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SISTER LUCIA ON FATIMA SECRET



LISBON, Portugal. November 30th (NC) -- Portuguese Catholic Action

even know has just published a 100-page book on the Message of Fatima with

private to a chapter on the Secret of Fatima which quotes Sister Lucia, the

even speaking a only survivor of the three children and the writer of the 'message'

, sworn to 'secret' which she gave in a closed envelope to the late Bishop

of Leiria with the superscription, "To be opened after my death or

ended in 1960." But so far there is no sign that the contents of this

letter will be divulged this year. But the book says:

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will, said, said "The last part of the secret, which has been so much spoken of,

effort, has already been written down by Lucia, but it will only be

revealed when the Ecclesiastical Authorities judge it opportune,

as happened in the case of the first parts of the secret of Fatima.

In the meantime, we cannot be far from the truth in supposing that

it recounts new graces from heaven for those who are always better

carrying out the Message of Fatima.

is so,

If this/why there is such a delay in divulging things of such
importance?

"It may be," writes Lucia, "that to some people it might appear

that I should have said these things some time ago, for according

to them, they would have a greater value a few years ago, than now.

So it would if God had wanted me to face the world as a prophet,

but I think that was not His intention. If it had been He would have told me to speak in 1917 instead of telling me not to. An order that was confirmed by His representatives on earth.

"I therefore think that God only wanted to use me to remind the world of the necessity to avoid sin and to make reparation for offences against God by prayer and by penance.

"Not finding the exact words to explain myself, I would have said one thing at one time and another at another time. By wishing to explain myself without being able to do so, I would perhaps have caused such a confusion of ideas, which could even, who knows, have ruined the work of God."

"Silence has been for me a great grace. For this I give thanks to God and I believe that all He does is good."

[It does not say when Lucia wrote these words, but I will get the book and see if there is any elucidation on this point. The notice above appeared in a notice of the book in "A Voz", the Catholic and royalist daily in Lisbon.]

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