

A Glossary of Ecclesiastical Terms, Organizations and Persons

Ecclesiastical Terms, Organizations

Anathema: A condemnation placed on anyone who rejects any dogma of the Catholic Faith, thereby expelling oneself from the Catholic Church.

Apostasy: Complete abandonment of the Catholic Faith.

Apostolate: An organized activity, lay or clerical, for promoting some aspect of the Catholic Faith.

Apostolic Nuncio: An ambassador of the Vatican State, attached to the Vatican Secretariat of State.

Apostolic See: The Holy See, consisting of the papal office and various immediate subordinates of the Pope in the Vatican, to whom certain tasks have been delegated.

Arianism: A Fourth Century heresy in which the dogma that Christ is consubstantial with God the Father was denied.

Canon: A law of the Catholic Church.

Canonical: Of or pertaining to the canons, or laws, of the Catholic Church.

Communion of Reparation: The worthy reception of Holy Communion with the intention of making reparation to God for sacrileges and offenses against Him and blasphemies against the Virgin Mary, as prescribed by the Virgin Mary in Her Fatima apparitions.

Conciliar: Of or pertaining to a general council of the Catholic Church, authorized by the Pope and attended by the bishops of the world, and, more recently, of or pertaining to the Second Vatican Council (1962-65).

Congregation for the Clergy: Office within the Roman Curia which oversees that the activities of diocesan or secular Catholic priests worldwide adhere to the faith and morals of the Catholic Church.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF): Prior to the reorganization of the Roman Curia in 1967, this office (which oversaw all the other congregations within the Roman Curia) was known as the Holy Office, whose head was the Pope. Since 1967, the head of the CDF is a Cardinal Prefect and is of lesser rank than the Secretary of State.

Consecrate: In general, to set apart a thing or a person from a common and profane use to a sacred use, or to dedicate a specific person(s) or thing(s) to the service of God or of the Blessed Virgin Mary by prayers, rites and ceremonies.

Doctor of the Church: A Catholic saint considered so preeminent in his or her knowledge of the Faith as to be considered a worthy teacher for all Catholics and explicitly named a Doctor by decree of the Pope.

Dogma: Doctrine that has been infallibly defined by the Church; it is what Catholics must believe in order to be Catholic. The dogmas of the Faith are what is contained in the solemn, infallible definitions of the Magisterium—given by the Pope alone, or the Pope together with a Sacred Council.

Ecclesia Dei Commission: A Vatican commission established with the ostensible purpose of serving the needs of those “attached” to the traditional Latin Mass, and which is supposed to help carry out the wishes of Pope John Paul II, expressed in his letter *Ecclesia Dei*, that all Catholics who wish to worship at the traditional Mass be given access to it.

Excardinate: To officially detach a priest or deacon from the jurisdiction of his ordinary, such as the bishop. The Catholic Church has always maintained the principle that excardination cannot be denied to a priest or deacon who seeks incardination in another jurisdiction of the Church unless there exists a just reason.

Heresy: The denial or obstinate doubt of any one or more dogmas of the Catholic Faith.

Imprimatur: A seal or statement of approval by a bishop or other competent Church authority, certifying that a Catholic writing contains no errors against the faith or morals.

Incardinate: To officially attach a priest or deacon to a specific diocese of the Catholic Church or to a recognized religious community, making that priest or deacon subject to the lawful commands of the bishop of that diocese or the superior of that religious community.

Indult: A privilege or permission granted under Church law, as an exception from or relaxation of the law, given under specific conditions.

Latae sententiae: The Latin phrase referring to a penalty under Church law that operates automatically, without need of any further declaration by Church authority (e.g., the excommunication of any Catholic who materially assists in procuring an abortion).

Magisterium: From the Latin, *magister*, meaning “teacher”. The teaching office of the Church, and especially the teaching office as exercised by the Pope alone, speaking in a way that clearly binds the Universal Church to believe in what he is pronouncing, or by the Pope together with all the Catholic bishops in an ecumenical council issuing such binding pronouncements.

Mary’s fiat: The agreement of the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God, which She expressed during the apparition of the Archangel Gabriel when She said: “Let it be done unto Me according to thy word.”

Motu proprio: From the Latin, meaning “by his own act.” Refers to

papal letters issued over the Pope's personal signature and containing some specific advice or directive. This is to be distinguished from encyclicals, which have more general teaching purposes.

Ostpolitik: The policy propagated by the Vatican Secretary of State in 1962, and followed by all his successors, under which the Church has ceased all condemnation and opposition to Communist regimes in favor of “dialogue” and “quiet diplomacy”.

Prefect: The head of a Vatican congregation.

Roman Curia: The central administration in the Vatican assisting in the governance of the Church, subject to the authority of the Pope.

