







# December 1995

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 6:30am Mass <b>1</b> 7:30pm Rosary <b>2</b> 7:30pm Dancing <b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>  6:00pm Advent prayer service <b>4</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30pm OLQA Advent the Greatest Gift of All	<b>5</b> Noon, Lunch in Irvine <b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30pm OLQA Rosary Group <b>2</b> Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>  12:00pm OLQA Bowers Museum Trip <b>6</b>	<b>11</b> No Meeting OLQA Penance Service	<b>12</b> Glory of Christmas at the Crystal Cathedral. Call John 582-7728.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30pm OLQA Rosary Group <b>2</b>	<b>16</b> 6:00pm Christmas Party <b>7</b>
<b>17</b>  10:00am OLQA Super Sunday Social <b>8</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30pm OLQA Christmas Caroling Call Sherry 552-3855	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:30pm OLQA Rosary Group <b>2</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  Joshua Tree <b>31</b>	<b>25</b>  Christmas—No Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Josua Tree camping trip. Call Teresa 760-3104 Rosary Group <b>2</b>	<b>30</b> Joshua Tree

## Calendar Details

**1** First Friday Monthly Coffee Talk, 6:30am mass, OLQA. Peg will be in the front of the church on the right. After mass we'll head over to Diedrich's for java at Jamboree & Bristol.

**2** Our Lady's Rosary prayer meeting, 7:30pm. Every Friday evening CCF members come together for prayer. We meet in the church at OLQA for Rosary, chapel, and special intentions. Social and video following. In case of a special event in the church, we meet in the teachers' lounge.

**3** Country Dancing 7:30pm. Come put your best foot forward at "In Cahoots", 1401 S. Lemon Street, Fullerton. Free lessons at 6:30 and 7:30. \$3.75 buffet dinner. \$4 cover starts at 8:00pm. Peg 548-6311.

**4** Advent Prayer Service 6:00pm. The Incarnation. 9471 Gateshead Dr., Huntington Beach. Paul 838-7046, Maria 635-4334.

**5** Lunch in Irvine. For those who work in the area, come join CCF members for a time of fellowship. Meet at the Holiday Inn, 17941 Von Karman Ave. Call Mark 963-4425 (home) or 476-1636 (work).

**6** Bowers Museum Trip: See the original Our Lady of Guadalupe Tiilma, 12:00pm OLQA, for 1:00pm tour, lunch afterward. Cost is \$3.75. Call Teresa 760-3104.

**7** CCF Christmas Party, 7:00pm to 11:00pm, 16722 Intrepid Lane., Huntington Beach. Dress: Festive and Debonair. \$10. Call Peg 548-6311.

**8** Super Sunday Social, New Member's Brunch, after 10:00am mass. Call Terry 552-3855.



Our Lady Queen of Angels

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# THE BODY

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## The Wake Up Call

### Experiencing Corazón '95

By Sherry Khatrab

It's 3:00a.m. and my alarm clock is ringing. I think to myself, "Oh no, not yet." But it's time. Oh yes, it's time to get up and head down to Mexico for an awesome day of building, supporting, and giving to a less fortunate family.

One of CCF's biggest service projects is "Corazón". We go into Tijuana, Mexico and find a family who is in desperate need of a house. For me, the experience is emotional. As we all circle around at the end of the day, where there once was a dirt lot and now stands a home, the keys are handed over to the family. To see a family's life of despair and worry be transformed in a matter of hours into one of hope and promise, is very humbling. It's an image you don't forget.

Aside from all the noise, dirt, hammering, painting, sawing, and distributing food and supplies, there was an air of excitement. Are you tired yet? Working, helping one another and laughing together were the ingredients which made this trip a success. How could I ever forget the guys from Dublin, Ireland: Michael, Peter, and Barry, who trekked across America on route to visit Michele Walsh-Birket. They volunteered to be a part of this worthy cause. Oh yeah, What about Tom, with a cellular phone in hand, posing for a picture on the newly christened outhouse. But most of all I could not forget little "Alberto", who seemed to be glued to Tina, Kathy, Denise, and I. He definitely was a charmer. All in all, it was a great time. A time that I won't forget which will keep me coming back for more.

A big thank you goes out to everyone

who helped make this trip a success. To all who helped in fund raising and donations, we made our goal. Yea! To everyone who supported us through prayer, it was greatly appreciated. To a few good souls, Bo Birket, Joe Commodore, and Gil Yurley, thanks for the use of your trucks. A special thank you to Bo Birket for the donation of fifty pairs of work gloves; they were put to good use! But most of all, I would like to thank everyone, who answered the "wake-up call"



John Lester

CCF members busily put the finishing touches on the newest house in Mexico.



Sherry Khatrab

Nothing left to chance. CCF member tries outhouse for proper fit.

on that early Saturday morning. It would not have been possible without your help!

And just when you thought it was all over—May will be upon us before you know it. So get ready to set those alarm clocks, because 3:00 am comes awfully early and you don't want to be the one who misses out on another memorable trip!

# From the Co-Leaders...



To All CCFers,

Merry Christmas! As the Holiday Season draws near, take the time to enter it with prayer and thanks. Reflect upon the blessings and gift God has given this past year in CCF and in our personal lives. God loved the world so much He sent us a gift—His son Jesus. This gift brought the world faith, hope, and love. This season accept God's gift and share it with your family, friends, and everyone you meet. Prayer should be the number one gift to give on your list. By sharing this gift of prayer, you also shall receive a gift, the true meaning of Christmas.

