



May 1, 2017

To all the faithful of the Diocese of Prince Albert,

Praise be to God in this Easter season for he has Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A century ago this month, beginning May 13, 1917, three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal experienced apparitions by Our Lady. The apparitions came at the end of WWI, a war in which many people gave their lives for their country and for their freedom.

If we look at our present situation on a global level, I do not know if we can say that things have improved or changed all that much. This is why Our Lady invites us to continue our prayers to her, not only to pray for peace but for all people to experience a change of heart in our respect of one another, so that we may live in harmony.

Therefore, in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, I would invite you to pray a novena with these same intentions to Our Lady of Fatima, in your parishes, as a family, or as a group. It is perhaps a little late to invite you to observe this day in May with a special celebration but I encourage you to reach out to her in prayer for peace, harmony, and respect in our world today.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Albert Thévenot, M. Afr.  
Bishop of Prince Albert

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*To help our people rediscover Christ, the incarnate word of God because we are all called to holiness'*