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## THE WORDS OF JOHN PAUL II

“I find myself today in this place chosen by You, oh Mother, and by You, especially loved one. I am here, united with all the Bishops of the Church by that particular bond through which we constitute a body and a college, as Christ had wished for His Apostles in unity with Peter.”

“In the bond of this union, I pronounce the words of this Act. Forty years ago and then again ten years later, your servant Pope Pius XII, *entrusted and consecrated to Your Immaculate Heart*, the whole world, especially those countries that were the particular object of your love and your care.”

“This world of men and of nations is what I also have in my eyes today, at the moment in which I desire to renew the offering and the consecration made by my predecessor in the See of Peter. In a special way we offer You, and consecrate to You, those men and those nations that have the greatest need of this offering and of this consecration.”

(John Paul II, Fatima, 13/V/1982)



## THE APPARITIONS OF THE ANGEL

1916

*An Angel appeared on three occasions inviting the little shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, to pray, sacrifice and offer reparation or atonement, and to prepare for the coming visits of Our Lady.*

### **I am the Angel of Peace**

1. «I think... it was in the spring 1916 that the Angel appeared to us for the first time in our “Loca do Cabeço”... (a cave on the top of a hill).

We had been playing for a little while when, suddenly, a strong wind shook the trees. We could not help noticing it because the day was calm. Then we saw over the olive trees, coming towards us, a young man about 14 or 15 years old, as white as snow, of great beauty and made transparent like crystal by the sun.

As he came close to us he said:

– “Fear not, I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me”.

And kneeling on the ground, bowing till he touched it with his forehead, he told us to repeat these words three times:

– **My God, I believe, I have hope, I adore and I love Thee. I implore Thy pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not have hope and do not love Thee.**

After this he rose and said:

– “Pray these words, the Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to your prayers.”

At that point he disappeared. The spiritual atmosphere which surrounded us was so intense that for a long time we were not conscious of our own existence and so we remained in the position the Angel had left us, constantly repeating the same prayer.

His words remained so deeply into our minds that we never forgot them, even after we had spent long periods on our knees repeating them, sometimes until we collapsed in total exhaustion».

*The world was at war. The Angel of Peace comes to ask the little shepherd children to pray and to teach them a prayer, of which the first part includes acts of faith, hope and charity, and the second, atonement to God and intercession for sinners.*

## **I am the Angel of Portugal**

*2. The second apparition of the Angel was not in the same place as the first but near the well in the kitchen garden of Lucia's parents' house.*

«After rather a long time, on a hot summer's day, we were playing near a well my parents had in the kitchen garden we called Arneiro<sup>1</sup>.

Suddenly we saw near us the same figure, or Angel.

– “What are you doing? Pray! Pray! The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs upon you. Offer constantly to the Almighty, prayers and sacrifices.”

– “But how can we accomplish this?” – I asked.

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<sup>1</sup> Barren or sandy land.

– “In every way you can. Offer a sacrifice to atone for the sins that offend Him and to implore the conversion of sinners. In this way you will obtain peace for your country. I am its Guardian Angel, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and humbly endure the sufferings the Lord sends you.”

The Angel’s words sank deeply into our souls like a burning torch, showing us who God and His love are for us, and how He wants us to love Him too; the value of sacrifice and how it pleases Him and how He receives it for the conversion of sinners. That is why from that moment on we began to offer Him whatever mortified us».

*The Guardian Angel of Portugal asks the shepherd children to pray and sacrifice in order to obtain peace for their country, which He loves so dearly.*

## **Console your God**

**3.** *Some months later, the Angel returned to the place of the first apparition, Loca do Cabeço, with a more impressive message.*

«I think the third apparition was in October or late September.

As soon as we arrived there we fell on our knees and bowing deeply began to repeat the Angel’s prayer: My God, I believe, I adore you, I have hope and I love Thee, etc. After we repeated this prayer (I don’t know how many times), we saw, a strange light shining over us.

We lifted our heads to see what was happening. The Angel was holding a chalice in his left hand and over it, in the air, was a host from which some drops of blood fell into it. The

Angel left the chalice in the air, knelt near us and told us to repeat three times:

**Oh! Blessed Trinity, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, I reverently adore Thee and offer the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, to atone for the insults, profanities and indifferences which offend Him. And for the infinite merits of His Sacred Heart and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I implore the conversion of poor sinners.**

After that he rose and took the chalice and the host again in his hand. The host he gave to me and the contents of the chalice he gave to Jacinta and Francisco, saying at the same time:

– “Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ who is terribly outraged by the ingratitude of men. Offer reparation for their sins and console your God.”

Once more he bowed to the ground repeating with us the same prayer three times: Oh! Blessed Trinity etc. and disappeared.

Overwhelmed by the supernatural atmosphere that involved us, we imitated the Angel in every way, kneeling as he did and repeating the prayers he had said to us».

*The Angel brings the shepherds the Blessed Sacrament, teaches them how to receive Communion in atonement for sinners, and repeats with them six times a beautiful act of reparation.*

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