

The Secret Warned Against Vatican Council II and the New Mass

**An Exclusive *Fatima Crusader* Interview
with Father Paul Kramer**

Question: Who is Cardinal Ottaviani, and what did he say about the Third Secret of Fatima?

[Father Kramer] Cardinal Alfredo Ottaviani was prefect of the Holy Office, and at the time, the Holy Office was the preeminent discastery of the Roman Curia. He was the one who pronounced on orthodoxy. Also, he had the jurisdiction over the final approval or disapproval of apparitions. He stated in an address he gave in 1967 at the Antonianum, that the Third Secret of Fatima is set forth on one sheet of paper.

Question: Who is Cardinal Ciappi and what did he say about the Third Secret?

[Father Kramer] Cardinal

Mario Luigi Ciappi was a Dominican priest who had been made a Cardinal by Pope Paul VI. He was Papal Theologian under Paul VI, John Paul I and early in the reign of Pope John Paul II. Cardinal Ciappi stated in his letter to Professor Baumgartner that in the Third Secret it is revealed, among other things, that the great apostasy in the Church will begin at the top.

Question: Could Cardinal Ciappi be telling the truth? Isn't "apostasy" too strong a word?

[Father Kramer] I know there are some people who find some difficulty with the idea that there could be an apostasy in the Church, or a *great* apostasy in the Church. Some people do seem to think that the word is rather strong.

However, it was not too strong for St. Paul to use this term, because he was the one who foretold that before the coming of the man of sin, the Antichrist, there would be this great falling away, a great *apostasy*.

So it is not surprising that Our Lady of Fatima would warn about this apostasy in the Church, because this is already a teaching enshrined in Sacred Scripture by the great Apostle himself, St. Paul.

Question: How do you reply to those who say that Our Lady would never make such a claim that the Church itself, the spotless Bride of Christ, would enter a period of apostasy?

[Father Kramer] To those who find difficulty with this idea, that the Church, the Bride of Christ, could ever enter into a period of apostasy, I respond that Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Behold, I have told you all of these things in advance." How can we question the word of God? The suffering that the Church, as the Mystical Body of Christ, must undergo is described

prophetically, for example, in the Book of Lamentations. It is described again prophetically in the Book of the Prophet Daniel, and in the Apocalypse, where we see there will be a great apostasy and a great persecution of the remnant of faithful; and that God will preserve them in their faith, so that the elect will be preserved.

Question: Do you see a connection between the Third Secret of Fatima and the introduction of the New Mass?

[Father Kramer] Sister Lucy of Fatima, in reference to the Message of Fatima, said that there would take place a *diabolical disorientation* in the Church. And there is nothing that could do more to bring that about than a liturgical revolution that would enshrine alien principles into a seemingly Catholic liturgy.

As a matter of fact, there is more substance to the question of a diabolical disorientation. I am referring to the part of the Third Secret of Fatima that has not yet been revealed. I know this to be a fact because I have personally



Father Paul Kramer delivering a speech at the Fatima Center's Ambassador Conference held in Los Angeles, California.

spoken with a German theologian and a seminary Rector who is a long-time close friend of Pope Benedict.

When Pope Benedict was still Cardinal Ratzinger, around 1990 he revealed to his friend that in the Third Secret of Fatima Our Lady warns not to change the liturgy: literally, not to mix extraneous foreign elements into the Catholic liturgy.

Now, of course, with the New Mass of Pope Paul VI, that is exactly what was done. Elements of Protestantism, both in the symbolism and in the wording of the liturgy, were brought into and mixed

into a Catholic framework to the extent that the makers of the new Rite flatly stated that this is no longer the Roman Rite, it is a new creation.

Father Joseph Gelineau was the right-hand man of Archbishop Annibale Bugnini, who is the architect of the new rite of Mass. Both Father Gelineau and Archbishop Bugnini plainly stated that the Novus Ordo Mass is a new creation; that the old rite of Mass, the Roman Rite, has been *destroyed*. Pope Paul VI announced in November of 1969 that his would be a *new rite* of Mass.

So there is no question about the new liturgy — the *Novus Ordo* liturgy — being somehow a revision and a continuation of the Roman Rite. No. It is a break with Catholic liturgical tradition.¹

So Our Lady of Fatima warned in the Third Secret not to make specifically this kind of change in the liturgy. Yet Pope Paul VI went forward and made those changes anyway.

Our Lady also warned that there would be an evil Council in the Church that would cause great scandal. And of course, it was the documents from Vatican II — the Constitution on the Liturgy — which gave the impetus for Pope Paul VI to reform the liturgy in such a disastrous manner that has caused such a loss of faith and confusion in the Church.

So we have Cardinal Ratzinger himself stating to a close personal friend that these warnings were given by Our Lady in the Third Secret of Fatima not to change the Mass in precisely the manner that Pope Paul VI changed the Mass.

Now after this took place, the German theologian who I am referring to went back to

the country in South America where he was Rector of a seminary and he explained to a young priest what Cardinal Ratzinger had related to him. And precisely when he related that Our Lady warned against changing the Mass and there would be an evil Council in the Church, the both of them saw a plume of smoke coming up from the floor. Now it was a marble floor. This could not be anything of a natural phenomenon. Both the young priest and the old German Rector were so impressed they drew up a dossier and sent it to Cardinal Ratzinger.

Then on June 26, 2000, Cardinal Ratzinger published for the world the document [on the Third Secret] containing the vision of a “bishop in white”, claiming that the entire Secret is set forth in this document. Yet it can only be understood that way if we say that he is using a mental reservation; that what is set forth by Our Lady in Her words is already implicitly contained symbolically in the vision.

The elderly German priest, Ratzinger’s long-time personal friend, took note of the fact that when this vision of the Third Secret was published it

did not contain those things, those elements of the Third Secret that Cardinal Ratzinger had revealed to him nearly ten years earlier. The German priest — Father Döllinger — told me that his question was burning in his mind on the day he concelebrated with Cardinal Ratzinger. Father Döllinger said to me, “I confronted Cardinal Ratzinger to his face.” And of course he asked Cardinal Ratzinger, “*how can this be the entire Third Secret? Remember what you told me before?*”

Cardinal Ratzinger was cornered. He didn’t know what to say and so he blurted out to his friend in German, “*Wirklich gebt das der etwas*” which means “really there is something more there,” meaning there is something more in the Third Secret. The Cardinal stated this quite plainly.

Question: This is an amazing story. Is Father Döllinger a credible witness?

[Father Kramer] I can say this much: we’re talking about an elderly priest, a long-time *personal* friend of Pope Benedict, a man who was a long-time personal

acquaintance of St. Pio of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio]. In fact, he told me he had gone to confession to Padre Pio 58 times. This is a man who for many years was the Rector of a seminary in South America; a man who is *highly* esteemed, who is of great reputation in the Church.

I would also point out that in the diocese where he worked what I have said about the Third Secret, what Cardinal Ratzinger revealed to him, was common knowledge among the young priests who were seminarians and deacons at the time this man was Rector. They all know the story that Cardinal Ratzinger had told him.

As I mentioned, they had even put together a dossier and sent it to Cardinal Ratzinger. So he is a man of great credibility, worthy of credence; a man of great seriousness who is not given over to making up fabulous stories, or exaggerating self-importance. The man had no need of such things; he’s a man of utmost credibility. **RC**

Note: 1. For a fuller explanation, see Father Kramer’s book *The Suicide of Altering the Faith in the Liturgy*. Available from *The Fatima Crusader* for \$9.95. To order see our contact information on [page 63](#).