



The Cathedral of
ST. EUGENE

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WEBSITES

Parish: www.steugenes.com
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REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 12 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call Annette (English) at: 542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: 710-5094

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass. *During this time of Covid-19, Benediction is not being held.*

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SHOPS

Cathedral Thrift Shop Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30 & Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – APRIL 3, 2022

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY APRIL 3

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00, 1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
Coffee Social – Parish Life Center – 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

MONDAY APRIL 4

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

TUESDAY APRIL 5

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – PLC (Hope Rm) – 9:30 am
PSR – School – 3:45 pm
Latin Mass – Cathedral – 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Outdoor Rosary – Fatima Grotto – 6:00 pm

THURSDAY APRIL 7

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
ChrisM Mass – Cathedral – 5:30 pm

FRIDAY APRIL 8

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Stations of the Cross – Cathedral – 2:00 pm; 6:00 pm;
7:00 pm (Spanish)

SATURDAY APRIL 9

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Confession – Cathedral – 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Sunday Vigil Masses – Cathedral – 4:30 pm
& 6:30 pm (Spanish)

SECOND COLLECTION

~NO SECOND COLLECTION~

This weekend, April 2 & 3, there is also no Second Collection. Next weekend, April 9 & 10, our Second Collection will be for our Tuition Assistance Program. Thank you for your continued generosity!

PRE-SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST~

Join us after mass this Sunday, 8am -12:00 noon, April 3rd, for our annual Preschool Pancake Breakfast. Tickets cost \$12 each and all proceeds go directly to our preschool program. Tickets for sale at the door. Our St. Eugene's Dad's Club will be preparing hot pancakes, eggs and sausage, you won't find a tastier breakfast in town. We will have some fun raffle baskets and prizes (Raffle tickets 3 for \$5 or 8 for \$10), a no-host mimosa bar for the adults (\$5 each) and a few simple activities for the children, including an egg hunt that will start promptly at 10:00 am.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 03/20/22

Sunday Donations Received:	\$13,468.
2nd Collection : Religious Education	\$3,161.

~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

April is a busy month: Holy Week, Easter, Baptisms, First Holy Communion, and Confirmations! During this month, our special is 25% off all Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation merchandise. This applies to *all* merchandise with specific wording or symbols specifying one of these sacraments. We only do this once a year, so stock up while you can! (This applies only to in-stock inventory. We cannot grant the same discounts to special orders.) Please tell your Spanish-speaking friends that we carry a good amount of merchandise in Spanish as well as having some bilingual employees. The shop hours are: Wed-Sat from 8:30 am-4:30 pm & Sun 8:30 am-1:30 pm. We are closed Mon./Tues. Call us at: (707) 542-0250.

ST. EUGENE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

~FALL REGISTRATION~

Saint Eugene's Cathedral School is now enrolling Kindergarten through 8th Grade students! Please go to the following link to apply. <https://www.steugenesch.org/html/admissions/Admissions.html> Upon the submission of your completed application, you will receive an invitation to the student screening and tour date. If you have questions, please contact our office between 8 am and 1:30 pm Monday-Friday, at 707-545-7252.

IN MEMORIAM

†Barbara Birdsall†

Please remember Barbara Birdsall and her family and friends in your prayers and Masses. She passed away on 3/11/22. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her." *May she rest in peace.*

~EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS~

Easter flower envelopes are on the tables in the vestibules at both entrances of the church (for those of you not receiving envelope packets or Easter mailings.) Please legibly fill out the names of loved ones and return your envelopes in the collection plate **this weekend, April 2 & 3**, to be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. You can also drop them off at the Parish Office. **Deadline to turn them in is noon, Wednesday, April 6.** Names received after this deadline will be listed in subsequent bulletins.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 2
8:00 am	In honor of and in reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus and for the living & deceased members of the Russell & Rinaldi Families
4:30 pm	Deirdre McCormick, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Juana Maldonado, deceased
Sunday	April 3
7:30 am	Michael Tran, living
9:00 am	Carl Goslovich, deceased
10:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
12:00 pm	Maureen Ogoogo & Family, living & deceased
1:30 pm (EF)	The Finn and Green Family, living & deceased
5:30 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:00 pm (Newman Ctr.)	Gildardo Luna Torres, living
Monday	April 4
6:45 am	Cliff Summey, living
8:00 am	Jesus Garibay, Jr., living
Tuesday	April 5
6:45 am	Jason DeGuzman, living
8:00 am	Leo Pimentel, deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Carol Ferris, deceased
Wednesday	April 6
6:45 am	Mr. & Mrs. John LaForge, deceased
8:00 am	All Nakai Family Members, living & deceased
9:20 am	Veronica Luna & Family, living
Thursday	April 7
6:45 am	John J. Haberkorn, deceased & Family
8:00 am	Carl Goslovich, deceased
Friday	April 8
6:45 am	Adelina Solis, living & the Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am	Linda Pisenti, living
12:00 (hospital)	Roberto Marapao, deceased
Saturday	April 9
8:00 am	Phil Skikos, living
4:30 pm	George Schirle, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Juana Maldonado, deceased

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~MASS OF THE CHRISM~

The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese, invites you to participate in the **Mass of the Chrism** here at St. Eugene's Cathedral on **Thursday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m.** This Mass is celebrated once a year and during the Mass, the Bishop blesses the oil of the Sick and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the Bishop has received and it also signifies the unity the priests, who share in the same ministerial priesthood, have with the Bishop. This Mass will be live-streamed on our YouTube Channel. There will also be overflow seating outside with a large screen TV set up for viewing.

~INTERNATIONAL ROSARY CRUSADE~

Join us in solidarity with an international prayer effort begging the Mother of God for help in this unprecedented, global crisis of war and strife. Now, more than ever, we need to pray for the fruits of the Consecration to be upon us! Join us at the Fatima Statue and grotto outside the east entrance of the Cathedral **each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.**

~40 DAYS FOR LIFE~

It is not too late to join your brothers and sisters in Christ who are standing up for our unborn brothers and sisters every day in front of the Planned Parenthood building located at 1140 Sonoma Avenue in Santa Rosa through Palm Sunday, April 14. Join them in prayer and be a voice for the voiceless! Contact Judy at 477-8937.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VIDEO SERIES~

What does it mean to be a man today? I think most of us have asked ourselves this question. We all want to lead fuller and more purposeful lives - to be better men, better husbands and better fathers - but sometimes it can be difficult to know how. The Knights of Columbus is hosting a 12-part video discussion series, "Into The Breach". Please join us for food, fraternity, and prayer as we discuss "Leadership", Monday, April 11th, at 6:00PM in the Becker Center. Open to all Catholic Men 18 years and older.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Leo Del Santo, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Thomas Patrick, Aida Catapang, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Joan Cosgrove, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich, Mary Gonzales and Nick Sidjakov.

The bulletin item deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. E-mail items to: office@steugenes.com. We reserve the right to edit or omit items.

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

THE CONSECRATION

~FROM THE PASTOR~

This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of Lent. In just two more weeks, we will be celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord. What a day of joy we have to look forward to! Normally, I would have found some interesting articles or essays to share with you regarding our readings, but today, I'm going to do something a bit different. I am going to concentrate on the event that happened just a little over one week ago, the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Pope Francis and all/most of the bishops of the world in union with him. First though, I would like to point out that we can relate the words of our Responsorial Psalm with this Consecration. Our Psalm was: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.* In reading this Psalm, I am reminded that, in spite of our many sins that deserve chastisement from God, He is giving us a chance to convert and to experience peace in the world, as these are the fruits of the Consecration of Russia to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. We are also reminded of our unworthy state in today's gospel reading, where we read Jesus telling the mob, "Let the one among you **w h o i s w i t h o u t s i n** be the first to throw a stone at her." Again, we are all sinners and yet, we are being given a second chance by Our Lord and Our Lady to convert and change our lives! Now, many of us are wondering: was the Consecration of Russia done exactly as Our Lady requested? Will we experience something earth-shattering in the coming days/weeks/months that will miraculously attest to this? Supposing that everything was done as it should have been done, we just might. To give you a preview at what might lie ahead, I'd like to share an article with you about the miraculous changes that occurred in Portugal, when the bishops of that country consecrated Portugal to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1931. Upon reading how the country - it's politics, social and religious observances - were completely changed, I think we can all agree that a miracle happened there. We do need to remind ourselves, though, that God works in His own way and in His own time frame. Generally, we do not comprehend either and when we fail to, we often grumble and lose faith. Let's not fall into that trap. Let's just keep praying and doing our duty, and see what unfolds...

