



# Star of the Stormy Sea

“... When your souls suffer temptations and are immersed in grief ...turn to her with confidence and say, ‘Star of the stormy sea of my mortal life, May your light shine upon me so that I do not stray from the path that leads me to heaven.’” (Taken from “The Testament of Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres” January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1635)

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Dear Apostles of Our Lady of Good Success:

## What’s New?

- ❖ New 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Novena and Prayer Booklet --- Last year, by the grace of Divine Providence, the Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success was given an older version from 1941 of the novena by the sisters of the Conceptionist convent which advantageously bears the Archbishop of Quito's imprimatur on it. Due to the fact that this is an important piece of history and also answers the question if this devotion, itself, has been approved by the local bishop, the Archbishop's approval in both the original Spanish text and the English translation has been inserted into this 3rd edition novena booklet. 5500 novena booklets have been distributed since 2003.
- ❖ Quantity discounts: Up to 25 booklets @ \$4.00 each 26- 49 booklets@ \$3.00 each 50 or over booklets \$2.50 each
- ❖ A tape cassette is available of the original 1958 recorded message given by Fr Howard Rafferty O.Carm. entitled “My Visit With Lucy, Seer of Fatima”. Although Fr Rafferty's meeting was over 56 years ago, Fr Rafferty's 1950 interview with Sr Lucy is even timelier than when it was recorded in 1958. This tape rejuvenates the message of Our Lady of Fatima by reminding us of the **5 conditions** of the Fatima message which includes the **Brown Scapular**, the calling into question the **7<sup>th</sup> appearance of Our Lady of Fatima that is yet to come** and finally during this very exclusive and intimate interview **Sr Lucy promises to pray every day a special prayer for those who listen to this message**. As the focus has been to “close the book”, so to speak, on Our Lady of Fatima through the supposed revealing of the 3rd Secret in 2000 by the then Cardinal Ratzinger, Our Lady of Good Success's apparitions, devotions and prophecies began to be spread. This approved devotion, which incidentally has been around for almost 400 years now, is seeing resurgence and is spreading like wildfire due to the fact that in these times, the prophecies are being made known. These prophecies speak of the Crisis within the Church. Many of us believe that these prophecies are exactly what has been the hidden part of the 3rd Secret that Our Lady at Fatima was trying to warn us about. An excerpt of “*My Visit with Lucy, Seer of Fatima*” is given below.
- ❖ New Book on Gabriel Garcia Moreno- Extension on Early Bird Special We are proud to announce that the Apostolate through the generous donation of a benefactor will be able to publish the book by Dr Francisco Salazar Alvarado “Encounter With History” in English. We published this book in Quito in Spanish in 2004. Due to editorial and printing complications we are extending the Early Bird Special. **Order by November 1<sup>st</sup> at \$10.00 per book --- Retail \$16.00.** Those of you who ordered the book prior to September will receive an extra copy for the inconvenience. **We are truly sorry for the delay!**
- ❖ Carmelites of Carmen Alto in Quito Ecuador: The Sister of Carmel sent us an urgent request in June of this year for donations as three of their sisters were seriously ill: Sister Mercedes de San Jose -Septicemia -which is blood poisoning. The doctors wanted to amputate the good sister's leg- because it was life threatening! Sister Maria Fanny de St Marianita – cancer. Sister Josefina de Spiritu Sancto – Virus. As a result, we sent out an email request for help and we were successful in receiving over \$6,000 in donations for the Carmelites. If anyone can help on a regular basis please contact us ASAP. May Our Lady of Good Success watch over all of you for your continued generosity! We have gotten word that Sister Mercedes did not have to have her foot amputated. The crisis has passed for her.
- ❖ Anyone trying to go to Quito to see Our Lady of Good Success in the upcoming months before Christmas may be gravely disappointed as the monastery is undergoing extensive renovations. No one should consider going without first checking if it is possible to see her.
- ❖ Masses for the intentions of all Spiritual members of the Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success will be offered on every 2<sup>nd</sup> of the month.
- ❖ Donations are imperative to keep our work alive and the Apostolate expanding. Please remember us.

