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TASTE Reflection Questions #15
2017-2018
Our Lady of Fatima
Sr. Joan of Arc

"Not my will but yours be done." Lk 22:42

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1. Why does Sr. Joan of Arc have such a devotion to Our Lady of Fatima? How did you respond to her talk?

2. Most of us know the "Fatima" prayer said during the Rosary. Did you know there were 5 prayers given to the children at Fatima? Pick a new one to memorize this week. Share with your group any spiritual fruit you were able to identify from this exercise.

   1) <u>The Fatima Prayer/Decade Prayer</u>- Mary told the children that people should add this prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary.

   "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen."

   2) <u>The Pardon Prayer</u>- This prayer was given to the children by the angel that visited them in 1916, the year before Mary appeared to them.

   "*My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee."*

   3) <u>The Angel's Prayer</u> - This is another prayer given to them by the angel. There was a Eucharistic host and chalice suspended in the air, and the angel led them in kneeling before it and praying this prayer.

   "O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most 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. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners."

   4) <u>The Eucharistic Prayer</u>- When Mary appeared to the children for the first time on May 13, 1917 Lucia stated that a bright light shone all around them, and without thinking about it, all 3 children started reciting this prayer.

   "Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

   5) <u>The Sacrifice Prayer-</u> The prayer is meant to be recited when you are offering up daily activities or suffering to God.

   "*O Jesus, it is for the love of Thee, in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of poor sinners [that I do this]."*

3. Please read about Our Lady of Fatima's special graces to St. Padre Pio. Share your reaction with your group.

Most everyone knows of Our Lady of Fatima. Most everyone has heard of St. Padre Pio. But how many know that while very seriously ill and bedridden, Padre Pio received a visit from Our Lady of Fatima who proceeded to cure him?

The miraculous event happened in 1959. That spring, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima had come from Portugal to make several stops around Italy's provincial capitals. Traveling by helicopter, and on a tight schedule, Our Lady took a sudden detour.

The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Portugal was scheduled to stop at a monastery within the Foggia diocese, but Padre Pio was severely ill with pleurisy, unable to even celebrate Mass let alone make a pilgrimage to Foggia. "But could the Mother with an Immaculate Heart so sensitive and delicate not visit her dearest son, Padre Pio?" explained Bishop Carta. Somehow the scheduled got changed; the statue would go to San Giovanni Rotondo instead. Joy filled the air as people gathered by the monastery so Padre Pio could prepare them for their Mother's arrival on August 6.

The morning of August 6, Padre Pio struggled to get down to the church and before the statue of our Lady to offer her a gold rosary. "He had to sit down because he was so exhausted," observed Bishop Carta. "The statue was lowered before his face and he was able to kiss her. It was a most affectionate gesture." That same afternoon between 2:00 and 3:00, Our Lady of Fatima was loaded on the helicopter, ready to travel to the next stop. Upon taking off the helicopter unexpectedly circled three times around the monastery before flying away. The pilot never was able to explain how or why the unplanned circling over Padre Pio's residence occurred.

Bishop Carta described how "From a window Padre Pio watched the helicopter begin to fly away with eyes filled with tears." To our Lady in flight Padre Pio lamented with a confidence that was all his own, "My Lady, my Mother, you came to Italy and I got sick, now you are going away and you leave me still ill?" But as the helicopter was circling, he felt a shudder, a jolt, through his body. The bishop repeated what Padre Pio would say for the rest of his life: "In that very instant I felt a sort of shudder in my bones which cured me immediately. I am cured!" He was healthy and strong as never before in his life. Three days after her visit, Padre Pio was able to celebrate Mass for the first time in four months.

Bishop Carta had his own idea of why Our Lady of Fatima came to the monastery to Padre Pio. "She … came because the example of Padre Pio's ardent devotion and his prodigious recovery would rouse in Italy and the world a fervent increase of love and confidence towards the Immaculate Heart of Mary." Bishop Carta saw this heavenly favor as a reminder, adding that "from this marvelous episode we must make a holy resolution to grow always in this devotion with a generous reply to the message of Fatima, reciting fervently the Rosary every day, praying and offering our sufferings for the conversion of sinners, receiving Communion on the first Saturdays of the month in the hope that the consoling words will come true for us: *'I promise salvation to all those who practice devotion to my Immaculate Heart. These souls will be most dear to God, and like flowers I will place them before his throne."*

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