A MIRACLE IN PORTUGAL

~THE CONSECRATION OF PORTUGAL~

"On May 13, 1931, in the presence of the 300,000 faithful who had come to Fatima for the event, the bishops of Portugal solemnly consecrated their nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These good bishops placed Portugal under the protection of Our Lady to preserve that nation from the Communist contagion that was sweeping through Europe, and especially Spain. As a result of this Consecration, Portugal experienced a three-fold miracle. Here, we will outline this miracle."

~A CATHOLIC RENAISSANCE~

"**There was a magnificent Catholic Renaissance**, a great rebirth of Catholic life, so striking that those who lived through it attributed it unquestionably to the work of God. During this period, Portugal enjoyed a drastic upsurge in priestly vocations. The number of religious almost quadrupled in 10 years. Religious communities arose likewise. There was a vast renewal of Christian life, which showed itself in many areas, including the development of a Catholic press, Catholic radio, pilgrimages, spiritual retreats, and a robust movement of Catholic Action that was integrated into the framework of diocesan and parish life. This Catholic Renaissance was of such a magnitude that in 1942 the bishops of Portugal declared in a collective Pastoral Letter: "Anybody who would have closed his eyes twenty-five years ago and opened them now would no longer recognize Portugal, so vast is the transformation worked by the modest and invisible factor of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima. Really, Our Lady wishes to save Portugal."

~POLITICAL & SOCIAL REFORM~

"**There was a miracle of political and social reform**, in accordance with Catholic social principles. Shortly after the 1931 Consecration, a Catholic leader in Portugal ascended to power, Antonio Salazar, who inaugurated a Catholic, counter-revolutionary program. He strove to create, as much as possible, a Catholic social order wherein the laws of government and social institutions harmonize with the law of Christ, His Gospel and His Church. A fierce adversary of socialism and liberalism, he was opposed to "everything which diminishes or dissolves the

family.” President Salazar did not simply talk a good line: he enacted legislation to protect the family, including laws that frowned upon divorce. One such law read, “In harmony with the essential properties of Catholic marriages: It is understood that by the very fact of the celebration of a canonical marriage, **the spouses renounce the legal right to ask for a divorce.**” The effect of this law was that Catholic marriages did not diminish in number, but increased, so that by 1960, nearly 91 percent of all marriages in the country were canonical marriages. *That is a civilization of love, and it is nowhere in sight as we progress into the Third Millennium.*”

~POLITICAL & SOCIAL REFORM~

“**There was the twofold miracle of peace** as a result of the Consecration. Portugal was preserved from the Communist terror, especially from the Spanish Civil War, which was raging next door. Portugal was also preserved from the devastations of World War II.”

~THE CONSECRATION OF 1938~

“Regarding the Spanish Civil War, the Portuguese bishops had vowed in 1936 that if Our Lady protected Portugal from the Communists, they would express their gratitude by renewing the National Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. True to their word, on May 13, 1938, they renewed the Consecration of Portugal to the Immaculate Heart in thanksgiving for Our Lady’s protection. Cardinal Cerejeira acknowledged publicly: Since Our Lady of Fatima appeared in 1917 ...A special blessing of God has descended upon the land of Portugal ... especially if we review the two years which have gone since our vow, one cannot fail to recognize that the invisible hand of God has protected Portugal, sparing it the scourge of war and the leprosy of atheistic communism. Even Pope Pius XII expressed astonishment that Portugal was spared the horrors of the Spanish Civil War and the Communist menace. In an address to the Portuguese people, the Pope spoke of “the Red Peril, so menacing and so close to you, and yet avoided in such an unexpected manner.” The Portuguese passed this first danger unscathed, but immediately there was a second staring them in the face. World War II was about to break out. On February 6, 1938, seven months before the declaration of war, Sister Lucy wrote to her bishop, Msgr. da Silva. She told him that war was imminent,

but then spoke of a miraculous promise. She said, *In this horrible war, Portugal would be spared because of the national consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary made by the bishops.*”

