

First Saturday Mass Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Devotion on the first Saturday of five successive months originated in the revelations of Mary at Fatima.

Through a series of apparitions (May 13 – October 13, 1917), Mary told three shepherd children that she desired frequent recitation of the Rosary and penance done for sinners.

She predicted World War II, the rise of communism and Church persecution. She promised the conversion of Russia and peace for humankind if her wishes were followed. In particular, at the third apparition (July 13, 1917) she requested that Russia be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart and that all Catholics receive Communion in reparation for sin on the first Saturday of each month.

In May of 1982, Pope John Paul II, in union with all the bishops of the world, consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, although Russia was not specifically mentioned.

It was Our Lady of Fatima whom Pope John Paul II credited when he survived the attempt on his life in 1981.