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**Excerpt from the cassette tape “My Visit With Lucy, Seer of Fatima”**  
**Brown Scapular...Garment of Salvation by Rev Howard Rafferty, O. Carm.**

...During my many lectures on the message of Fatima and the Scapular, I usually have been able to hold most audiences spellbound with the details of Our Lady's appearances and her messages, until I came to this last vision. When I told how Our Lady came dressed in the Carmelite habit, holding her Son in her left arm, reaching out with her Scapular in her right hand, just as we always see here, I would say: "Now that is the final condition of the Fatima message - wear the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel."

Thinking I had convinced everyone - the question period would come, and usually it was one of the priests who would ask: "How do you know that Our Lady wants us to wear the Brown Scapular? She didn't say anything about the Scapular at Fatima."

I determined that I would have to go to Portugal to talk with Lucy, the only living seer of the Fatima Message, in order to settle the matter. I continued to pray and hoped that one day I would get to Fatima, a place I had never seen, and that I would be able to interview personally the only one who could give me the assurance that Our Lady wanted the wearing of the Brown Scapular. My long-awaited opportunity came during the Holy Year of 1950...A friend of mine, Father Luis Gonzaga Oliveira, a fellow Carmelite, was able to make the necessary arrangements. Since he could speak both English and Portuguese, he accompanied me on the visit of the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption, August 15th.....

When we arrived at the convent, we were admitted into the "Speak" room, where an iron grille separates the cloister from the outside world...I was about a foot and a half away from Lucy, Sister Mary Lucy of the Immaculate Heart and could see her face very clearly.

.....Question: "First of all, did Our Lady of Mount Carmel come at Fatima?"

Answer: "Oh, yes, Father, she came."

Question: "How did you know it was Our Lady of Mount Carmel?"

A: "Oh, Father, I knew it was Our Lady of Mount Carmel because in Sept. of 1917, Our Blessed Mother told me that she was going to come as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. There was no doubt in my mind that I was seeing what Our Lady told me I was going to see."....

Q: "Why did Our Lady come that way? What did she mean?"

A: "She meant that we should wear the Scapular."

Q: "How do you know that?"

A: "Father, I SAW the Blessed Mother and I know what she meant. If I had misinterpreted her message or had a different idea than she wanted me to have, Our Lady would have spoken about the Scapular."

To make sure, I tried to phrase the same question in different ways.

Q: "I am going back to America. Everyone in America believes that there are four conditions of the Fatima Message. First of all, we are to say the Rosary every day.

Secondly, we are to offer the sacrifice of daily life. Thirdly we are to make Communions of reparations on the First Saturdays. And finally we are to consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

**A: "There is one more condition - the wearing of the Scapular, the symbol of our consecration."**

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**Pilgrimage 2007 – January 25 – February 4<sup>th</sup> 2007 With Fr Paul Stretenovic**

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***“Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope”***  
*written: September 15, 2005 Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows*

**Miracle attributed to Our Lady of Good Success**

By Isabel Maria Salazar de Salgado

Translation by Andres Heckenkamp and edited Kathleen Heckenkamp

*(This event took place in the latter part of the year of 1996)*

I want to give testimony to the great blessing received through the intercession of Our Mother, The Virgin of Good Success. My name is Isabel Maria Salazar de Salgado. I am 36 yrs old. I am licensed in Historical Sciences. My husband's name is Juan Salgado. We are parents of six beautiful children, three boys and three girls.

When I was awaiting the birth of my fourth child, the doctors diagnosed me with a Total Occlusive Placenta Previa. This diagnosis meant that the placenta was located at the base of the uterus totally covering the birth canal so that it would be impossible for the baby to be born in the normal fashion. It is one of the highest types of risks in pregnancy in which the lives of both the baby and the mother are in great danger. Besides this, the placenta was attached very close to one of the arteries which could involve a possible hemorrhage. After reviewing the analysis, the doctor called my husband and I to explain the risk that existed and prescribed rest for the duration of the pregnancy which included no stairs or lifting or carrying of my children who were still very little.

A doctor friend of my parents sent me a message saying that it would be preferable to abort the child, so that my other children would not lose their mother. This in reality hurt us very much since we are a Catholic family that knows that Jesus always accompanies us in all circumstances. And above all else, we already loved the infant that was yet to come.

They commented to us that at the least sign of blood, it was imperative for us to arrive at the hospital within seven minutes so there would be no loss of life. Also the doctors warned us that the baby was going to be premature and could have problems with his mental ability due to the possible loss of blood. In spite of all of these bad signs that the doctors gave to us, we continued the pregnancy trusting in the will of God.