~SPECIAL PROTECTION FROM WAR~

“And Portugal *was* spared the horrors of war, the details of which are too numerous to here recount. Even more remarkable, Sister Lucy wrote to Pope Pius XII on December 2, 1940, to tell him that Portugal was receiving special protection during the war *that other nations would have received if the bishops would have consecrated their nations to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.* She wrote: Most Holy Father, Our Lord promises *a special protection to our country in this war*, due to the consecration of the nation, by the Portuguese prelates, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; as proof of the graces that would have been granted to other nations, had they also consecrated themselves to Her.⁸ Likewise, Portugal’s Cardinal Cerejeira did not hesitate to attribute to Our Lady of Fatima the great graces that had been obtained for Portugal during this time. On May 13, 1942 he said, To express what has been going on here for twenty-five years, the Portuguese vocabulary has but one word: *miracle*. Yes, we are firmly convinced that we owe the wonderful transformation of Portugal to the protection of the Most Holy Virgin.”

~A PREVIEW OF WHAT’S TO COME?~

“Cardinal Cerejeira further explained that the miraculous blessings that Our Lady obtained for Portugal due to the 1931 Consecration were a preview of what She will do for the entire world after Russia is properly consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart. The Cardinal said: “What has taken place in Portugal proclaims the miracle. And it foreshadows what the Immaculate Heart of Mary has prepared for the world.” Thus, it is not difficult to understand why the Portugal of this time period has been called the “Showcase of Our Lady”. And this triple miracle of Portugal stands as a preview of how Russia and the world will look after the Collegial Consecration of Russia.” <https://fatima.org/the-consecrations-of-portugal-1931-1938-and-their-benefits/>



MI FE CATOLICA

LA CONSAGRACIÓN

~DEL PÁRROCO~

En este quinto domingo de Cuaresma. En dos semanas más, celebraremos la Resurrección del Señor. ¡Qué día de alegría nos espera! Normalmente, habría encontrado algunos artículos o ensayos (ojalá) interesantes para compartir con ustedes en relación con nuestras lecturas, pero hoy, voy a hacer algo un poco diferente. Voy a concentrarme en el acontecimiento que ocurrió hace poco más de una semana, la Consagración de Rusia al Inmaculado Corazón de María por el Papa Francisco y todos/la mayoría de los obispos del mundo al unírse con él. Sin embargo, primero me gustaría señalar que podemos relacionar las palabras de nuestro Salmo Responsorial con esta Consagración. Nuestro salmo era: *El Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por nosotros; estamos llenos de alegría*. Al leer este salmo, recuerdo que, a pesar de nuestros muchos pecados que merecen el castigo de Dios, Él nos da la oportunidad de convertirnos y de experimentar la paz en el mundo, ya que éstos son los frutos de la Consagración de Rusia al Corazón Inmaculado de Nuestra Señora. También se nos recuerda nuestra indignidad en la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, en la que leemos que Jesús dijo a la muchedumbre: "El que esté libre de pecado sea el primero en arrojarle una piedra". De nuevo, todos somos pecadores y, sin embargo, se nos da una oportunidad por parte de Nuestro Señor y Nuestra Señora, ¡que desafía la lógica! Ahora, muchos de nosotros nos preguntamos, ¿se hizo la Consagración de Rusia exactamente como Nuestra Señora lo pidió? Experimentaremos en los próximos días/semanas/meses algo que sacuda la tierra y que lo demuestre milagrosamente? Suponiendo que todo se haya hecho como debía, lo haremos. Para daros un anticipo de lo que puede ocurrir, me gustaría compartir con vosotros un artículo sobre los cambios milagrosos que se produjeron en Portugal, cuando los obispos de ese país consagraron Portugal al Corazón Inmaculado de María en 1931. Al leer cómo el país -su política, sus costumbres sociales y religiosas- cambió por completo, creo que todos podemos estar de acuerdo en que allí se produjo un milagro. Sin embargo, debemos recordar que Dios actúa a su manera y en su tiempo. Por lo general, no comprendemos ninguna de las dos cosas y, cuando no lo hacemos, solemos refunfuñar y perder la fe. No caigamos en esa trampa. Sigamos rezando y cumpliendo con nuestro deber, y veamos qué ocurre...

