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Dear Friends of Catholic Tradition,

May is the month of our Blessed Mother. We are happy to present to you this May edition of *Catholic Family News*, which includes a beautiful and informative article by Marianna Bartold on the history of the association between this month and Our Lady, especially Our Lady of Fatima. This month will witness many May crownings and May processions throughout the Catholic world. We will celebrate the Queenship of Mary at the end of the month and mark yet another anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima on May 13.

March brought more attention to the Message of Fatima with the [consecration](#) performed in Rome and by many bishops throughout the world on March 25. We can take this opportunity of the month of May to remind ourselves that Our Lady of Fatima made two primary requests.

Much attention over the last hundred years has focused on the request for the consecration of Russia, and understandably so. Yet, she came to ask for two things. The other is the Communion of reparation on the First Saturdays. Although we as lay Catholics, or even as hard-working priests, cannot directly satisfy her request for the collegial consecration of Russia, we can directly honor her second request. We do not need a pope or bishops to make the Communion of reparation on the first Saturday of every month.

A danger I have noted among Traditional Catholics is that once they have completed the [Five First Saturdays](#), they think their obligation is complete. Our Lady did not request only the five first Saturdays. She requested the Communion of reparation on each first Saturday. She was good enough to attach special promises and privileges if we were to achieve five in a row, but her request is not limited to that number. These promises were an incentive for our perseverance, which as a good mother she knows is tried too easily.

Thus, as people debate the completeness and effects of the consecration performed on March 25, we cannot let such debates draw us away from what we can and must do ourselves. Let us resolve to do all in our power to make a Communion of reparation every first Saturday. Our Lady's Immaculate Heart has been so torn by war, persecution, and sin — especially by sins of impurity, as she told the three visionaries. Let us as loving children console her Most Pure Heart through this practice which she herself requested.

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In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

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