When my mother learned of this problem she organized a campaign of prayer with all of her friends. She especially talked to the nuns of the Conceptionist Cloister where the statue of Our Lady of Good Success resides. The Mother Abbess told my mother not to worry because Our Lady of Good Success always hears the prayers of the mothers. She gave us hope by telling my mother that the sisters were all waiting for me so that we could pray in front of the Image of Our Lady with all of the religious of the cloister.

The day came; we went with my parents and sisters to the Conceptionist Cloister. Since I could not climb the stairs, they put me on a chair and carried me until we arrived at the receiving room where the statue of Our Lady of Good Success had been placed. I remember this event as if it happened today. Then all of us present, that is my mother, father, sister and myself formed a semicircle around the Virgin of Good Success. I remember the faces of the very young novices. It made a great impression upon me seeing the many vocations and how these so young gave themselves to the life of prayer for the love of Jesus. The most emotional moment was when they lowered the Infant Jesus from the arms of Mary and placed Him in mine. (As I am writing these lines, these same emotions that I had eight years ago come back to me). He was so beautiful! His loving face, his bright eyes and smile is engraved in my heart. This event was all very simple. No supernatural manifestations took place before our eyes....We were all just overwhelmed by the simplicity of the true Faith. We were emerged in that same simplicity that we find in the conversations of Jesus in the Gospel, and of the innocence of the Omnipotent God who became a little one born in a stable in Bethlehem and the Divine Humility of Our God present in the Holy Eucharist.

Yes, all this happened that day. We left the convent full of hope that does not disappoint, with certainty that Mary is the sign to us of the love and mercy of God for the entire world. Mary of Good Success, who remains with us until the end of time, it is to say, is the testimonial of a realized historical event....of the most marvelous event in the history of mankind, the coming of Jesus. (This word “suceso” signifies reality, truth, evidence, certainty and “Amen”.)

Six months passed accompanied by the graces which were obtained through the prayers to our Mother. Many friends remembered us and a special blessing was given by Prelate Javier, who was visiting Quito at that time. The day came...September 3, 1996, with the

manifestation of a small amount of blood, just like the doctor told us; we went to the hospital by ambulance. My husband and I were very worried but peace of mind was our companion.

Since our personal doctor was out of town, another good doctor who was also our friend, attended to us. To avoid contractions the doctors injected me with medication; however, the baby stopped moving. I could feel that my child was very frightened.

A good friend of my parents brought me a relic of Pope Pius IX which her family had kept for a long time. This Pope was very special to my father because he lived at the time when Gabriel Garcia Moreno lived, the President of Ecuador who consecrated Ecuador to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The relic remained with me during the whole week that I was in the hospital.

When the baby stopped moving the doctor decided to deliver him despite the fact that he was worried about the decision that he had made. He told us that there was no other possibility since the baby could be in the state of fetal distress since this could produce terrible problems in the baby's brain.

Immediately they put me under with intravenous anesthetic. The baby was born with all of the blessings of God. Mary Mother of Good Success sang the "Magnificat" in our little son:

***"My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior... for He that is mighty has done great things to me...."***

There she was, as the Mother Abbess had stated, "Our Lady of Good Success, a hope that does not fail".

In spite of the fact that the baby was kept in the hospital for a month, he was perfectly healthy. He never had a cerebral hemorrhage as was feared by the doctors. He only needed oxygen for a couple of hours after birth. That was it. There was, however, another baby born prematurely, at five months which lay in an incubator next to ours. This baby had many problems. We encouraged them to have recourse to Mother of Good Success.

When my father left [the hospital], he asked the authorities of the Church to permit the baptism of our baby inside the cloister in gratitude to the Virgin of Good Success. The approval was granted. Our baby was baptized on December 3, 1996, the feast day of St. Francis Xavier. He was named Francisco Xavier after his patron of his baptismal day. (This is also the date, December 3, in which Pope Pius IX was beautified.)

I wanted to mention that another beautiful saint to whom I had a special devotion to at that time- and in which I still am devoted- is St Francis of Assisi.

The nuns of the Cloister of the Visitation also prayed for our baby most especially Mother Superior Teresa de Sales. She, herself, felt that as she was praying to St. Francis de Sales, he had interceded for us.

