

# EXTRAORDINARY PROPHECY OF ARCHBISHOP SHEEN

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Twenty-nine years ago the Pope closed the Holy Year for all the world outside of Rome at Fatima. Five remarkable events took place:

#### Address of the Pope

1. A Cardinal from Rome, who came to Fatima on that October 13 in 1951 as the Papal Legate, announced that the Pope had seen a re-enactment of the Miracle of the Sun at the Vatican.
2. Then the Pope spoke (by short-wave from Rome) recalling that in 1946 he had crowned Our Lady at Fatima as *Queen of the World* and that through the Cardinal Legate "We preside in person at these solemnities on this mountain of Fatima chosen by the Virgin Mother as a *throne of Her mercy* and an inexhaustible vessel of Her marvels of Grace." Then referring to the *Pilgrim Virgin* as the messenger of Mary's Queenship the Pope said: "We can hardly believe what We see taking place with our eyes."
3. In the presence of a million pilgrims the solemn Mass was celebrated by a Russian Bishop. After having been imprisoned by the Reds for twelve years he had escaped from Russia, and seventeen members of the Pontifical Russian College had come from Rome (with the help of the Blue Army) to assist the Russian Bishop at the Mass on this special anniversary of the miracle of Fatima dedicated to the theme of the promise by Our Lady: "Russia Will Be Converted."
4. In a special "Peace Congress" in Lisbon, preparing for all the above, the celebrated Canon Bar-

thas of France announced that the *PILGRIM VIRGIN* was now in Russia. We showed the assembled Bishops and delegates from all over the world a photograph of the statue, recalling that Fr. Kolbe had prophesied: "One day the statue of Our Lady will be in Moscow... and it will be the sign of a new day in Russia." (It was through a founder of the Blue Army that the statue had gone to Moscow 22 months before, but it had been kept secret.)

#### "Also for... Mohammedans"

5. At this same Congress, solemnly closed by the Pope's Cardinal Legate, Archbishop (then Bishop) Sheen proposed the new and rather exciting thought "that Our Lady has chosen to be known by the name of FATIMA, which was the name of the daughter of Mohammed, because She has come not only for the conversion of Russia but also for the millions of Mohammedans... without whom there could never be true world peace."

#### Archbishop's Prophecy

Back in America, after what the Pope had called "these historic solemnities" at Fatima, Archbishop Sheen (then Bishop) wrote a report in which he made an amazing prophecy:

"On October 13, 1917, when Our Lady was appearing at Fatima, Communism was just beginning to gnaw into the vitals of the world. In another 34 years (1985)... will disappear a Red dictator reviewing his troops in Red Square. What will survive will be Our Lady of the



Above: Msgr. Harold V. Colgan, John M. Haffert and Fr. Louis Brasard, A.A., with Pilgrim Virgin statue which was secretly carried to Moscow in 1950. When Our Lady's statue is enthroned in Russia, Fr. Kolbe predicted that "a new day" will begin in Russia.

Kremlin reviewing in the White Square below Her troops..."

#### Victories of Our Lady

Just three months before that October 13, Fr. Harold Colgan, founder of the Blue Army, had flown to Fatima with the signatures of almost a quarter of a million new Blue Army members. And that same October 13, encouraged by the Bishop of Fatima, the Blue Army had taken a decision to purchase land near the Basilica of Fatima for a world headquarters to lead the nations to fulfillment of the conditions given at Fatima by Our Lady for the conversion of Russia. In addition to all this, Archbishop Sheen had learned, only three days before, that the Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima was now in a chapel in Moscow, within sight of the Kremlin.

Blessed Maximilian Kolbe had prophesied that when the statue of Our Lady will be in Moscow "it will be the sign of a new day in Russia."