

Pope Benedict Reverses Vatican's "Party Line" on Fatima

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Catholics throughout the world, including Mother Angelica of EWTN, believed the Vatican was involved in a massive "cover-up" after it purportedly released the entire "Third Secret" of Fatima on June 26, 2000. During 2010, Pope Benedict XVI has confirmed this suspicion with some of the most explosive statements he has ever made about Fatima and the Third Secret.

On May 11, 2010, while traveling on a plane to Portugal, the Pope was asked whether the Third Secret predicts the current clerical sexual abuse crisis in the Church, even though the text the Vatican released in 2000 says nothing of the crisis. The pope answered affirmatively, stating that "the sufferings of the Church come precisely from within the Church, from sins that exist in the Church." Further, on May 13, 2010, before 500,000 pilgrims at Fatima, the Pope stated, "Whoever thinks that the prophetic mission of Fatima is over, is deceiving himself."

The Pope's explosive statements completely contradict the Vatican's "Party Line" position on the Third Secret dictated in the year 2000 by former Secretary of State Cardinal Sodano and current Secretary Cardinal Bertone. The Vatican "Party Line" maintains that it has released the *entire* Third Secret, and that Fatima's prophetic mission *is over* (having limited the prophecies of the Third Secret to past events - primarily the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II). The Pope's recent revelations also reverse prior statements he made as Cardinal Ratzinger when he said, "nor is the future unveiled" in the Third Secret, but rather reveal the sufferings of the Church "of the century which has just passed..."

The Pope's recent bombshell revelations demonstrate that the Vatican has indeed failed to release the text of the Third Secret which prophetically reveals the current crisis in the Church, including the sexual abuse of minors, and that full disclosure may be forthcoming.

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