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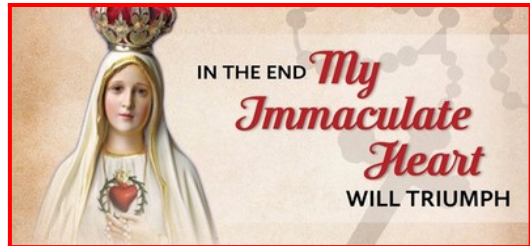
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*“He that feareth the Lord shall tremble at nothing, and shall not be afraid: for He is his hope. Ecclesiasticus. 34:16*

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

As the oppression and persecution of all who are resisting the Communist takeover increases, we certainly have need of hope to combat the fear which world leaders are using to impose their New World agenda. If we have not succumbed to the general pandemic of fear at the possibility of catching an ordinary cold or flu virus, perhaps we are affected by other fears: the possibility of losing our job and of being denied our basic freedoms to come and go or buy and sell as we did before. Then there is also the fear of persecution and the thought of the unknown and unattractive future which troubles many individuals today.

On the spiritual level as well, the forces of evil are united in trying to make us weary of fighting a battle which, humanly speaking, seems incapable of having a positive outcome. The measures taken by the Vatican to destroy any



remains of Catholic tradition, doctrine and morality have left numerous souls on the brink of discouragement and despair, tempted to give up fighting altogether. Chaos, confusion and division are increasing daily; we are like sheep without a good shepherd to guide us. Even the courageous words of truth which we hear from time to time from priests and prelates like Abp. Vigano and from certain members of the medical profession, or even from zealous Catholic laymen – all of these are like a voice in the wilderness and seem to have little effect on those around us. Sadly, we all have friends and even family members like those of whom Our Lord spoke:

*“... Seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not; neither do they understand.” — Matthew 13:13*

The only fear which is rare nowadays is the fear of God, and yet this is the only kind of fear which we Christians ought to have. When we earnestly strive to keep the Commandments and prize eternal goods beyond all else, there should be no room left for any other fear than the fear of God. He will deliver all those who trust in Him from the only misfortune we should be afraid of; namely, eternal death.

*“For he that loves God with his whole heart neither fears death nor punishment, nor judgement, nor hell; because perfect love gives secure access to God.*

*But he that is yet delighted with sin, no wonder if he be afraid of death and judgement.”*

— Imitation of Christ, Bk.1, Ch.24

Certainly even those who have ceased to fear God admit the need for hope, but any hope which is not based upon the love of God or the fear of offending Him will inevitably let us down. Those whose hope is based on the empty promises of men are eagerly clutching at straws only because they have not placed their hope in God. They are much to be pitied. But we who have received the gift of Faith and the grace to see that God alone can bring peace and order to the Church and to society, must not fail to keep our eyes fixed on Him and to pray:

*“Give us help from trouble; for vain is the salvation of man. Through God we shall do mightily and He shall bring to nothing them that afflict us.” — Psalm 59:13-14*

Let us not forget, dear friends, that it is precisely at that moment when — humanly speaking — all seems lost, that a divine intervention has been promised. Certainty this moment is very close, for moral corruption has never been so widespread and so publicly and shamelessly promoted as it is now. The situation is such that a holy Pope alone could not succeed in restoring the Faith, even if one could be had; nor could the great ruler mentioned in the prophecies restore order in the temporal realm without heavenly assistance.

Truly it is difficult to imagine just how the promised Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will occur. In a sea of corruption, it is hard to believe the hour is at hand when we shall see: "... the happy beginning of the complete restoration." - Our Lady of Good Success on Feb 2, 1634



Yet precisely because of the general corruption and rapid moral decay we are witnessing, we believe that the glorious period of peace cannot be far off anymore and that we may therefore live to see it — unless God sees fit to grant us the crown of martyrdom.

