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The Message of Fatima and the LATIN MASS

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*My God, I believe, I adore,
I hope, and I love Thee.*

*I ask pardon of Thee for
those who do not believe,
do not adore, do not hope
and do not love Thee.*

Angel's Prayer:

⇒ This prayer beautifully encapsulates what it means to be Catholic; what it means to be *human*!

- (1) I *believe* (faith)
- (2) I *adore* (worship)
- (3) I *hope* (final end)
- (4) I *love* (love God, abhor sin)




Angel's Prayer:

⇒ This prayer is intimately related to the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**,

- *Source and Summit* of life,
- of all *life*,

⇒ and casts into sharp relief the crisis in the Church today,

- in our lives (families),
- in the *world*.



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"Forasmuch as, in this *divine sacrifice* which is celebrated in the Mass, that *same Christ* is contained and *immolated* in an *unbloody* manner; who once *offered* Himself in a bloody manner on the *altar of the cross*; the holy Synod teaches, that this *sacrifice* is truly *propitiatory* and that by means thereof this is effected, *that we obtain mercy, and find grace in seasonable aid, if we draw nigh unto God* [cf. Heb. 7:25], *contrite and penitent, with a sincere heart and upright faith, with fear and reverence*. For the Lord, appeased by the *oblation* thereof, and granting the grace and gift of penitence, forgives even heinous crimes and sins. For the *Victim is one and the same*, the same now *offering* by the *ministry of priests*, who then *offered* Himself on the cross, the manner alone of *offering* being different."

[Council of Trent, Session 22, Chapter 2]

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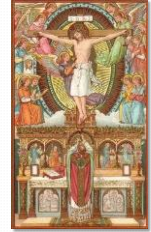
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- ★ The Mass is **THEOCENTRIC**
- ★ Consider how the **FOUR ACTS** of worship relate to the Angel's prayer.
- ★ There must be *objective* principles.



I ADORE... ADORATION

At Mass...
we must render due worship (*latría*) to God.

I ask pardon for those who do not adore.



I ADORE...

- ✚ The act of **consecrating** means "set apart" for God.
 - ✚ Architecture
 - ✚ Sanctuary
 - ✚ Communion rail
 - ✚ Gregorian Chant
 - ✚ Latin
 - ✚ Sacerdotal vestments, sacred vessels
 - ✚ Only the priest's hands touch the Blessed Sacrament



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- ✚ The act of consecrating means "set apart" for God.
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 - ✚ How we dress
 - ✚ Veils

The Real Presence.
It's why we veil.



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 - ✚ Silence
 - ✚ Bells
 - ✚ Incense
 - ✚ Ad Orientem
 - ✚ Osculations
 - ✚ Priest's finger touch the Host
 - ✚ Reception of Holy Communion



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- ✧ Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you. (Mt 6:33)



Theocentric vs. **Anthropocentric**

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 - We usurp God's divine Throne.
 - We uncrown Christ our King.



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- ✧ By not giving God fitting worship, we *shut off* the principal channel of grace!



I BELIEVE... THANKSGIVING



At Mass...

we must express and hand-on the True Faith.

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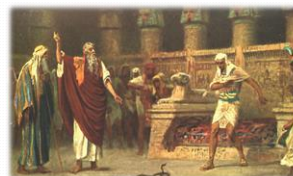
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- ✧ Salvation does depend upon faithfully holding the True Faith.
- ✧ Greatest mysteries of Faith are transmitted through the Mass.
- ✧ To have Faith we must believe what God has **REVEALED**. (Recall the *Act of Faith*.)



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- ✧ Mankind can't help but fall into a **terrible crisis** when the True Faith is changed.



I HOPE...

IMPETRATION



At Mass...

we must unceasingly look to Heaven.

I ask pardon for those who do not hope.

I HOPE...

- ✧ Hope keeps our soul fixed upon our **Final End** and helps us evaluate all things in light of that Ultimate Purpose.



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- ✧ Hope keeps our soul fixed upon our Final End.
- ✧ Indispensable to hope is a constant meditation upon the **Four Last Things**.
 - ✧ **Death** ✧ **Hell**
 - ✧ **Judgment** ✧ **Heaven**



- Of 1182 proper prayers in the Tridentine Missal, 760 were entirely omitted (64%).
- Half of those remaining prayers were altered to meet the "new theology."
- This means the New Mass only contains **17%** of the proper prayers' *lex credendi*.

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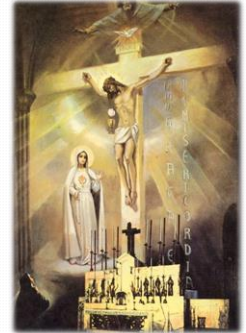


✧ Notably absent are:

- ✧ **Detachment from the world** (the Cross!)
- ✧ **"Negative" theology** (man's sinfulness, weakness, wretchedness)
- ✧ **Prayers for the Dead** (Purgatory, Limbo, Requiem)
- ✧ **Merits of the Saints** (Our Lady, St. Michael)
- ✧ **Miracles** (St. Philomena, St. Christopher)
- ✧ **"New Ecumenism"** (heresy, error, conversion, one True Faith)

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- ✧ Six areas are notably absent from proper prayers.
- ✧ Consider these radical changes in light of the **Vision at Tuy** and the **Errors of Russia**.



I LOVE... REPARATION

At Mass...

we must [*learn to*] love God above all things.

I ask pardon for those who do not love.



I LOVE...

- ✧ Love of God
- ✧ Holiness consists in a two-fold movement: [**1**] love of God and [**2**] hatred for sin.
- ✧ To love God (and *grow* in that love) we must [**1**] obey God and [**2**] make reparation for sin.



I LOVE...

- ✧ Love of neighbor
- ✧ **Love**: To desire and choose the good for the other, no matter the sacrifice to oneself
- ✧ **Charity**: The ultimate good is Heaven. I must desire Heaven for the other – *and act accordingly* – no matter the sacrifice to myself. (**Victim Souls**)



The Angel's Second Prayer

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost

I **adore** Thee *profoundly*.

I **offer** Thee

the most *precious* Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity

of *Jesus Christ*, *present* in all the tabernacles of the world,

in **reparation** for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which *He Himself* is *offended*.

And by the *infinite merit* of His

most Sacred Heart and the *Immaculate Heart* of Mary,

I **beg** of Thee the *conversion* of *poor* sinners.

WHY THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN?

- 🔔 A prophetic sign!
- 🔔 Multivalent meaning
- 🔔 Sun ⇔ The Mass



WHY THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN?

- 🔔 Sun ⇔ The Mass
 - ⇒ Unhinged from stable place
 - ⇒ Acts unusual, strange colors
 - ⇒ Plummets to the earth
 - ⇒ Destruction, death expected
 - ⇒ Penance and prayer
 - ⇒ God restores right order
 - ⇒ All is miraculously dry and cleansed



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- (6) Great effort (dig in the mine)
- (7) Sacrifice (mortify the will)
- (8) Persecutions (love God!)
- (9) Avoid any infighting (strive for holiness!)
- (10) The Pearl of Great Price, Hidden Treasure

