

The Angel of Peace, Fatima
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The Angel appeared three times to the shepherd children at Fatima to prepare them for future apparitions of the Blessed Virgin and to raise them to the supernatural state with Holy Communion. During the third apparition, the Angel gave Holy Communion to Lucia with a Host from which some drops of Blood fell and were collected in a chalice. Francisco and Jacinta, who had not yet made their First Communion, were instead given Communion with the contents of the chalice. In this apparition, the Angel said to them: "Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and which has endured such outrage from ungrateful men. Make reparation for their offenses and in this way you will console your God."

First Apparition of the Angel

"We began to see, at a certain distance, a light that was whiter than snow, with the shining countenance of a young man, more resplendent than a crystal penetrated by the... as he drew near, we began to discern his features: a young man of 14 or 15 years, with great beauty. We were surprised and almost in rapture. We did not say a word. As he approached us, he said 'Do not be afraid. I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me.' And kneeling on the ground, he bowed his forehead to the earth. Moved by a supernatural power, we did the same and repeated the words we heard him pronounce: 'My God! I believe, I adore, I trust and I love Thee. I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love Thee.' 'Pray in this way. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary will listen to the voice of your pleading.'" And the Angel disappeared. The supernatural atmosphere which surrounded us was so intense that we hardly took notice of our own very existence for a long period of time..."

Second Apparition of the Angel

"The Angel said to us: 'What are you doing? Pray! Pray more! The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary have merciful designs regarding you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High.'" "How should we make these sacrifices," I asked. "In every way possible, offer to God in sacrifice an act of reparation for sins by which He is offended and an act of supplication for the conversion of sinners. In this way, you will draw peace down upon your country. I am your Guardian Angel, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and endure with humility the suffering which the Lord sends you." And the Angel disappeared...These words of the Angel were engraved on our spirit, like a light which made us comprehend who God was: how He loved us and wished to be loved; the value of sacrifice, and how it was pleasing to Him; and how, through sacrifice, He would bring about the conversion of sinners."

The Third Apparition of the Angel

"We saw the Angel with a chalice in his left hand and a Host suspended above it, from which some drops of Blood fell into the chalice. Leaving the chalice and the Host in mid-air, the Angel prostrated himself on the ground next to us and repeated three times the prayer: 'Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences by which He is offended. Through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.'" Then, getting up, the Angel again took the chalice and the Host into His hands, and then gave the Host to me, and then gave the contents of the chalice to Jacinta and Francisco to drink, saying at the same time: "Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, which has endured such outrage from ungrateful men. Make reparation for their offenses and so console your God"...and the Angel disappeared."