Among many messages Our Lady has given us in the course of the centuries, her words to the Stigmatist of Brittany, Marie-Julie Jahenny are especially relevant for our time. She said:

*“Everything must be lost from top to bottom. That, my dear children, is when St. Michael the Archangel, who is awaiting orders from Heaven, will descend with his armies to fight [together] with my good children.”* — 17. August, 1905

Let us take heart at the remembrance of the heavenly help which has been promised to us if we are among the good children of Mary. In these times when fear and distrust are everywhere, may our only fear be the fear of offending God, and our chief concern be to remain in the state of grace. If we feel ourselves to be weak — and this is a blessing, for God resists the proud who trust in their own strength — we must not become discouraged or fearful on that account. Rather we should place all our trust in God who infallibly gives us the grace we need to persevere in fighting the good fight. It is those who are weakest and humbly acknowledge it who have the greatest claim to God’s mercy, while His justice will be particularly felt by those who thought themselves to be strong.

*“But the salvation of the just is from the Lord, and he is their protector in the time of trouble.*

*And the Lord will help them and deliver them: and he will rescue them from the wicked, and save them, because they have hoped in him”* — Psalm 36:39-40



Numerous battles in history have been won by a small minority who trusted in the help of God and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Time and space allow us to briefly recall just a few. Many others are recorded, both in Holy Scripture and in history. Many more, perhaps, have been almost forgotten. But they are better proof than any other of the power of prayer and penance, and the certainty of victory when God and His Holy Mother are on our side.

In Pontmain in the year 1871 when the inhabitants of that village were about to become the next target for the advancing Franco-Prussian army, the saintly parish priest caused public devotions to be held in honour of Our Lady. Day and night the people

stormed Heaven with prayers and the recitation of the Rosary; candles were lit on the altars in supplication. And Our Lady of Pontmain, also called Our Lady of Hope, appeared in the night sky with this message written in letters of gold:

*“Pray, my children, God will answer your prayers very soon. He will not allow you to be touched.”*

Her appearance filled the people with hope and they continued their prayers throughout the night. On the 17th of January, at six o’clock at night, the very hour the Virgin appeared to the children of Pontmain, the division of soldiers, without apparent reason, received the order to retire.

At the end of World War II, the allies did a nasty thing: they turned Catholic Austria over to the Russians. The Austrians tolerated this Soviet domination for three years, but that was enough. They wanted the Soviets out of their country. But what could Austria do: seven million against 220 million?

Then a priest, Pater Petrus, remembered Don John of Austria. Outnumbered three to one, Don John led the Papal, Venetian, and Spanish ships against the Turks at Lepanto, and through the power of the rosary miraculously defeated them. So Pater Petrus called for a rosary crusade against the Soviets. He asked for a tithe: that ten percent of the Austrians, 700,000, would pledge to say the rosary daily for the Soviets to leave their country. 700,000 pledged. For seven years the Austrians prayed the rosary. Then, on May 13, the anniversary of the apparition at Fatima, in 1955, the Russians left Austria. Our Lady’s rosary did for the people of Austria, what the Hungarian Freedom Fighters could not do with a bloodbath of 25,000 people.

Dear readers, these miraculous victories will soon be repeated in a far more wonderful manner. Physical weapons are of little use to us in the present struggle with the powers of darkness, for the battle is a spiritual one and we are vastly outnumbered anyway. Our weapons are rather humble prayer, fasting, faith, hope and confidence in God; as well as the powerful weapon of the Rosary. Yes, there will be a chastisement. There must be, since the consecration of Russia was not done as Our Lady requested in 1917. We have in fact already entered the tunnel of the chastisement. But we must look beyond the trials of the present time to the glorious future which will follow. As we await the great victory, let us take refuge beneath Our Lady’s mantle, recalling her words to St. Dominic which are about to be fulfilled:

*“One day through the Rosary and the Scapular, I will save the world.”*

# THE TRIUMPH IS NEAR!

In biblical times there were battles and wars,  
Which punished the people for breaking God's laws.  
On one great occasion God's people, the Jews,  
Were vastly outnumbered; it seemed they would lose.

The king and his people were rather afraid;  
They begged for God's mercy; they fasted and prayed.  
Admitting their weakness, they placed all their trust  
In God, Who has promised to fight for the just.