UN MILAGRO EN PORTUGAL

~LA CONSAGRACIÓN DE PORTUGAL~

"El 13 de mayo de 1931, en presencia de los 300,000 fieles que habían acudido a Fátima para el evento, los obispos de Portugal consagraron solemnemente su nación al Inmaculado Corazón de María. Estos buenos Obispos pusieron a Portugal bajo la protección de Nuestra Señora para preservar a esa nación del contagio comunista que se extendía por Europa, y especialmente por España. Como resultado de esta Consagración, Portugal experimentó un triple milagro. Aquí, remarcaremos este milagro".

~UN RENACIMIENTO CATÓLICO~

"Hubo un magnífico Renacimiento Católico, un gran renacimiento de la vida católica, tan sorprendente que quienes lo vivieron lo atribuyeron indiscutiblemente a la obra de Dios. Durante este período, Portugal disfrutó de un drástico aumento de las vocaciones sacerdotales. El número de religiosos casi se cuadruplicó en diez años. También surgieron comunidades religiosas. Hubo una gran renovación de la vida cristiana, que se manifestó en muchos ámbitos, como el desarrollo de la prensa católica, la radio católica, las peregrinaciones, los retiros espirituales y un sólido movimiento de Acción Católica que se integró en el marco de la vida diocesana y parroquial. Este Renacimiento Católico fue de tal magnitud que en 1942 los obispos de Portugal declararon en una Carta Pastoral colectiva "Cualquiera que hubiera cerrado los ojos hace veinticinco años y los abriera ahora ya no reconocería a Portugal, tan vasta es la transformación obrada por el modesto e invisible factor de la aparición de la Santísima Virgen en Fátima. Realmente, Nuestra Señora desea salvar a Portugal".

~REFORMA POLÍTICA Y SOCIAL~

"Hubo un milagro de reforma política y social, de acuerdo con los principios sociales católicos. Poco después de la Consagración de 1931, ascendió al poder un líder católico en Portugal, Antonio Salazar, que inauguró un programa católico y contrarrevolucionario. Se esforzó por crear, en la medida de lo posible, un orden social católico en el que las leyes del gobierno y las instituciones sociales armonizaran con la ley de Cristo, su Evangelio y su Iglesia. Feroz adversario del socialismo y del liberalismo, se opuso a "todo lo que disminuye o disuelve la familia". El presidente Salazar no se limitó a hablar bien: →

promulgó leyes para proteger a la familia, incluyendo leyes que desaprueban el divorcio. Una de esas leyes decía: "En armonía con las propiedades esenciales de los matrimonios católicos: Se entiende que por el hecho mismo de la celebración de un matrimonio canónico, **los cónyuges renuncian al derecho legal de pedir el divorcio.**" El efecto de esta ley fue que los matrimonios católicos no disminuyeron en número, sino que aumentaron, de modo que en 1960, casi el 91% de todos los matrimonios del país eran matrimonios canónicos. Eso es una civilización del amor, y no está a la vista mientras avanzamos en el Tercer Milenio".

~REFORMA POLÍTICA Y SOCIAL~

"Hubo el doble milagro de la paz como resultado de la Consagración. Portugal fue preservada del terror comunista, especialmente de la Guerra Civil Española, que se desarrollaba al lado. Portugal también fue preservado de las devastaciones de la Segunda Guerra Mundial".