In this way, we felt the assistance of these three St. Francis's. Clearly, we lived the love of the Virgin of Good Success, the mistress overseeing and attending to all of these happenings, along with those who were of great assistance, her attendants, the Communion of Saints.

[Editor's Note: Isabel son's was also named for her great uncle from the third generation back who was called Francisco Javier Salazar. This uncle worked directly with Gabriel Garcia Moreno as the head of the Ministry of Education and Interior of Defense. Besides being one of Garcia Moreno's best friends He was also the Ambassador of Ecuador to the Vatican during the government of Pius IX. Isabel's father has just recently been appointed once again as the Ambassador of Ecuador to the Vatican, April, 2005]

In this testimony I desire to express my gratitude to Her and sing Her "Magnificat", on the wonderful works of God. Since we are nothing, she has accomplished all. I share this testimony with all those who may read it so that they may be inspired to see that Jesus Christ has truly risen from the dead and desires them to draw near to Him. This is not just an event of the past or some mere notion or an example of moralism. It is the realization of the true presence of God in our lives. It is Our Lord inviting us, [as He once did in Bethlehem]. It is a most beautiful and happy challenge as He calls to us, most especially the youth, "Come and see Who I am!"

This testimonial was written in Quito (Puembo) on May 31, 2005 AMGD at the request of "*The Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success*"



### **More Testimonials:**

Fr. G. did a 9 day novena and a 7 day thanksgiving to OLGS for keeping the Communists out of his town in Southern Italy during elections. He said there were tons of bribes and shady deals, but he gave an image to the mayor to put in his left jacket pocket over his heart and noted that even with the corruption and the underhanded things going on, the Catholics won and religion is in charge of the town once again. He would like a statue of our Lady of Good Success. I would like to purchase from you one for him and have you send it to him in Italy. He very much is desirous of promoting her. . Fr.

G. is a traditional priest who has eliminated all the modernist practices in his Church and celebrates the old Sacraments for his faithful. The communists threw dung on his Church doors and he threw out many of them upon arriving at his little Church in a town of 750 souls. He eliminated abuses but the liberals and communists

(Which often go hand in hand in Italy) tried to fix the town elections but OLGS somehow pulled off a victory and now the Catholic mayor and the Catholic council have invited him to open buildings with blessing and reinstitute the Patronal feast every year etc. Feel free to use any of that info. It is good that people know that She's becoming more internationally known. In Christ, Fr. X.

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Yesterday, 19th of May 2006, I have received your newsletter for Our Lady of Good Success...you know, as a student, young at heart as well....I can imagine the horrors, yes graphic ones...even worse than man-made films, which were unveiled to Mother Marianna could either make her faint for days or even death on the spot....my goodness...I feel a bit left behind for our catholic church because we're not as active at preaching the word of God, compared to our Protestant/non denominational friends....worst of all, is that too many abuses at the second Vatican style masses said all over the world today...and scandals of sexual abuse among clergy....these two sadden me the most....and more Catholics who are only by name 'Catholics', including my own sister, who actually owns 2 version of Da Vinci Code books, and have watched the movie.....to be honest with you, I am still a student, studying at the Sabahan Malaysian University, North Borneo.....and i would like to be given some time to give you the donation worth RM 40.00( \$10) because I haven't work yet and are relying on my parents for my financial support...would that be ok for you....but I can promise one thing....that you all would always be in my prayers and that more and more young Catholics can get access to the Tridentine, Vatican one style masses, which arouse the people for more acknowledgement of awe and love for our savior, the slain lamb of God....once again, thank you very much for the postal expenses you have to fork out to send the newsletter to me via mail....God bless you and the apostolate.....

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I got your Sacred Heart Enthronement here in India. I live in Goa and have to travel 9 kilometers to get access to a cyber café. Please keep me on your mailing list, or at least send me your latest on our Lady of Good Success on the E- mail address.  
Allan Simoes,

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This is to let you know that I handed out all 100 leaflets on Our Lady of Good Success after the Auriesville pilgrimage. I was in the lead group and I got a ride up the hill with my wife. I quickly ran to our car and grabbed the box of baggies that contain one green scapular with its leaflet of explanation along with the leaflets on OLGS. As I stood on top of the hill waiting for the pilgrims to arrive, I got out the first hundred bags with the scapulars and OLGS leaflets. After I handed all of those baggies out, I continued to hand out the other 150 baggies that just contained the green scapulars and their leaflets. I guess that might have been a record time of passing out OLGS pamphlets. Later this week I would like to send you my own experience of the Auriesville pilgrimage if you are interested. At any rate, I just wanted to thank you again for the leaflets you sent to me.

