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Apparition of December 17, 1927

As recounted in Sister Lucia's writings



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*Featuring excerpts from
Sister Lucia's writings*

Revelation of the First Saturdays Devotion

Sr. Lucia writes in the third person:

On December 17, 1927, she went before the tabernacle to ask Jesus how she should comply with what had been asked of her, i.e., to say if the origin of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary was included in the Secret that the most holy Virgin had confided to her.

Jesus made her hear very distinctly these words: **"My daughter, write what they ask of you. Write also all that the most holy Virgin revealed to you, in the Apparition in which She spoke of this devotion. As for the remainder of the Secret, continue to keep silence."**

Sr. Lucia then recounts what was confided to her on this subject on June 13, 1917, when Our Lady said:

"Jesus wishes to make use of you to make Me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and these souls will be loved by God, like flowers placed by Me to adorn His throne."

Sr. Lucia continues:

On December 10, 1925, the most holy Virgin appeared to her, and by Her side, elevated on a luminous cloud, was a Child. The most holy Virgin rested Her hand on her shoulder, and as She did so, She showed her a heart encircled by thorns, which She was holding in Her other hand. At the same time, the Child said:

"Have compassion on the Heart of your most holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them."

Then the most holy Virgin said:

"Look, my daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me."

On February 15, 1926, the infant Jesus appeared to her again. He asked her if she had already spread the devotion to His most holy Mother. She told Him of the confessor's difficulties, and said that the Mother Superior was prepared to propagate it, but the confessor had said that she, alone, could do nothing.

Jesus replied:

"It is true that your Superior alone can do nothing, but with My grace, she can do all."

She placed before Jesus the difficulty that some people had about confessing on Saturday, and asked that it might be valid to go to confession within eight days. Jesus answered:

"Yes, and it could be longer still, provided that, when they receive Me, they are in the state of grace and have the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

She then asked:

"My Jesus, what about those who forget to make this intention?"

Jesus replied:

"They can do so at their next confession, taking advantage of the first opportunity to go to confession."

[In 1930, He added that the entire devotion can be transferred to the Sunday after the first Saturday if a priest, for a valid reason, allows it.]

On May 29, 1930, Jesus told Sr. Lucia the reason for *five* Saturdays:

"My daughter, the reason is simple. There are five types of offences and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- **Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception;**
 - **Blasphemies against Her Perpetual Virginity;**
 - **Blasphemies against Her Divine Maternity, refusing at the same time to accept Her as the Mother of men;**
 - **The blasphemies of those who try publicly to sow in children's hearts indifference or scorn, or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother;**
 - **The offences of those who outrage Her directly in Her holy images.**
- "Here, My daughter is the reason why the Immaculate Heart of Mary inspired Me to ask for this little act of reparation, and in consideration of it, to move My mercy to pardon souls who have had the misfortune of offending Her. As for you, always seek by your prayers and sacrifices to move My mercy to pity for these poor souls."**