They marched through the desert, believing the Lord  
And singing His praises; Behold their reward!  
The armies which threatened were put to the sword  
And totally vanquished, the Scriptures record.

Their foes fought each other until all were dead,  
And thus, without fighting, God's people were spared!  
Rich spoils were taken, and with great increase,  
They entered Jerusalem, City of Peace.

Our own situation, it seems, is the same  
For few are the people who reverence God's Name.  
The children of darkness prepare for the fight,  
And vastly outnumber the children of light.

While worldlings succumb to the virus of fear,  
Let's take up our weapons of penance and prayer;  
And offer to God a sweet chorus of praise:  
Our Paters and Glorias with many Aves.

The Rosary is destined to vanquish our foes  
When Mary shall Triumph, as each Catholic knows.  
Be tranquil and hope then; let love cast out fear;  
For, praise God and Mary, the Triumph is near!

*Cf. 2 Par.20, 1 John 4:18*

# Hermitage News

- ✦ May — Two volunteers, Suzie from Kerry and Mick from Cork, generously helped us to paint our wooden cabins and temporary container-oratory. Michael, Sean, PJ & Anne and Michael & Ellen, helped us to erect the polytunnel frame.
- ✦ June — Cahal, a local beekeeper, gave us a starter nucleus hive and God sent us two bee swarms. We now have two working beehives. We look forward to sampling the honey as soon as the bees fill the super frames.
- ✦ 22nd June — Final court hearing. A fine of €1,000 was imposed for our alleged breach of planning laws. The judge permitted the garden fence to remain in place. Secular mainstream reporters continue to spread the lie that we are schismatics and not Roman Catholic nuns. We wish to reassure you that we have no connection whatsoever with the Carmelites off the Holy Face in the Palmarian Church in Spain who have their own “pope”. We adhere faithfully to the unchanging Magisterium of the Catholic Church while opposing the Conciliar “reforms” which have destroyed the true Apostolic Faith in countless souls since 1965.
- ✦ July — Building continues with the repair work on the old house. As yet, we still do not have electricity supply. We are also in queue for well drilling. With the heatwave of over 30c for three weeks, our shallow well almost ran dry. Our kind neighbours however, permitted us to take drinking water from their outdoor tap.
- ✦ Throughout the month we have been busy working the land. Our vegetable garden is already yielding a wonderful harvest along with our herbs which we were able to heat dry in the sun. In addition, we have begun prayerfully working on a shrub and flower shrine garden in memory of you, our benefactors. Each plant represents a generous



donor as do the flowers which go from garden to altar. A short video is available on YouTube entitled: "A Catholic Shrine Garden in Carmel"

We offer our sincere gratitude for your ongoing support and assure you of our daily prayers. We ask you for your prayers too, especially for more vocations. Another short video entitled: "Carmelite Nuns of the Holy Face. O.Carm — The Essence of Our Vocation" can be seen on YouTube. We need courageous "Veronicas" who are not afraid to step out of the crowd to wipe the Adorable Face of Jesus so disfigured by sin and blasphemy. By our life of atonement, we win graces for the conversion of poor sinners. Today more than ever, we must have the spirit of the martyrs and be ready to give all for the true Faith.

May Our Lady of Hope protect and strengthen you; and may God grant us all the grace of fortitude and courage to always do what most pleases Him.

In Jesus' Name

***Mother Irene of the Holy Face O.Carm and Community***



## Available from our Carmelite Shop:

Hand made Greeting & Mass Cards.....	€3.00 each or €25.00 for 10
Brown wool Scapulars of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.....	€3.00
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Blessed 100% Beeswax Candle.....	offering, €0.50
Blessed Salt.....	Free

## HOW TO HELP US?

- ✓ **By your prayers**, especially that Our Lord will send us good vocations, courageous “Veronicas” to wipe and honour His Adorable Face and make reparation for poor sinners.
- ✓ **By your generosity**: bank transfer made payable to

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