

## **Statements by Sr Lucia that Pope John Paul II's act of consecration of Russia, on 25 March 1984, was "accepted by heaven", and confirmed by an apparition of the Virgin**

1). After the consecration of 25 March 1984, Sr Lucia was visited by the Apostolic Nuncio, who asked her, "Is Russia now consecrated" ? "Yes, now it is", she answered. This report is taken from an interview with Sr Lucia that was published in *Fatima Family Messenger*, (Oct-Dec 1989, p. 7), published by the American priest authority on Fatima, Fr Robert Fox..

2). On 8 November 1989, Sr Lucia sent a letter to Pope John Paul II in which she said that his consecration of 25 March 1984 "was done as Our Lady requested" — quoted in *Fatima in Lucia's Own Words*, 16<sup>th</sup> edition, July 2007, page 124, note 11.

3). In its issue of March 1990, page 13, the prominent international Catholic journal *30 Days*, informed its readers that Sr Lucia had agreed to give *30 Days* three letters she wrote on the topic of John Paul II's consecration of Russia on 25 March 1984, and that "in all three, Sr Lucia recognises [it] as 'valid'".

4). In the issue of 9 January 2002 of the English edition of *L'Osservatore Romano*, on page 7 there is a report of Archbishop Bertone's conversation with Sr Lucia on 17 November 2001, at her Carmelite convent in Coimbra. The Archbishop asked her:

"What have you to say about the stubborn assertions of Fr Gruner, who has been collecting signatures, asking the Pope to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at last, as if this has never been done?"

Sr Lucia - "The Carmelite community has rejected the forms for the collection of signatures. I have already said that the consecration desired by Our Lady was made in 1984, and has been accepted in heaven". Then, with reference to Fr Gruner's allegations against her and the consecration of 1984, she said:

"How many things they are putting in my mouth, how many things they make me seem to do"

**Note:** This perfectly summarises the way Fr Gruner misrepresents the truth of what someone has said or done, unseen, through their person. The same technique was used with deadly effect in May 2004, to whip up a world-wide storm against the Rector of Fatima, through inserting into the mouth of a Hindu priest false statements that he did not make, in which it was alleged he had invoked pagan deities in front of Our Lady in the Capelinha so that the Rector was accused of allowing the Capelinha to be desecrated by his visit. In documentation which was published on the internet I proved that these statements were false and invented. This was never refuted by the journal, owned by Fr Gruner, which published them.

5). Archbishop Bertone subsequently gave an interview to *Inside the Vatican* (Jan 2002, page 13), in which he recalled his meeting with Sr Lucia in November 2001, and said:

"Sister Lucia said that the consecration was completed as the Virgin Mary desired. She said also that this consecration was, I quote using her words, "accepted by heaven".

6). In another interview, Cardinal Bertone was asked (*Inside the Vatican*, Dec 2004, p. 39):

ITV: "Is it true that Sr Lucia "saw" the Virgin Mary on other occasions after the famous apparitions of 1917"

B: "Without a doubt. She had other visions. She herself confirmed this to me".

ITV: “An example ?”

B: “An apparition in which the Virgin showed Sr Lucia that she accepted and was pleased with John Paul II’s consecration of the world and Russia to her Immaculate Heart”.

7). When I was in Fatima in May 2013, I met Sr Angela who has taken over from the late Fr Kondor the office of Postulator of the Causes of Canonisation of Bl Francisco & Jacinta. She told me that I could publish the following statement which she gave me, and which she had been given by Fr Kondor:

- Soon after he had carried out the consecration of Russia on 25 March 1984, Pope John Paul II asked the Bishop of Leiria-Fatima, the Rector Mgr Guerra, and Fr Kondor, Vice-Postulator of the Causes of Francisco and Jacinta:

“can anyone tell me if the consecration has now been carried out in the way desired by Our Lady ?”

Fr Kondor then spoke and said that after the Pope had carried out the act, he telephoned the Carmel in Coimbra and spoke with Sr Lucia, and she said: Yes, the Pope has fulfilled the request of Our Lady and heaven has accepted it.

Later Fr Kondor asked her: How do we know ? Sr Lucia replied: Look to the East.

### **Two versions of Our Lady’s request for the consecration of Russia:**

#### 1). Fatima in Lucia’s Own Words, vol I, p. 198

- The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father, in union with all the Bishops of the world, to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means.

2). Fr Gruner’s version. Taken from Book II “In his own words” — his own autobiographical section (pages 220-288) of the book on his life, Fatima Priest by Francis Alban — which was published by one of Fr Gruner’s imprints in 1997, p. 254

- The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father *to make together with* all the *Catholic* [these are the words of Our Lady which have been altered] bishops of the world the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means.

The above version exemplifies Fr Gruner’s method, which Sr Lucia perfectly understood as she stated in 4) above. It is a form of impersonation which alas has been only too successful. Fr Gruner continues to campaign for the Holy Father and all the bishops of the world to make the act together as the only valid way of fulfilling Our Lady’s request, and has succeeded in substituting himself as the authority on Fatima, in the minds of so many people taken in by his misrepresentations, in place of Sr Lucia, the Holy Father and the Bishop of Fatima.

But we know from Sr Lucia’s testimony above that St John Paul II’s act of 25 March 1984 perfectly fulfilled Our Lady’s request.