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Writing in Thanksgiving for favors granted, beautiful arrival of my baby granddaughter, moving of my bad neighbor and all other intentions I have requested from you under the title of Our Lady of Good Success. Thank you . BW

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***A synopsis of the book: Gabriel Garcia Moreno the Regenerator of Ecuador by Honorable Mrs. Maxwell Scott Originally printed in 1914. Reprinted by the Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success, 2004 by Chris Visser (age 16)***

Looking back on the famous leaders of the last couple centuries, one will surely not find many who lead respectable, moral lives, yet alone any who practiced Catholic values. Yet, sifting through all the moral refuse, he will find at least one man who did everything in his power to guide his people along the right path of life. One might wonder who this man could possibly be, and what great country he governed. While he may be thinking of rulers of England, France, or Germany, the man was in fact, the President of the small country of Ecuador. This man was Gabriel Garcia Moreno.

Gabriel Garcia Moreno was born on Christmas Eve, 1821 in Guayaquil, Ecuador, to parents Don Gabriel Garcia Gomez and Donna Mercedes. He was the youngest of eight children, most of which were already set on their own life paths when Moreno was born. His youth was not one to be desired. His father died when he was very young leaving his family practically penniless. Moreno was not able to continue his education due to these financial troubles, but a friend of the family's, Father Betancourt, took him under his wing to educate him. In young Moreno, the priest found one of the most intelligent pupils he would ever come across and the boy soared through all forms of education. When Moreno went to the University at Quito, he did not falter, but overachieved even more. At this time, his piety and morality was visible to everyone and many believed he would become a priest. He was seriously considering entering the religious life when he was suddenly taken by an urge to discover everything he could about science. He really did determine to learn everything. He not only wanted to become a certified doctor, but also a historian, orator, linguist, poet, and statesmen. It is truly fantastic how brilliant he was, and with what passion he studied. If only students of today would study – or do anything, for that matter – with the same passion and conviction Moreno had for his studies.

During Moreno's early twenties, Ecuador was undergoing changes in its government, mainly due to evil men trying to create absolutist dictatorships. The people of Ecuador realized the threat to their liberty and Catholicism (the men were fiercely anti-Catholic) that these men represented. In response, they took up political arms against them, placing those who would lead them to victory on their shoulders. Moreno was just such a man. In all that he did for the cause he never accepted any sort of payment, but thought of the personal sacrifices he made as nothing. It only mattered that his country was given what it deserved. When General Flores (who had been exiled) decided he would unite with Spain and re-conquer Ecuador, Moreno knew that all of Ecuador must be united to have a chance of staying alive. Therefore, he offered his services to President Roca, who gladly accepted, knowing the true value of Moreno. Moreno immediately started a new newspaper called "*The Avenger*", which appealed to the patriotism of not just Ecuador, but of all the South American countries. The response to this paper was so overwhelming that General Flores had to abandon his campaign. This is only one example of the many spectacular things Moreno did in his youth.

In 1853, Moreno set sail for Paris in order to gain knowledge from the Old World of Europe and bring it to the New of the Americas. His trip also proved to further himself as an individual. Moreno did not exactly leave of his free will, but because of his strong convictions and his habit of always speaking what he believed in, he had been exiled from Ecuador for a few years. He took this in stride though, and used it as a blessing from God, for it allowed him to gain the knowledge he truly wanted. Even though Paris is one of the most alluring cities in the world, full of its bad and good pleasures, Moreno only cared about the knowledge he could gain for the betterment of his beloved homeland. He began a feverish obsession with learning basically everything, and his mind began to overflow with all forms of knowledge.

