



*Little Flower Catholic Elementary School*-- Rugby, ND -- **Newsletter** for  
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**Remember and celebrate the 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Miracle of Fatima  
this Monday, October 13**

[from sites: <http://www.fatima.org/essentials/facts/story1.asp> and  
<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-entrusts-world-to-immaculate-heart-of-mary/>]

One of the most powerful of Mary's apparitions in modern times was to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal in 1917. The three children were Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta. They were granted six apparitions between May and October of 1917. Each took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month, except in August, when the date was the 19<sup>th</sup>. Lucia asked for a miracle that would prove what the children had seen. The Lady promised a miracle would happen on October 13.

On October 13 the beautiful Lady appeared in radiant brightness. When Lucia asked the Lady who she was and what she wanted, she replied with these words; "I am Our Lady of the Rosary... Continue to recite the Rosary every day. People must mend their ways, ask pardon for their sins, and no longer offend our Lord, who is already too much offended."

Then the Miracle of the Sun took place. It had been raining heavily; the large crowd was wet from gathering to witness the children's vision. The ground was soaked and muddy and full of puddles. Suddenly the clouds parted and the sun was seen shining brightly. It seemed to revolve three times within ten minutes, and cast off great shafts of colored light which fell upon the sky and earth. It seemed to be coming toward the earth. Then it stopped and seemed to go back into the sky. The crowd and earth became dry. Those in attendance were amazed and knew that something truly miraculous had just happened.

Last year on October 13, in Saint Peter's Square, Pope Francis consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. "Our Lady of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your maternal presence, we join our voice to that of all the generations that have called you blessed," Pope Francis said at the close of Mass. "We celebrate in you the great work of God, who never tires of bending down with mercy to mankind, afflicted by evil and wounded by sin, to heal and to save it."

The Pope asked the Virgin Mary to welcome the entrustment "with the benevolence of a mother."  
"We are certain that each of us is valuable in your eyes," he said.

"Guard our lives in your arms: bless and strengthen every desire for goodness, revive and grow faith, sustain and illuminate hope, arouse and enliven charity, guide all of us on the path of holiness," Pope Francis asked Mary. He asked the Virgin Mary to teach mankind her "special love" for children and the poor, for the excluded and suffering, and for sinners.

"Gather everyone under your protection and deliver everyone to your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus," the Pope said. Dave Corollo, executive director of the World Apostolate of Fatima said that the Pope's entrustment of the world to Mary shows Christians that the "ancient devotion" to praying the rosary is "a worthy practice." "Prayer moves mountains," Corollo also said. "Through the grace of actions like today, history can be changed. It has happened before, and it can happen again."

Let us of **Little Flower School and Parish** remind our children of Our Lady of Fatima, as we continue to say the Rosary often and pray for world peace and all people.

Mary, Virgin Mother of God and our Mother, at Fatima you asked us to honor your Immaculate Heart. In honoring your Immaculate Heart we honor your person and the love you have for us. You stood beneath the cross when your Son Jesus entrusted us to your care and made you our Mother also. We, your children, turn to you with confidence and know you will take our prayers to your Son Jesus.



+++++ **Additional Information for you to know** +++++

+++No School Oct. 16th-17<sup>th</sup> –Teachers Convention

+++Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners:

Kind. - Jalsyn Mitzel

1<sup>st</sup> grade – Alli Blessum

2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Lacie Deplazes

3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Tressa Arnston

4<sup>th</sup> grade – Mariann Kraft

5<sup>th</sup> grade – Zach Jaeger

5<sup>th</sup> grade – Amber Selensky

6<sup>th</sup> grade – Meagan Harmel

+++Happy Columbus Day Weekend

God Bless

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