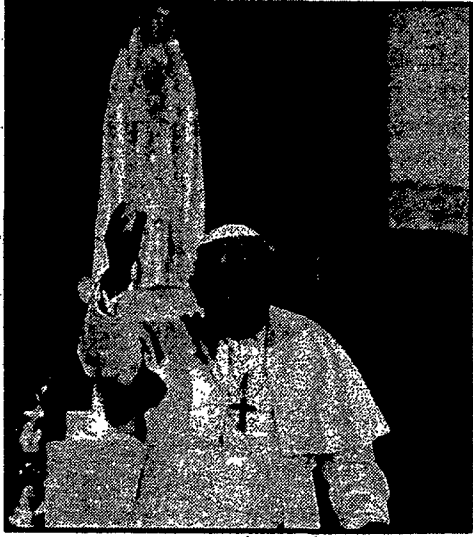


# Third secret of Fatima is revealed



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In front of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Pope John Paul II greets pilgrims at the Portugal shrine May 12.

FATIMA, Portugal (CNS)—Pope John Paul II, ordering the publication of the so-called "third secret of Fatima," believes part of it was a direct reference to the 1981 attempt on his life, said the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Angelo Sodano.

Cardinal Sodano, the highest-ranking official of the Roman Curia, said May 13 that the almost 80-year-old pope asked him to make "the solemn announcement" of the secret's contents at the end of the pope's Mass in Fatima, 19 years to the day after the assassination attempt.

The message was written down in 1943 by Sister Lucia dos Santos, the only surviving Fatima visionary, and placed in a wax-sealed envelope. She gave it to her

bishop who sent it, unopened, to the Vatican, where it remained secret except to the popes and a few close aides.

Cardinal Sodano told an estimated 600,000 people at the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima that the third part of the message revealed to the three shepherd children in 1917 "concerns, above all, the war waged by atheist systems against the church and Christians."

But, it also includes reference to the ministry and suffering of a "bishop clothed in white," whom the children believed was the pope.

The cardinal said the pope had directed the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to prepare a commentary to help people understand the message,

then to make the message and the commentary public. It is expected soon.

In the message, Cardinal Sodano said, as the pope "makes his way with great effort toward the Cross amid the corpses of those who were martyred — bishops, priests, men and women religious and many lay persons — he, too, falls to the ground, apparently dead under a burst of gunfire."

Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turk, tried to assassinate the pope in St. Peter's Square May 13, 1981.

Cardinal Sodano said that after the shooting "it appeared evident to His Holiness that it was 'a motherly hand which guided the bullet's path,'" saving the pope's life.



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Camielle Bradley, 16, helps the Select Choir (grades three-five) at Nazareth Hall Elementary School, Rochester, rehearse on May 10. Bradley is a high-school volunteer from Nazareth Academy. At left, in front, is Julianne Pettine.

Terry Kohl vividly recalls a family gathering several years ago where a distant relative, who was a few years younger and developmentally disabled, was having trouble climbing on some playground equipment.

Onlookers began to make fun of the younger girl, Terry said. She, on the other hand, didn't hesitate to help the struggling child.

"It just clicked. I just went right over," she said.

Though a brief episode, Terry said it may have been the first significant step on her career path. Now 18 years old, Terry volunteers regularly with the developmentally disabled, and will begin pursuing a dual certification program in elementary and special education this coming fall at Monroe Community College.

"It just seems like what I'm being called to do. That's the message I'm getting from God," she said. Terry is a parishioner at Church of the Assumption in Fairport, and will graduate from

## Service with a smile

Fairport High School in June.

Whereas Terry is fairly definite about her career, Camielle Bradley is still weighing her options. A senior at Nazareth Academy, Camielle plans to spend at least part of this summer in Italy, where she will travel to do service work. From there, Camielle said, she may begin college so she can become a music teacher for young children.

Then again, Camielle's work with youths could take her all over the globe. Much of her service duty in Italy will involve working in day-care centers in poor communities — "places that are not so often heard of," she remarked. Camielle noted that her older sister, also, performed service work overseas, and "when she came back she was a completely different person." Camielle added that she loves conversing with adults who have devoted their lives to service abroad.

"My mom always tells me I should just join the Peace Corps," said Camielle, 18.

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