In Paris, one of the most important events of Moreno's life happened. Since he had left his mother's house, his Christian practices had begun to steadily decline, until he no longer received the sacraments at all. He was indeed a dedicated Catholic, knowing countless doctrines and being able to easily defend, debate, and defeat anyone when it came to Catholic teachings. Even while knowing all this, he failed to practice the religion he firmly believed in. His salvation came in a very unlikely form: a debate with some non-Catholic friends. One night while he was out with some non-Catholic friends, the subject of Catholicism was brought up, and he exchanged in a friendly debate with them, until he had mercilessly shredded their argument to pieces. Having been defeated, one of his friends said "You speak very well, my dear friend, but it seems to me that you rather neglect this beautiful religion. When did you last go to Confession?" Moreno was taken aback for a moment, but shortly replied "You have answered me by a personal argument which may appear to you excellent today, but which will, I give you my word of honor, be worthless tomorrow." He immediately went home and threw himself into a very emotional state of meditation, reflecting on the last several years in which he had been neglecting God. He spent several hours in prayer and went immediately to Confession the next morning and then to Holy Communion. From that day on, he rarely went a day without going to Mass, and recited the Rosary daily. This event has much more far-reaching consequences than just making Moreno a better Catholic. Because he became so strong in his Faith again, he knew it was his duty to make sure his country was just as strong in their faith as he was. This really helped to save Ecuador. In fact, because of Moreno's instilling in the people an extra degree of strength in their faith, Ecuador is mainly Catholic and still on its feet today, unlike many other Central American countries.

Before he was elected President, Moreno performed various acts, such as leading the Ecuador army against the forces of Urbina (a man who repeatedly tried to take over Ecuador), wrote the new Constitution of Ecuador, and passed various legislations for the benefit of the people he loved so much. They loved him as well. Whenever a crisis arose, people were sure to cry out for Moreno and he would surely be there in a moment's time. He would do absolutely anything for Ecuador, and didn't care about personal sacrifices. When he was President, he gave all his salary away to charity. When he got anything extra from anyone he would donate that as well. He was always able to bring the best out of those around him.

When he was first elected President, Moreno refused the job, not thinking himself worthy of the post. He would in fact do this several times over the course of his life, always refusing the Presidency or some other important post before finally giving in to the begging of all the people of Ecuador. They would have no one else lead them but Moreno. In their eyes, no one else could properly lead their country. One can gain much inspiration from Moreno's example. The country was clamoring for him to become the President, yet he still felt he was unworthy. Many times during his career he wanted to retire to a quiet personal life, but whenever he was close to attaining this goal, some major crisis would arise and in a flash he would be back setting things right.

Throughout his entire "public life," Moreno was constantly receiving threats, especially during his Presidency. The Freemasons hated him with an unbelievable passion, for obviously this extremely Catholic president was their biggest obstacle to overthrowing the Church. They attempted to assassinate him several times throughout the years, but every attempt failed. Finally, on August 6, 1875, they achieved their goal. Moreno had been receiving hints that an assassination attempt was in the works for weeks. Yet, he put all his faith in God and said he would accept whatever fate God sent him, despite countless people saying he needed to take some sort of precautions. On that dreaded day of August 6<sup>th</sup>, when Moreno was meditating inside a Cathedral, some Freemason assassins lurked outside waiting for him. One of them, growing impatient, sent for him saying there was a matter or urgency outside. Moreno immediately arose to help whoever was in need, but as soon as he stepped outside, the assassin slashed him across the shoulder with his cutlass. Moreno fought back and a young man passing by tried to save the President, but the assassins were too strong and quick and the damage was too severe. The whole incident lasted only a few moments, but the damage was done and Moreno would die in the next half hour, after receiving the sacraments and forgiving his murderers. The whole country was immediately placed in an atmosphere of utmost sorrow at the lost of their beloved President, the one who had done everything for them. It was truly a time of darkness.

Gabriel Garcia Moreno was one of the most outstanding men of recent history and certainly one of the most moral. In his mind, pleasing God and taking care of others were much more important than anything that he could have wanted. Hopefully this amazing man will soon be beatified and then canonized because it surely seems that he is looking down on all the souls of the world from Heaven.

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## **Spiritual Membership into the Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success**

The Spiritual Apostolate was formed as a direct result of requests from devotees of Our Lady of Good Success. Religious and lay people alike desired to be united in prayer under the protective mantle of the Holy Virgin of Quito, Our Lady of Good Success.

