7 St. John, Davison—Annual WAF Conference</b>	Theme: 'Mary's Call to Prayer in Modern Times'	<b>9:00AM—3:00PM</b>
<b>Nov 4 Our Lady of Lebanon</b>	4133 Calkins Rd, Flint	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>Dec 2 St. Mary</b>	11110 N. Saginaw, Mt. Morris	<b>9:00AM</b>

Go to our website: [wafgc.org](http://wafgc.org) for directions and more!



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### **A Note From Our Chaplain... (cont'd from pg. 1)**

Julian's insight on intercessory prayer is so clear and beautiful that I reprint it here for your benefit and meditation: *"A simple way of intercession is the way to awareness. The first step is to become aware that God has been working long before we came on the scene ourselves, that He is working now and that our desire is to be linked with Him within the communion of saints in this work. The second tip is to hold the intercession request in our hands and to let all our awareness enter into it. I do not say concentration, as that might suggest strenuous mental effort and that is not what is required; just awareness as we might stand in the presence of a picture or sunset. The third step is to put the slip aside and just be in God's presence. We do not now have to reflect that we are there on behalf of another; what has already been done makes that clear. We just are in the presence of God, our intention-again we do not have to reflect upon it now-being that God's love shall flow freely in this other, as our hope is, it shall be in ourselves."....."All intercession is ultimately gathered up in this saying of an Eastern monk, "Every morning put your mind into your heart and stand in the presence of God all the day long". Bishop Michael Ramsey has written that the word 'intercession' means not pleading with God, but standing in God's presence on behalf of another. It can be a help to grasp this, for it follows that to pray for others we do not have to be clever or eloquent or even perceptive of their needs; just ourselves as we are, simple, a bit confused perhaps, but wanting God's will, or wanting to want God's will for ourselves and others. It is God's business to take things from there. We are to fill the water pots with water-and we are to fill them to the brim-the wine-making is His. We are to remove the stone; 'Lazarus come forth' belongs to Him. We are the dry bones; the clothing with flesh and the breathing upon them is His."* There is so much wisdom and humility in this simple lesson on intercessory prayer. ~Fr. Roy Horning is Chaplain to the World Apostolate of Fatima, Genesee County Chapter, and Pastor of Holy Rosary, Flint /St. Mary, Mt Morris Parishes



Join Us!

48th Annual World Apostolate of Fatima Convention,  
October 7, 2023

## ***Mary's Call To Prayer In Modern Times!***

### **Keynote Speakers:**

- **Rev. Zachary Mabee**, Instructor of Philosophy Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit and Pastor, St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn MI, Diocese of Lansing
- **Rev. Drew Mabee**, St. Damien of Molokai Parish, Pontiac & the South Oakland Vicariate, Diocese of Detroit
- **Rev. Roy Horning**, Pastor of Holy Rosary, Flint & St. Mary, Mt. Morris. Chaplain to the World Apostolate of Fatima, Genesee County, Diocese of Lansing

8:30 AM—9:00 AM: Registration and Continental Breakfast (Family Center—505 Building)

9:00 AM: Presentation

10:00 AM: Presentation

11:30 AM: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Rosary Procession (outside—weather permitting)

1:00 PM: Lunch (by Creative Catering—Family Center—505 Building)

1:30 PM: Presentation

2:30 PM: Closing and Blessing

-The *Rosary Makers* of Lansing will have a large selection of religious items for sale

Tickets are \$20 for adults. \$7 for kids under 18. Tickets will be available at all First Saturday's or can be purchased by check made out to: 'World Apostolate of Fatima' and mailed to 2457 N. Vassar Rd, Burton, MI 48509



**Oct. 1, 2022  
Convention**

## **Fr. Roy's Key Principles For Living a Christian Life**

*Fr. Roy shared these in a recent First Saturday homily:*

- 1) **There is no salvation of souls without suffering**
- 2) **No good deed goes unpunished from the devil**
- 3) **One who labors for the Lord does NOT labor in vain**
- 4) **If everybody is doing it, RUN the other way**
- 5) **There are no 'short cuts' in the Spiritual life**



*Sister Lucia, the longest-lived Fatima visionary said, "The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about marriage and family." One way to battle is to consecrate you and your family to Jesus!*

### **~Prayer for the Consecration of the Family~**

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, I come to you to consecrate myself and my entire family to Your Two Hearts. I desire to renew the vows of my baptism and place each member of my family through an act of faith, hope and love, into loving union with the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I dedicate myself and each member of my family to the Guardian Angels God has given each one of us. O Holy Guardian Angels, enlighten, guide and protect each one so as to lead us safely home to heaven.



At Fatima, dear Mother of God, you appeared with St. Joseph and the Child Jesus blessing the world. O Holy Family, bestow blessings upon me and my entire family so that we may be Christ-like. I desire that each member of my family adore always the Most Blessed Trinity and love our God in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Grant peace to each member of my family. Keep each one in the grace of Jesus Christ. Never permit any of my family to stray from the true faith. For any member who has strayed, I beseech you to bind up the wounds, lift up the fallen, and keep each of our loved ones in grace. Bind them back to their Father's true home. **Amen.**



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***Do you have a testimonial on how Our Lady and/or First Saturday's have made an impact on your life?***

Would you like to share that with our guests at our annual Convention in October? We will have some 'testimonial time' during lunch to share three testimonials. Let us know if you're interested. Contact Maria at 810-730-0703

Here is a traditional prayer to Our Lady of Fatima that many have prayed over the years for special graces from God:

**O** Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. **Amen.**



**Invite a friend or family member to First Saturday's and the Annual Convention in October!**

*(See schedule inside for details)*

***Annual October Convention will be held at St. John, Davison***

***Oct. 7th 2023, 9:00AM-2:30PM***

*Guest speakers, Holy Mass, lunch, fellowship!*

**Theme: "Mary's Call To Prayer In Modern Times"**

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