

And the Holy Father in a church praying before the Immaculate Heart of Mary?
And so many people praying with him ?

When Our Lady came to visit her at home:

- She told us she would come to take Francisco to heaven very soon, and she asked me if I still wanted to convert more sinners. I said I did. She told me I would be going to a hospital where I would suffer a great deal; and that I am to suffer for the conversion of sinners, in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for love of Jesus. She said my mother would take me and I would have to stay there all alone.

Just before Francisco went to heaven:

- Give all my love to Our Lord and to Our Lady, and tell them that I'll suffer as much as they want, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Foreseeing she would die alone in Lisbon: - O my Jesus, now you can convert many sinners, because this is a really big sacrifice.

To Lucia, before going to the hospital in Lisbon:

- It will not be long now before I go to heaven. You will remain here to make known that God wishes to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

God grants us graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

When you are to say this, don't go and hide ! **Tell everybody that God grants us graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary; that people are to ask her for them; and that the Heart of Jesus wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be venerated at his side.** Tell them also to pray to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace, since God has entrusted it to her. If only I could put into the hearts of all, the fire that is burning within my own heart, and that makes me love the Hearts of Jesus and Mary so very much.

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Sayings of Francisco and Jacinta

Sayings of Francisco

Born 11th June 1908, aged 9 at the time of the apparitions in 1917, 10 years and 10 months old at his death on 4th April 1919.

In his homily at the Beatification on 13th May 2000, Bl John Paul II said that Francisco attained “a true form of mystical union with the Lord”.

Francisco wanted to become a priest and used to collect stones to set up little altars. When they had apples for lunch, he would peel them and cut little white circles out of them, and pretend he was giving Holy Communion to Lucia and Jacinta.

“No lamp is as beautiful as Our Lord's (the sun)” he used to say to Jacinta, who preferred Our Lady's lamp (the moon) because “it doesn't hurt our eyes”.

After the 3rd apparition of the Angel, in the autumn of 1916, when he and Jacinta received the Precious Blood: “I felt that God was within me, but I did not know how.”

After the first apparition of Our Lady on 13th May 1917:

- O my dear Our Lady, I will say as many Rosaries as you want
- I loved seeing the Angel, but I loved still more seeing Our Lady. What I loved most of all was to see Our Lord in that light from Our Lady which penetrated our hearts. I love God so much. But he is very sad because of so many sins !

After the July apparition Lucia recorded “What wholly absorbed Francisco was God the Most Holy Trinity, perceived in that light from Our Lady which penetrated our inmost souls”. Afterwards Francisco said “We were on fire in that light which is God, and yet we were not burnt. [John Paul II said Moses had the same experience when he saw God in the burning bush]. What is God? We could never put it into words. What a pity He is so sad. If only I could console Him.”

When threatened with death in prison, after they had been abducted in August:
- If they kill us, we will soon be in heaven. How wonderful ! Nothing else matters.

After the fifth apparition in September:

- How good Our Lord is. I have only seen him twice and I love Him so much. But I am so sorry to see Him sad like that. I offer Him all the sacrifices I can think of.

After the final apparition in October:

- "I would like to console Our Lord, and after that convert sinners, so that they won't offend Him any more", because, he explained, Our Lady had said people must not offend Our Lord any more "because He is already so much offended".

On adoring the hidden Jesus: You go to school, and I'll stay here in the church, close to the Hidden Jesus. It is not worth my while learning to read as I'll be going to heaven very soon.

His father asked him why he was sobbing one night, believing he had hurt himself: - I was thinking of Jesus who is so sad because of the sins committed against Him.

When Lucia asked him if he was suffering, in his last days:

- Quite a lot, but never mind. I am suffering to console Our Lord, and afterwards, within a short time, I am going to heaven.

To Jacinta, after receiving Holy Communion the day before he died:

- I am happier than you are because I have the Hidden Jesus within my heart.

On being with Francisco in his room:

- It is a mystery one cannot fathom. They are children just like any others, they don't say anything to us, yet in their presence one feels something one can't explain, and that makes them different from all the rest.

- It seems to me that when we go into Francisco's room, we feel just as we do when we go into a church.

The children's first vision of Our Lady, 13th May 1917. A light came from Our Lady's hands, the rays of which, wrote Sister Lucia, "penetrated our hearts and the innermost depths of our souls, making us see ourselves in God Who was

that light, more clearly than we see ourselves in the best of mirrors. Moved by an interior impulse, we fell on our knees, repeating in our hearts, 'Most Holy Trinity I adore you. My God, my God, I love you in the most Blessed Sacrament'".

Sayings of Jacinta

Born 11th March 1910, aged 7 at the time of the apparitions in 1917, 9 years, 11 months and 1 week old at her death on 20th February 1920.

In his homily at the Beatification on 13th May 2000, Bl Pope John Paul II said that Jacinta "could well exclaim with St Paul: 'I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, the Church'" (Col 1: 24).

- We must never be afraid of anything. The Lady will always help us. She is such a good friend of ours.

- Tell the crickets and frogs to keep quiet, I have such a terrible headache – Don't you want to suffer this for sinners ? – Yes, I do. Let them sing !

- I love Our Lord so much. At times I seem to have a fire in my heart, but it does not burn me ... I never get tired of telling Our Lord and Our Lady that I love them.

- I'm not going to dance any more, because I want to offer this sacrifice to Our Lord.

After seeing the vision of hell on 13th July 1917:

- We must pray very much, to save souls from hell. So many go there. Why doesn't Our Lady show hell to sinners ? If they saw it, they would not sin ...

When in prison in August 1917

- All you have to do is to tell the Administrator the secret – Never, Jacinta replied vigorously, I'd rather die.

Her vision of the Holy Father at the Loca da Cabeco:

- Can't you see all those highways and roads and fields full of people who are crying with hunger and have nothing to eat ?