

# Cap Fatima 2017 Centenary of the apparitions at Fatima



« *God wishes to establish devotion in the world to my Immaculate Heart.* »  
(Our Lady, 13th of July 1917)

**This Saturday, 7 January 2017 : first Saturday of the month**

## **Newsletter n° 42 (1 January 2017)**

Dear friends,

We are now in the centenary year of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. For the last twenty months or so, we have been getting ready to celebrate the centenary as fittingly and solemnly as possible. The forty-odd newsletters published since the project was launched have addressed the essentials of the message delivered by Our Lady. Obviously, not everything has been covered because the message is so extensive. However, the most important points have been explained. Armed with this knowledge, we should henceforth enter into this centenary determined to declare an ever greater love for Our Lady, with the firm intention of responding to Her call by making the effort to better heed the requests she made at Fatima, particularly by the fervent practice of the devotion to Her Immaculate Heart, and by being ardent apostles of this devotion.

### **Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the wearing of the scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**



To do this, we should consecrate ourselves to Her Immaculate Heart (if we have not already done so). The next organised consecration is on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. The preparation begins on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January : there is still time, therefore, to become acquainted with [the preparation file](#) which explains why we should consecrate ourselves and how to register. We should wear the holy habit which the Holy Virgin entrusted to us : the scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (see [the ritual of imposition](#)).

Both actions require little effort. There is, of course, a commitment, and as such, we are then obliged to do as we have promised. But the act of commitment itself, apart from the necessary preparation, is not complicated. We should all take the resolution, for 2017, to consecrate ourselves (or to renew our consecration) to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to wear the scapular, for the love of Our Lady. In this way, we will show our Heavenly Mother our intention to put ourselves in Her service and, out of love for Her, to do everything She

requests.

### **The daily recitation of the Rosary and sacrifices offered for the conversion of sinners**

Then, each day of this important year, we should use the weapons which Our Lady gave us (the daily Rosary and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners) to fight sin and all its fatal consequences. If we still have difficulty saying a whole Rosary, we should never fail to say a least a decade each day. In persevering with this small act, Our Lady will give us, little by little, the grace to say the whole Rosary every day.

We should offer our daily sacrifices and vexations for the conversion of sinners. If we are not able to think about this during the day, in our morning prayer we should offer those of the day to come, or in our evening prayer, offer those of the past day. For this, we can be helped by the prayer taught by the Angel and Our Lady.

### **The five first Saturdays of the month**

Finally, we should commit to practising, at least once during the year, the devotion to the five first Saturdays

of the month. To help keep this commitment, which, it is true, demands a certain effort, we suggest doing it together. Two series are proposed : the first series of first Saturdays from January to May, and a second series from June to October. You can [register on this website](#). To help you with the 15 minutes of meditation, you will receive, a few days before each first Saturday, a meditation on one of the mysteries of the Rosary, in order to be able to follow [the advice of Sister Lucia](#) who meditated on a mystery each time, thus doing a series of mysteries for each series of five Saturdays. We will meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries for the first series and for the second, the Glorious Mysteries.

A good number of you have already registered. Many of you have asked for, or found, Masses for the first Saturday of the month. On this website, we have tried to list some places that we know of. It is, of course, preferable that it be a Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary, said in a spirit of reparation, but technically, Our Lady only asked that we take Holy Communion. Therefore, as a rule, communion taken during every Mass said on the first Saturday of the month, whatever the reason for the Mass : marriage, burial, etc., fulfills the condition set by Our Lady. All that needs to be done is combine the five conditions She requested : confession, communion, fifteen minutes of meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary, a decade of the Rosary, and all of this in a spirit of reparation, knowing that certain conditions can be met on another day (see under which circumstances [HERE](#)).



We recommend that you continue thereafter, and some people have already asked, to do the two series (the registration on the website was changed to allow people to register for both series) as it is important to fully understand that there are two graces granted to the communion of reparation on the first Saturdays of the month :

- the first, every Saturday, outwith any series, to obtain the conversion of sinners

the second for those who will practise this devotion for five consecutive Saturdays : the assistance of Our Lady at the hour of our death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of our souls.

This is why Sister Lucia explained that she regularly started over again with the five first Saturdays :

[Here is my way of meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary on the first Saturdays. First mystery : the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Our Lady. \(...\) \[Here, Sister Lucia gives her method for meditating on a mystery.\] The second month, I meditate on the second Joyful Mystery. The third month, the third mystery, and so on, following the same method for meditating. When I've finished these five first Saturdays, I start over with five others and I meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries, then the Glorious Mysteries, and when I've finished them, I begin again with the Joyful Mysteries.](#)

## Particular Intentions

Each of the first Saturdays will be especially consecrated to making reparation for one of the five offenses to the Immaculate Heart : blasphemies against Her Immaculate Conception, Her Virginity, Her Maternity, those who sow indifference, contempt or hatred towards Her in the hearts of children, and those who insult Her in Her holy images.

Finally, we propose adding two supplementary intentions, one for each series. We have seen in recent newsletters that certain of Our Lady's requests have still not been fulfilled. We will pray most particularly for the Holy Father. We will offer the first series (from January to May) so that the Holy Father approves and recommends the devotion of reparation of the first Saturdays of the month (see newsletter n°37). And we will offer the second series (from June to October) so that the Holy Father consecrates Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, taking care to respect all the conditions asked for by Our Lady (see newsletter n°41).

If we take the decision, for the year 2017, to make the effort to do all this, there is no doubt that we will please Our Lady. And if we want to do a little more, we should be an apostle : we should make the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary known around us, the devotion that God so wants to see established throughout the world, and ask the members of our family, our friends, our acquaintances to do the same. Take out subscriptions for our children to the bulletin, Enfants de Fatima.

And the pilgrimage to Fatima ? Obviously, it is very desirable to try to make a pilgrimage to Fatima for the centenary. The small team at Cap Fatima 2017 is not numerous enough to organise one. But we have posted on the page Aller à Fatima some information that we have been able to gather for making the trip to Fatima. If, for your part, you have some information, do not hesitate to forward it to us.

Have a happy and holy 2017.

In union of prayer in the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Yves de Lassus,  
Cap Fatima 2017.