

mid June.

What a blessing it has been, to see us so on the mark regarding the relevancy of the message of Our Lady at Fatima to the Church and the world of our time! I hope the great blessing that comes to us through the revelation of the third secret of Fatima will spur on each and every one to an ever greater devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through total consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, particularly by an ever more numerous and devout attendance at the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month oratories.

Most of our members are aware that in our *Apostolic Action Items* leaflet we recommend various types of oratories (occasions for prayer). **Our Lady's Oratory** is conducted as follows:

*This Oratory usually takes place on the 13th of the month (as at Fatima) and has the following format:*

- 1 Homily followed by blessing of religious articles;
- 2 15 decades of the Rosary;
- 3 Solemn Eucharistic Adoration and procession after the Rosary (Mary leads us to Jesus);
- 4 Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament;
- 5 After final procession, the priest celebrant returns to enroll those who wish in the various scapulars, the Miraculous Medal, etc.

The **First Saturday Oratory** is conducted as follows:

- 1 Recitation of the Holy Rosary.
  - 2 15 minutes meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary.
  - 3 Communion of reparation for the blasphemies and indifference towards the prerogatives of the Holy Mother of God.
- The First Saturday Oratory should be promoted as obligatory by all local chapters.

Some years ago, Fr. Paul Crane, S.J., wrote an article entitled "The Talking Church", in which he lamented, among other things, the amount of talking that goes on about matters ecclesiastical and civil. I have yet to find a saint whose motto was "Talk and Act". All of them, however, would subscribe to the motto "Pray and Act". Please make it a priority to put into practice one or the other or both, of the previously described oratories, and then act.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,



**P.S. – In our next issue the entire text of the 3rd secret of Fatima.**

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