



The fourth time Our Blessed Mother appeared to the 3 shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal was the 19th of August, 1917.

Our Blessed Mother came to the Cova da Iria on August 13th, 1917; as she had on May 13th, June 13th, and July 13th but the children could not be there as they had been taken by the Portuguese authorities to be questioned and threatened with death if they did not recant their experiences with Our Lady. Christianity and the Catholic Church were in the grip of decimation by the Portuguese government after the Revolution of 1910.

15-18,000 people had journeyed to the Cova de Iria for the 13th of August and were dismayed by the children's absence. Many of those observed "manifestations" of Our Lady's presence and "came to believe in the authenticity of the apparitions". * This in

turn generated increased awareness and anticipation of the remaining apparitions.

On August 19th, 1917 Our Lady appeared to the children at Valinhos instead, asking them to pray the Rosary every day and announced a miracle to happen on October 13th, "so all may believe".

According to Sr. Lucia, Our Lady said at this time, "Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them".

As in 1917, atheism continues to be a scourge threatening our culture of life, the sanctity of the family, our Faith; and profoundly offends our God.

Prayer has thwarted some devastating events in the past century- more is facing us and prayer is our only recourse to obtain peace.

Veneration of Our Blessed Mother will be held at the Cathedral:

On Sunday, August 13th with a led Rosary at 3:00 PM.

On Saturday, August 19th with a led Rosary at 10:00 AM, with confessions from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

At St. Mary Star of the Sea Church:

On Saturday, August 19th, at 1:00 PM the movie, "Finding Fatima" will be shown.

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence opportunity for the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima apparitions throughout the centennial year, from the 27th of November, 2016 until the 26th of November, 2017.

Find out more about this special plenary indulgence and the First Five Saturdays Communion of Reparation at www.duluthcathedral.com.

* "Fatima Mysteries"; Gazegoaz Gorny and Janusz Rosikon