

THE ANGEL OF PEACE

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The angel appeared three times to the shepherds of Fatima in order to prepare them for future apparitions of Our Lady and elevate them with Communion to a supernatural state. During the third apparition the angel gave Lucy Communion with a Host that dripped a drop of blood into the chalice. Francesco and Jacinta, having not yet made their First Holy Communion, were offered the content of the chalice. In this apparition the angel told them: "Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ terribly outraged by the ingratitude of men. Offer reparation for their sakes and console your God".



*F*irst Apparition of the Angel

"We began to see, in the distance, a light whiter than snow in the form of a young man, quite transparent, and as brilliant as crystal in the rays of the sun. As he came near we were able to see his features: a young man about 14 or 15 years old and very beautiful. We were surprised and quite taken aback. We did not say a word. He reached us and said: 'Do not be afraid. I am the angel of peace. Pray with me.' He knelt, bending his forehead to the ground. With a supernatural impulse we did the same, repeating the words we heard him say: 'My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask pardon

for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You.' Pray in this way. The hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to your prayers. And he disappeared. The supernatural atmosphere that he left us in was so intense we were for a long time unaware of our own existence...".

*S*econd Apparition of the Angel

"The angel said to us: 'What are you doing? You must pray! Pray a lot! The hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs for you. You must constantly offer your prayers and sacrifices to God, the Most High.' 'How are we to sacrifice?' I asked. 'In every possible way offer

sacrifice to God in reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. In this way you will bring peace to your country. I am the Guardian Angel of Portugal. Above all, bear and accept with submission the sufferings God will send you.' And he disappeared...These words of the angel cut into our spirits like a light, making us understand who God is, how He loves us, and how He wants us to love Him; the value of sacrifice and how it pleases Him; how He receives it for the conversion of sinners."