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Yes or No?

The Consecration of Russia (and ...)

“I shall come to ask for the Consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart. If people attend to my requests, Russia will be converted and the world will have peace. ... If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace. If not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be annihilated” — **Mary, Mother of God**, July 13, 1917, Fatima, Portugal

Mary, the Mother of God, did not give a “formula” for consecrating Russia to her Immaculate Heart, but simply asked that the pope, in union with all the bishops of the world, consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart. In response, we would expect something *equally simple* and *unambiguous* as Mary’s *own* request, such as:

“In union with all the bishops of the world I consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Amen”

The above sentence contains:

- 19 Words
- And takes 9.5 seconds to enunciate.

Simplicity itself.



The “Official Version”, however,

at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-03/pope-francis-prayer-act-consecration-russia-ukraine-mary.html> is much more ... ambitious ... Indeed, it

has:

- 1,036 words
- And takes 8 minutes, 21 seconds to enunciate.

Within it, we find **a good deal more in the way of “extras”** — to “flesh out” the simplicity of what Mary *actually* asked for. Let us call them “riders”, “clauses”, or “addenda”, if you will).

Consider the following:

Nowhere in Mary’s simple request do we find:

- “And the Ukraine, too”
- “And all humanity”
- “And the whole world”
- (And all the animals, fish, crustacea, stones, minerals, plants, mushrooms, and everything that grows that does not contribute to the *carbon-plant-print*, and every animal that does not contribute to the *methane-print*, or otherwise contaminate the environment and/or are a violation of the *U.N.*

Environmental Programme (UNEP)

- And the solar system
- And the Milky-Way
- And the universe

- And all living matter

It is noteworthy that in his one-thousand-thirty-six word “consecration”, when the name “Russia” first appears, it is preceded by three “other” consecrations! In the apparent order of importance, first comes:

- “ourselves”
- then “the Church”
- then “all humanity”
- and *finally* ...“especially Russia and Ukraine”

Not just Russia — but Ukraine also (yes, we are aware that Ukraine was “once” part of Russia — just as Belorussia, Uzbekistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia were — who did not make it on Francis’s list. We understand the pressing and present suffering involved in Russia’s unprovoked invasion of Ukraine and the destruction and human misery it continues to cause — and we are deeply sympathetic with their plight — nevertheless, Ukraine is **not** the country that Mary explicitly asked to be consecrated in her request. **It was Russia alone.** The 12 other countries that formerly comprised the USSR are also not included. This becomes all the more clear in light of the fact that *former* USSR became, *once again*, simply **Russia** on December 25, 1991.



What is more, Francis further adds to the Consecration:

- the future of the whole human family
- the needs and expectations of every people
- the anxieties and hopes of the world

Did he leave anything, anyone, or any substance out?

Let us look at a few of the *many ... addenda, riders, and clauses ...* added by Francis: After all, he freely edits the Word of God in Sacred Scripture (especially concerning the 6th Commandment), the Sacred Deposit of Faith, and Church Teaching, so it is quite in keeping with Francis's penchant for adding to and omitting from God's Commandments and His Holy Mother's explicit instructions:

The “Official” translation of the Act of Consecration:

“O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in

our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbor's [*note: not "brothers" as in Sacred Scripture*] **keepers and stewards of our common home**. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the **mystery of iniquity that is evil and war** [ed. *This is Francis's own "unique" interpretation of the "mystery of iniquity" which he uses to bolster his personal belief that it is "evil and war" by adverting to 2 Thessalonians 2.7 — which mentions neither*), you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the Church and for all humanity"

[Ed. Let us pause a moment and recall Jorge's statement on Wednesday, 2 February 2022 *affirming the non-Catholic doctrine of "Universal Salvation ("everyone goes to Heaven)"*. At that time, he unequivocally stated verbatim (in his own words) that:

- **"we are all saved sinners"**
- "Even those who have **denied the faith**"
- "Or who are **apostates**"
- "Or are the **persecutors of the Church**"
- "Or who have **denied their baptism**"

- “The blasphemers, all of them ... the saints, the sinners, all”
- “All of them” *

The question begs answering; **are**, then, Judas, Herod, Hitler, Himmler, Stalin, Mao Zedong, and every other mass-murderer and genocidal maniac who detested the Catholic Church, now to be deemed “*Saint Adolph Hitler?*”, “*Saint Josef Stalin?*” “*Saint Mao Zedong?*” “*Saint Judas Iscariot?*” “*Saint Herod?*”? Is every child-molester, murderer, monster — and every indescribable pervert now to be counted in the *Litany of the Saints*? If “**we are all saved**”, then why not? — ed.]

Now to continue with Jorge’s “consecration”:



“By God’s gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: “Am I not here, I who am your Mother?” You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs [not “miracles”: “**This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee**”: Saint John 2.11– ed.]. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: “They have no wine” (Jn 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own

day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.

Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.

Ark of the New Covenant, **inspire projects and paths of reconciliation** [think *Amoris Laetitia* – ed.]

Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.

Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.

Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.

Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love.

Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.

Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your Sorrowful Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: “Behold your son” (Jn 19:26). In this way he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: “Behold, your Mother” (v. 27). Mother Mary, **we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history.** [Has not Mary *always* been a **central figure in our “history” as Catholics?** — or did she only become so “**now**”, on 25 March 2022, when *Francis* “officially” desired to welcome her? — ed.] At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and **consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine.** Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The “Fiat” that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. **To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.**

Through your intercession, may God’s mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the “Fiat”, on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our “living fountain of hope”, water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.”

Francis 25 March 2022

Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-03/pope-francis-prayer-act-consecration-russia-ukaine-mary.html>



This saccharine plea for our consolation and desires continues until the penultimate paragraph (the one preceding the very last in the laundry-list of what Jorge asks of Mary Most Holy), where — even there when it is finally adverted to — it is **admixt with things Mary did not ask to be consecrated!**

The question stands: was Jorge’s “Consecration” **THE** Consecration that Mary had long asked for? I am inclined to think not. There is far too much of PachaPapa’s *own* desires and *social screed* that precede the enfeebled and ambiguous “consecration”.

But then, if he can strike out God’s own words in Sacred Scripture, and revise Jesus Christ’s only prayer given to men (the conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer), ignore and despise 2000 years of Sacred Tradition — **what is it, short of a mere solecism, to twist the explicit words of God’s own Mother to suit his own worldly agenda?**

Ora pro nobis Sancta Dei Genetrix

Post Script:

NOSE-BLEED:

On 15 January 2015 Jorge, while defending other religions from Catholicism, famously said that "if anyone cursed his mother, he could expect a punch in the nose" <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-europe-30838667>

We wonder, Jorge, what would you expect if someone slapped Mary the Mother of God in the face by using her to further his own worldly ambitions and ends?

Vergogna! Vergogna!

PPS: The message from Mary at Fatima **is not an Article of Faith**. You are free *to* believe it or *not* to believe it. The latter does not incur sin. For myself, given the *Messenger*, I give it full credence — as millions of other Catholics do.

***See:**

- <http://www.boston-catholic-journal.com/pope-francis-heresy-don't-make-me-laugh.htm>
- <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2022/documents/202202-udienza-generale.html>
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