The **essential conditions** and obligations recommended for the **Spiritual Membership into the Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success** are:

- Pray a decade of the rosary daily.
- Pray every day for the restoration of the Catholic Church.
- Pray for all good and faithful religious - priests, sisters and brothers who are suffering in these perilous times.
- Pray for the religious that have fallen away.
- Remember the special intentions of all Apostolate members.

It is also highly recommended to follow the wishes of Our Lady in the accordance with her promises that she made known at Fatima:

- Observe the First Saturdays by reciting five decades of the rosary, going to confession, receiving Holy Communion and meditating fifteen minutes on the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to Our Lady on the first Saturday of five consecutive months.
- Wear the Brown Scapular.
- Perform a special penance on Fridays in reparation for the sins committed during this tragic period in the Church. Examples: abstaining from meat, alcohol, amusements, pray, participate in a Holy Hour or Eucharistic Adoration etc.
- Pray for the Pope. (As Our Lady requested us to do at Fatima)
- The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered each month for the intentions of the Apostolate and its members. A candle is lit each week for the intentions of the Apostolate and its members at the Conceptionist Church in Quito, Ecuador, where the statue of Our Lady of Good Success resides.

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**In Memoriam:** - Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased members of the Apostolate. **Mr E. De Grange** from Louisanna. **Mrs. Dolores Martin**, from the Precious Blood Residence in Canada- She was a promoter of Fatima and Our Lady of Good Success. **Mrs Faye Maddox**- dear friend of the Apostolate, mother of our good friend and contact, Mathieu Guillory. They will be sorely missed. *"Eternal Rest grant unto them Oh Lord...."*

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The Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success was founded in October, 2002. Our apostolate has been founded primarily for the promotion and propagation of the devotion to Our Lady of Good Success. Its second purpose which ties in so closely to this devotion, is to disseminate the story of Mother Marianna—her apparitions and prophecies. The Church has long approved these apparitions so there is no danger to the Faith in studying them.

By the highest authority in the Church, permission has been granted for lay apostolates to help spread the light of undefiled faith and aid other fellow Catholics in keeping it:

Vatican Council (1870):

*"All faithful Christians, but those chiefly who are in a prominent position, or engaged in teaching, we entreat, by the compassion of Jesus Christ, and enjoin by the authority of the same God and Saviour, that they bring aid to ward off and eliminate these errors from holy Church, and contribute their zealous help in spreading abroad the light of undefiled faith."*

Pope Leo XIII, Sapientiae Christianae (1890):

*"No one, however, must entertain the notion that private individuals are prevented from taking some active part in this duty of teaching, especially those on whom God has bestowed gifts of mind with the strong wish of rendering themselves useful. These, so often as circumstances demand, may take upon themselves, not, indeed, the office of the pastor, but the task of communicating to others what they have themselves received, becoming, as it were, living echoes of their masters in the faith. Such co-operation on the part of the laity has seemed to the Fathers of the Vatican Council so opportune and fruitful of good that they thought well to invite it."*

These are extremely strong words of the Council, "we entreat . . . and enjoin". By using these words, the Fathers of the Vatican Council "ask for earnestly" or "beg" and "command" or "direct with authority" those capable among the laity to help. As most lay people are not in the position to dedicate much time to this end, they can help directly by giving financial support to organizations they see have wholesome doctrine and potential.

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**Novena to Our Lady of Good Success Through the Intercession of Mother Marianna**

**H**ail Mary, Most Holy, Beloved Daughter of God the Father

Through the intercession of Mother Marianna de Jesus Torres, grant thy good success to this request (name request)

*...Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...*

**St Michael, pray for us.**

Hail Mary, Most Holy, Admirable Mother of God the Son

Through the intercession of Mother Marianna de Jesus Torres, grant thy good success to this request (name request)

*...Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...*

**St. Gabriel, pray for us.**

Hail Mary, Most Holy, Most Faithful Spouse of God the Holy Ghost

Through the intercession of Mother Marianna de Jesus Torres, grant thy good success to this request (name request)

*...Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...*

**St. Raphael, pray for us.**

Hail Mary, Most Holy Temple and Sacrament of the Most Holy Trinity.

**St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, pray for us.**

Our Lady of Good Success, thou who art the all-powerful intercessor before the Most Holy Trinity, deign to hear and answer my request - so long as it contributes to the salvation of my soul and the glory and exaltation of Holy Mother the Church.

***Salve Regina***



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