~LA CONSAGRACIÓN DE 1938~

"Con respecto a la Guerra Civil Española, los Obispos Portugueses habían prometido en 1936 que si la Virgen protegía a Portugal de los comunistas, expresarían su gratitud renovando la Consagración Nacional al Corazón Inmaculado de María. Fieles a su palabra, el 13 de mayo de 1938 renovaron la Consagración de Portugal al Corazón Inmaculado en acción de gracias por la protección de Nuestra Señora. El Cardenal Cerejeira lo reconoció públicamente: Desde que Nuestra Señora de Fátima se apareció en 1917... Una bendición especial de Dios ha descendido sobre la tierra de Portugal... sobre todo si repasamos los dos años transcurridos desde nuestro voto, no se puede dejar de reconocer que la mano invisible de Dios ha protegido a Portugal, evitándole el azote de la guerra y la lepra del comunismo ateo. Incluso el Papa Pío XII se asombró de que Portugal se librara de los horrores de la guerra civil española y de la amenaza comunista. En un discurso al pueblo portugués, el Papa habló del "Peligro Rojo, tan amenazante y tan cercano a vosotros, y sin embargo evitado de forma tan inesperada". Los portugueses pasaron sin ser tocados a este primer peligro, pero inmediatamente hubo un segundo que les miraba a la cara. La Segunda Guerra Mundial estaba a punto de estallar. El 6 de febrero de 1938, siete meses antes de la declaración de guerra, la Hermana Lucía escribió a →

su obispo, Mons. da Silva. Le dijo que la guerra era inminente, pero luego habló de una promesa milagrosa. Dijo que en esta horrible guerra, Portugal se salvaría debido a la consagración nacional al Corazón Inmaculado de María hecha por los obispos".

~PROTECCIÓN ESPECIAL CONTRA LA GUERRA~

"Y Portugal se libró de los horrores de la guerra, cuyos detalles son demasiado numerosos para relatarlos aquí. Aún más notable, la Hermana Lucía escribió al Papa Pío XII el 2 de diciembre de 1940, para decirle que Portugal estaba recibiendo una protección especial durante la guerra **que otras naciones habrían recibido si los obispos hubieran consagrado sus naciones al Inmaculado Corazón de María.** Le escribió: Santísimo Padre, Nuestro Señor promete *una protección especial a nuestro país en esta guerra*, debido a la consagración de la nación, por parte de los preladados portugueses, al Inmaculado Corazón de María; como prueba de las gracias que se habrían concedido a otras naciones, si también se hubieran consagrado a Ella. Asimismo, el cardenal portugués Cerejeira no dudó en atribuir a Nuestra Señora de Fátima las grandes gracias que se habían obtenido para Portugal durante este tiempo. El 13 de mayo de 1942 dijo: "Para expresar lo que está ocurriendo aquí desde hace veinticinco años, el vocabulario portugués sólo tiene una palabra: *milagro*. Sí, estamos firmemente convencidos de que debemos la maravillosa transformación de Portugal a la protección de la Santísima Virgen."

~¿UN ADELANTO DE LO QUE ESTÁ POR VENIR?~

"El Cardenal Cerejeira explicó además que las bendiciones milagrosas que Nuestra Señora obtuvo para Portugal debido a la Consagración de 1931 fueron un anticipo de lo que Ella hará por todo el mundo después de que Rusia sea debidamente consagrada a Su Inmaculado Corazón. El Cardenal dijo: "Lo que ha ocurrido en Portugal proclama el milagro. Y prefigura lo que el Corazón Inmaculado de María ha preparado para el mundo". Así, no es difícil entender por qué el Portugal de esta época ha sido llamado el "Escaparate de Nuestra Señora". Y este triple milagro de Portugal es un anticipo de cómo será Rusia y el mundo después de la Consagración Colegial de Rusia". <https://fatima.org/the-consecrations-of-portugal-1931-1938-and-their-benefits/>



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