

The CHASTISEMENT has been POSTPONED

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Some 30 years ago I was in Fatima to oversee the construction of the international center of the Blue Army (Domus Pacis). A priest who had just talked with Sister Lucia told me the predicted annihilation of several entire nations would take place within the year.

This priest was not a person who would imagine something so explosively important, nor was he one who would lie. He was chaplain to a cloistered community. I had not doubt as to the accuracy of his startling statement which filled me with dismay.

While flying back to the U.S. the thought occurred to me: "Will this happen only because not enough persons have responded to Our Lady's message? What if we can get enough money to launch a TV campaign?"

"Everything On the Line"

I went to the bank to get a maximum mortgage on everything I owned. I wrote to the subscribers to SOUL Magazine (then about 25,000) and told them what I had heard and what we wanted to do.

Within a year we were on weekly TV on a major New York station and soon on over 100 other stations (considerable for that time).

Within that same year Hungary declared independence of Russia, calling on the U.S. for protection. In the face of a promise of the U.S. to help, Russia nevertheless invaded Hungary with tanks.

It was like the Cuban missile crisis which followed soon after.

In the case of Hungary, the U.S. backed down. In the case of Cuba, Russia backed down.

But we came so close to nuclear war that U.S. Secretary of Defense McNamara said: "It almost happened." **Did the Blue Army Response Save Us?**

At Akita Our Lady said: "With My Son I have intervened so many times to appease the wrath of the Father...I have prevented the coming of calamities...". She indicated that it was because of the response of the few "beloved souls".

I have always felt that it was not the TV programs and similar efforts which prevented (or postponed) nuclear war. I have always felt it was the sacrifice of those who responded to make Our Lady's message known, and a similar sacrifice later to produce a major motion picture on Fatima (even though the picture is still to be released.) It was the sacrifice of a believing, generous few.

There was one letter on lined paper wrapped around \$16.32. A mother had been saving money to buy shoes for her children. She wrote that they could manage a bit longer.

That letter filled me with such a sense of responsibility that I became more solicitous for apostolate funds than for my own. From that day on I never wanted to be paid for any of my writings or work in the Blue Army. I knew how St. Paul felt when he kept up with his tent-making.

Now It Has Happened Again

A few years after I had retired as director of the Blue Army I was writing a book based on Lucia's Memoirs. I was struck by the message of Our Lord: After the "conversion" of Russia (that is, the end of religious persecution there) His "entire Church" was *to know* that Communions of Reparation are now needed.

Suddenly the sense of the URGENCY of this message almost overwhelmed me. And I was given to understand that *two things had to be accomplished before the end of the year to further postpone the chastisement*. A WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS in Moscow and a Congress in Akita, Japan especially aimed at bishops and priests.

I said it was impossible. Time (only ten months) was one problem. Funds were another. I wrote a letter to a select (albeit rather old) *Queen of the World* list asking each to send \$1,000 to the Alliance. A generous few responded.

Once again, *was it the sacrifice of a few which made it happen? Both congresses were held successfully!*

This was due to the 101 Foundation and the same persons who now form the executive staff of VOICE, not one of whom receives ANY salary. Some who can afford it pay even their own expenses. Of the 1 million dollars it cost to put on the Moscow Congress, \$600,000 was donated by just three persons from the *Philippines* who said: "We believe the Sacred Heart asked for this." They said something else which makes a great deal of sense: "If and when the chastisement comes, *we won't need money.*"

Our Lady said at Fatima

What She repeated at Akita:

"Several entire nations will be annihilated." But She also said at Fatima: "To prevent this I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and for the First Saturday Communions of Reparation."

The consecration was made. The power of Our Lady's intercession has been shown to the world. Will the Grand Alliance succeed now in obtaining enough Communions of Reparation? Only YOU can answer that question.

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