"Lord God  
 Help us to prepare  
 for the coming of Christ, your Son.  
 May you find us eagerly waiting in joyful prayer."

Wishing you a blessed season, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

John and Teresa

## ☪ Toasts & ✉ Notes

☪ Congratulations to Mary Wolfenstein and Mark Ruddy on their engagement to be married.  
 ✉ Lynne Purkey is now collecting jackets and sweaters for the homeless in Costa Mesa. Call her at 549-0612.  
 ☪ Many thanks to Bob Van de Walle who donated his time to convert the CCF logo to a scalable EPS format.



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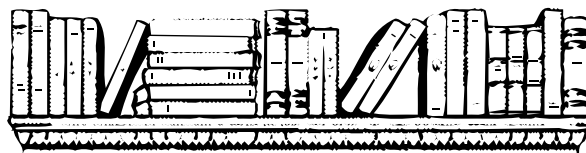
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# Fatima: The Great Sign

## A book review

By Mary Davern

If you have ever wanted a brief but incredible synopsis of your Catholic faith, then *Fatima: The Great Sign* by Francis Johnston would indeed would be the book to read. For as the Bishop of Fatima expressed in 1975, “Fatima as a whole is a compendium of the Catholic faith”. This book is so important it is really quite hard to rate its importance on any scale of the imagination. Equally so, it would be just as hard to write a brief synopsis on this book. Therefore, we will continue to look at this book throughout several reviews in the future. This review will serve as just an introduction to Fatima.

The shrine of Fatima lies very high up in the rugged, pine clad ranges of the Serra d’Aire mountains of Central Portugal. Millions of people from all over the world visit the shrine where the Mother of God appeared in an “explosion of the supernatural.” The mother of God according to Vatican II (Lumen Gentium 54) occupies a place in the hierarchy of the Church which is the highest after Christ and yet very close to us.

The author tells us that in 1910 a rev-

olution overthrew the Portuguese monarchy, which brought into power a clique of Marxist anarchists and freemasons whose avowed goal was to wipe out religion within the intensely Catholic country. Their time frame for this undertaking was within just two generations. Great monasteries and abbeys were turned into government buildings and priests were persecuted. During this time period three visionaries were born to this country. Their names were Lucia, Francisco, and Jancita.

Our Lady’s first appearance to Lucia, Francisco, and Jancita was on May 13, 1917. We are told the children had settled down in the Cova da Iria with their sheep. Suddenly there were two vivid flashes of light which startled the children. As the children looked up, very close to them stood a Lady of dazzling light. The visionaries were bathed in the light that radiated from her person. Their eyes smarted from the Lady’s brilliance and beauty. She gazed down at them with a tender regard. Lucia described her as “more brilliant than the sun.” “The sparkling light from her person was clearer and more intense than that of a

crystal filled with glittering water and transpierced by the rays of the burning sun.” The Lady’s request at this point was that the children come to see her on the thirteenth day for six months. And she would tell them who she was and what she wanted.

Francis Johnston intelligently describes five essential elements of Fatima. They are as follows: The vision of Hell, the prophecies of Our Lady, the solar miracle, the Collegial Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (which means the conversion of that country), and the all important message which the Blessed Lady delivered to the world. *Fatima: The Great Sign* is a wonderful synopsis of the direction given by God through His Mother to our sin-laden twentieth century.

This review provides a basic introduction to Fatima. Francis Johnston wisely provides us with the perils besetting mankind in the beginning of the century up to the present crisis in faith and morals today. We are told that “in these critical times no one can afford to ignore the messages of Fatima.”

## The Holy Family—a model for “Christmas” every day.

By Bob Morrison, sfo

Upon arriving, the Angel said to her: “Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you.” The Lord God chose Mary for Jesus’ mother, and Joseph for His earthly father. In this way, God not only honored these holy souls, but by placing His Son in a holy marriage, *He honored the love of a family*. Each spouse has the responsibility to support the other, toward the salvation of their soul. This mutual support makes a holy family fertile ground for the gift of a child. In the case of Mary and Joseph, their fertile love was rewarded with not only a child, but the Messiah, the Holy One of God. So, let us remember to support each other in the ways of God.

The Lord God could have chosen a rich family for his abode, but he chose a poor family from an obscure little town

called Nazareth. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” the people professed on hearing Jesus was the son of Joseph and Mary of Nazareth. They were a poor family, but they were *rich in virtue*, and this is the desire of God’s heart, for mankind. Not that the earth’s riches are evil, no, they are gifts from God, a reminder of God’s spiritual generosity. Sometimes, *poverty is a gift*. It keeps us humble, in right order with the King of the Universe. So, let us pray that we are not consumed with the pursuit of earthly treasures at the expense of heavenly treasures.

“He was the son of Joseph the carpenter.” The Lord God chose a hard working family for his earthly teachers. God could have chosen Jesus to be the son of the temple’s priestly class (for the

priests of Israel were married), but God chose a simple hard working family. In doing this, *God honored work* and its value as a teaching tool for the higher things of His Kingdom. Remembering this, let us not be envious of others of higher estate, but be pleased to do the will of God in the little jobs, he gives us to do.

In practicing these three things: love of family, richness of virtue, and regard for work, we will experience the joys of Christmas day, with Christ among us every day!

**Author’s Note:** If you are interested in finding out more about the life of the Holy Family, I would recommend a book called: “The Poem of The Man God,” volume 1, by Maria Valtorta. This book also has the recommendation of the Virgin Mary at Medjugorja. It is a series of revelations on the Life of Christ.