

## **Commendations for the WAF Fatima presentation (most recent first)**

### ***From Mgr Philip Moger, Dean, Leeds Cathedral***

Donal Foley generously travelled to Leeds to speak about the significance of Marian apparitions. He has clearly devoted much time to the study of the post-1600 apparitions of Our Lady, and speaks with great enthusiasm about his subject, especially as it relates to Fatima.

### ***From John Beaumont, Talks Coordinator, Leeds Cathedral***

At one of our regular talks at Wheeler Hall, Leeds Cathedral, Donal Foley gave an excellent analysis of the history of Marian apparitions and their significance for today. About 60 people were in attendance and from the feedback received they were very pleased with the session.

### ***From Fr Stephen Brown, Chaplain, Bradford University***

We had an evening presentation by Donal Foley at the University Chaplaincy here in Bradford. The theme was the message of Our Lady given at Fatima, Portugal in 1917, and its continuing relevance for us in the 21st century. The way we structured the night was to have a DVD presentation first, then break for food, then continue with a power point presentation on the meaning of the message, then plenty of time for discussion and questions. Donal's presentation was articulate, to the point and aroused much interest - I know for a fact that it inspired some people to pray the rosary more. I think the message of Fatima is hugely important, and this kind of presentation is very worthwhile.

### ***From Fr Nicholas Schofield, Our Lady of Lourdes church, Uxbridge.***

Donal Foley visited Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael, Uxbridge, on 28 September 2012, to speak on Our Lady of Fatima. He gave a comprehensive and balanced presentation on the Fatima message. He showed an extract from a DVD and brought along a number of books and other items to sell. The parishioners who came found the talk very helpful and instructive and I would not hesitate in recommending Donal and his work.

### ***From Rev. John K. Hancock, Parish Priest, Littlemore, Oxon.***

Concerning the Fatima Presentation—this was in my view an excellent exposition of all that Fatima is. The Presentation clearly and concisely described the history and story of Fatima. It especially focused on the message of Fatima and its relevance for today. I think above all, the Presentation was very balanced, not seeking to emphasise any one aspect. It was also quite thought provoking, making one think of the implications of the Fatima story. Accepting them and acting on them—or not!

### ***From Fr Gerard Kelly, Spiritual Director of the WAF England and Wales, Archdiocese of Birmingham.***

St Francis Parish, Handsworth, Birmingham, was delighted to welcome a video and slide presentation on the message of Fatima by Donal Foley from Nottingham on 18th February 2012. Donal has studied the Fatima message for many years and his understanding, enthusiasm and clear presentation were greatly appreciated by the thirty people who came to this mid-Saturday morning event. Donal laid special emphasis on the importance of the Five

First Saturdays' Devotion. This is a very appropriate devotion—prayed, as it is, for the conversion of the world—as we embark on the Year of Faith.

Referring to Our Lady's request that Russia, the world and individuals be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart—a request positively met by Pope John Paul II—Donal said: “The Pope has done his part. Now it is up to us to do our part”. What more beautiful way ‘to do our part’ than to embrace the Five First Saturdays Devotion. All you need to do is to go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray the Rosary and spend fifteen minutes in Eucharistic adoration—[all being done in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary].

I commend Donal's presentation to all parishes and groups looking for a clear and informed introduction to Our Lady of Fatima and her message.

***From Fr Stephen de Kerdrel, St Patrick's Presbytery, Corby, Northants Diocese:***

In his World Apostolate of Fatima presentation that he gave at St Patrick's Church in November 2011, Donal Foley gave a wonderfully clear account of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three little seers, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta at Fatima in 1917.

The first video was a comprehensive treatment of the visions with illustrations to heighten the content and the sequence of events, some of which I had forgotten, and then Donal reiterated the message with a Power Point slide presentation. The overall effect led up to his very sensible conclusion that the Faithful needed to give heed to Our Lady's request that we should do the First Five Saturdays.

This is the part that we play in bringing about the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart and the reign of Peace and which so to speak brings to a conclusion the responses to the request which Our Lady asked of the Church, which included praying the Rosary, doing penance for sinners, and the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart by the Pope, which Lucia said was done by Blessed John Paul II in 1984.

One sincerely hopes that through the World Apostolate of Fatima, Donal Foley will be able to spread this message far and wide throughout the Church in these lands.

***From Fr Antonio Belsito, Rosmini Centre House of Prayer, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, Leicestershire, Nottingham Diocese:***

There is much beauty, simplicity, warmth, and a unique supernatural feeling in the events that took place at Fatima in 1917. Even today, devout pilgrims experience the loving presence of our Blessed Mother, and Her words, inviting all to repentance and to constant prayer on behalf of all our brothers and sisters, move people towards faithfulness to JESUS and to the Church.

A powerful echo of the supernatural events at Fatima can be heard in the presentations of the World Apostolate of Fatima given by Donal Foley. They are unique presentations, which combine a thorough account of what happened, of what was said, of the reactions of visionaries and of various people, with the beauty and evangelical simplicity of the message brought to earth by our Blessed Mother.

Donal speaks from the heart, as a person who is thoroughly convinced of the importance of the words of Our Lady of Fatima to the world of today; his listeners are drawn into the narrative and the message, in a deep appreciation of the urgency of conversion, of prayer, of obedience to the Gospel. There is no doubt that the message of our Lady at Fatima should be used and spread widely during this special ‘Year of the Faith’:

The World Apostolate of Fatima presentations can become powerful tools for bringing people to JESUS through the words and deeds of His Blessed Mother at Fatima.