

Reader's Comments:

“The Vatican's The Message of Fatima: The Sodano Intervention”

29 October 2011

“Great paper! í Great website too! Will pass it on.”

Manuel Valencia

31 October 2011

“Of course you are completely right. Father [Nicholas] Gruner has been saying this for years. He is well aware of all that is written here, which is well written and convincing. We have done many campaigns regarding the Third secret, and many eyes have been opened, but so many, many more to still see. We must keep on trying and praying of course.”

Julie Fehr

5 November 2011

“Thanks so much, Fr. Jim. Your website is doing good work by promoting the true message of Fatima.”

Cornelia Ferreira

“All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day”

5 November 2011

“I read the article on All Saints and all Souls. Very needed information in this day when so many Catholics don't believe in Purgatory and have never heard of the Communion of Saints.

May I make one small suggestion about the article. You state that we pray for the souls in Purgatory but ask only those the Church has beatified or canonized to intercede for us to God. I think it might be good to clarify that by adding the word "publicly" or "officially" before "ask": i.e., "we publicly ask only those the Holy Spirit has guided...." As you know, it is Church teaching that the souls in Purgatory can intercede for us, and in fact they are only too happy to do that for their benefactors who pray for them and try to get indulgences for them. For instance, St. Alphonsus Liguouri wrote that "these blessed souls are not in a state to pray for themselves, ... but because they are very dear to God, they can pray for us, and obtain for us the divine graces. St. Catherine of Bologna, when she wished to obtain any grace, had recourse to the souls in Purgatory, and her prayers were heard immediately. She declared that, by praying to those holy souls, she obtained many favors which she had sought through the intercession of the saints without obtaining them. The graces which devout persons are said to have received through these

holy souls are innumerable." (Taken from The Purgatorian Manual, which is a wonderful traditional book published in 1946 by the Redemptorists, the sons of St. Alphonsus.)ö

Elsewhere in the book is this consoling passage: "Bishop Colmar of Mayence writes: 'These destitute, suffering souls do not wait until they enter Heaven to exhibit their gratitude towards their benefactors: whilst they still languish in Purgatory, they pray without intermission for the welfare of soul and body, obtain for them recovery from disease, assistance in poverty, help in necessities, counsel and protection on journeys and in danger, preservation and increase of their temporal goods, aid them in the salvation of their souls, and, above all, come to their relief in the agonies of death and before the judgment-seat of God.'"

Personally, I myself have prayed often to my father and friends assumed to be in Purgatory, even right after their deaths, and it's amazing how rapidly my father, especially, has been able to have my prayers answered -- almost instantaneously in some cases. Of course, one cannot pray publicly to relatives and friends, as only prayers to those approved by the Church can be said publicly. That's why I suggest adding in that one word to your excellent article.

That's my little comment. God bless.ö

Cornelia Ferreira