Roman Pontiff: The Pope.

Sanctuary: That part of the church near the high altar, which is reserved to the clergy.

Schismatic: One who is cut off from communion with the Holy Catholic Church—e.g. members of the various Orthodox Churches which reject the papal primacy of jurisdiction over all bishops (i.e. the authority to command bishops and their subjects in their own dioceses).

Secretary of State: The Cardinal who presides over the Vatican Secretariat of State, which oversees the affairs of the Vatican State and all the congregations within the Roman Curia.

Useful Idiot: A person who promotes the agenda of a second party while denouncing anyone who questions it, not realizing that this agenda is also detrimental to himself as well. Lenin coined this term to describe all non-communists and even anti-communists who, through their being gullible and/or lacking diligence, actually advance the communist cause.

Persons

Alonso, C.M.F., Father Joaquin Maria: (R.I.P) Commissioned by Bishop Joao Venancio in 1966 to establish a complete critical history of the revelations of Fatima, he spent the next 10 years studying the Fatima archives. In 1975 his monumental work, consisting of 24 volumes of about 800 pages each and including at least 5,396 original documents, was ready for publication. 22 volumes have been suppressed from publication ever since; the first two were published in heavily edited form in the 1990's. Died December 12, 1981.

Bertone, S.D.B., Cardinal Tarcisio: Born on December 2, 1934 in Romano Canavese, Italy; consecrated bishop on August 1, 1991; appointed as Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith by Pope John Paul II in 1995. He was created Cardinal in October 2003, appointed as Secretary of State by Pope Benedict XVI and took the reins of this office in September 2006.

Bianchi, Father Luigi: Italian diocesan priest who claims to have met and interviewed Sister Lucy many times and talked about, among

other things, the Third Secret at her cloistered Carmelite convent in Coimbra, Portugal. He met her as recently as October 2001.

Capovilla, Archbishop Loris Francesco: Born on October 14, 1915 in Pontelongo, Italy; served as personal secretary to Pope John XXIII; and was consecrated bishop on July 16, 1967.

Castrillón Hoyos, Cardinal Dario: Born on July 4, 1929 in Medellin, Colombia; consecrated bishop on July 18, 1971; appointed Prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy by authority of Pope John Paul II on October 1, 1996 (in October 2006 he retired from this position). He was created Cardinal on February 21, 1998. See entries in "Appendix II: A Chronology of the Fatima Cover-up" for June 5, July 11/12, July 14, August 8, October 16, and December 20, 2000 for further information on Cardinal Castrillón Hoyos.

Ciappi, O.P., Cardinal Mario Luigi: (R.I.P.) Born on October 6, 1909 in Florence, Italy; consecrated bishop on June 18, 1977; created Cardinal by Pope Paul VI on June 27, 1977; and died in 1996. Also served as papal theologian to Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I, and John Paul II.

da Silva, Bishop José Alves Correia: (R.I.P.) First Bishop of Leiria-Fatima; received envelope containing the Third Secret from Sister Lucy in 1944. Retained possession of the Third Secret until March 1957. Died in 1957.

do Amaral, Bishop Alberto Cosme: (R.I.P.) Born on October 12, 1916 in Touro, Portugal; consecrated bishop on August 23, 1964; appointed as the third Bishop of Leiria-Fatima on July 1, 1972; and retired on February 2, 1993.

Forte, O.F.M., Bishop Antonio: (R.I.P.) Born on July 9, 1928 in Polla, Italy; consecrated bishop on September 10, 1988; and appointed Bishop of Avellino on February 20, 1993.

Francisco Marto, Blessed: (R.I.P.) One of the three seers (1909 – 1919) of the Fatima apparitions, brother of Blessed Jacinta Marto, and cousin of Lucia dos Santos (Sister Lucy). Francisco was beatified on May 13, 2000.

François de Marie des Anges, Frère: Author of *Fatima: Intimate Joy, World Event*, a one-book summary of Frère Michel de la Sainte Trinité's 3-volume monumental work *The Whole Truth About Fatima*. In English Frère François' one volume is published as four small books.

Fuentes, Father Agustín: Was in 1957 the Vice Postulator of the Cause for the Beatification of Jacinta and Francisco. Interviewed Sister Lucy on December 26, 1957 in which she made many important statements which touched on the Third Secret. Published this interview in 1958 with an imprimatur of Archbishop Sanchez of Veracruz, Mexico and the approbation of the Bishop of Fatima.

Galamba de Oliviera, Canon José: (R.I.P.) Convinced Bishop da Silva in September 1943 to suggest to Sister Lucy that she write down the Third Secret. At that time Sister Lucy was stricken with pleurisy, and the Bishop of Fatima feared that Lucy would die without revealing the Secret.

Jacinta Marto, Blessed: (R.I.P.) The youngest of the three seers (1910 – 1920) of the Fatima apparitions, sister of Blessed Francisco Marto, and cousin of Lucia dos Santos (Sister Lucy). Jacinta was beatified on May 13, 2000.

Levada, Cardinal William: Born on June 15, 1936 in Long Beach, California; consecrated bishop on May 12, 1983; appointed as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on May 13, 2005; and created Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI on March 24, 2006.

Lucia dos Santos, O.C.D., Sister: (R.I.P.) The eldest of the three child seers of the Fatima apparitions in 1916 and 1917. Born March 28, 1907, Sister Lucy was a Carmelite nun at the cloistered convent in Coimbra, Portugal. She died at the age of almost 98 years old on February 13, 2005.

Magee, Bishop John: Born on September 24, 1936 in Newry, Ireland; consecrated bishop on March 17, 1987; and served as Secretary to Popes Paul VI, John Paul I and John Paul II.

Michel de la Sainte Trinité, Frère: Fatima expert and author of the monumental work *The Whole Truth About Fatima* (3 volumes, about 800 pages each). Volume III, focusing on the Third Secret, contains over 1,150 footnotes, citing numerous documents, witnesses and testimonies.

Oddi, Cardinal Silvio: (R.I.P.) Born on November 14, 1910 in the Diocese of Piacenza in Italy; consecrated bishop on September 27, 1953; created Cardinal by Pope Paul VI on April 28, 1969; appointed as Prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy by Pope John Paul II on September 28, 1979; retired in 1987; and died in 2001.

Ottaviani, Cardinal Alfredo: (R.I.P.) Prefect of the Holy Office during the pontificates of Popes Pius XII, John XXIII and Paul VI. On February 11, 1967 he testified during a press conference at the Pontifical Marian Academy in Rome that he had read the Third Secret and that it was written on a single sheet of paper. Also encouraged the publication of the *Neues Europa* version of the Third Secret and, together with Cardinal Bacci, wrote a Preface to *A Short and Critical Study of the New Order of Mass*, and presented it to Paul VI.

Pasquale, S.D.B., Father Umberto Maria: A well-known Salesian priest who knew Sister Lucy since 1939 and who received 157 letters from her, up to 1982. He interviewed Sister Lucy concerning the Consecration of Russia in 1978 and published the contents of that interview on May 12, 1982 in the *L'Osservatore Romano* in Vatican City.

Pierro, Bishop Gerardo: Born on April 26, 1935 in Mercato, San

Severino in Italy; consecrated bishop on August 2, 1981; and served as Bishop of Avellino from February 28, 1987 until May 25, 1992, when he was promoted to Archbishop of Salerno.

Ratzinger, Cardinal Joseph; now Pope Benedict XVI: Born on April 16, 1927 in the Diocese of Passau, the town of Marktl am Inn, Germany; consecrated bishop on May 28, 1977; created Cardinal by Pope Paul VI on June 27, 1977; and appointed as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith by Pope John Paul II on November 25, 1981. He held this position until April 2, 2005 when Pope John Paul II died. He was elected Pope (Benedict XVI) about two weeks later.

Schweigl, S.J., Father Joseph: Entrusted by Pope Pius XII with a secret mission in 1952 to interrogate Sister Lucy about the Third Secret.

Sodano, Cardinal Angelo: Born on November 23, 1927 in Isola d'Asti, Italy; consecrated bishop on January 15, 1978; appointed as Vatican Secretary of State on December 1, 1990; and created Cardinal by Pope John Paul II on June 28, 1991. Even though he was already beyond the normal retirement age of 75, he still held this position until September 2006. Sodano praised the arch-heretic Hans Küng on March 25, 1998; promoted the International Criminal Court (ICC); and hosted a press conference with Mikhail Gorbachev in the Vatican on June 27, 2000.

Valinho, S.D.B., Father Jose dos Santos: Sister Lucy's nephew.

Venancio, Bishop Joao Pereira: (R.I.P.) Born on February 8, 1904 in Monte Redondo, Portugal; consecrated bishop (and appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Leiria-Fatima) on December 8, 1954; appointed second Bishop of Leiria-Fatima on September 13, 1958; retired on July 1, 1972; and died in the mid-1980s. In March 1957, he held the envelope containing the Third Secret up to a strong light and carefully noted that the Secret is about 25 lines long and is written on a single sheet of paper with 3/4 centimeter margins on both sides.

Venezia, Bishop: (R.I.P.) Born on June 4, 1911; consecrated bishop on April 15, 1951; and served as Bishop of Avellino, Italy from June 1967 until February 28, 1987.