

PRELATES AND GARABANDAL

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The Archbishop of Madrid, Casimiro Morcillo Gonzalez [left], in a letter issued on May 13, 1967, to the Bishop of Tacna in Peru, five days after the death of Bishop of Santander Puchol Montis, stated: “The apparitions of Garabandal are a confirmation of those at Fatima fifty years ago. The Virgin Mary came once more to insist in Spain what she had already told three shepherds at Cova da Iria: ‘The bitter cup is not only filled, it is spilling over.’ I personally see a great parallel between Fatima and Garabandal. The children saw the Virgin at the exclusion of others. The Virgin smiled at them. She promised them heaven. She asked that they spread her message of the Rosary, penance and prayers for sinners.

“If there is a small difference in the last the message, it is precisely its great clarity and the extent to which it admonishes the faithful, priests and even bishops.

“There are, therefore, sufficient reasons for the Holy Father Pope Paul VI to tell Conchita during their meeting of January 19, 1966: ‘Conchita, I bless you and with me the entire Church blesses you.’ This phrase evidences the concern on the part of the Holy Father for the ruin that is sought to be introduced into the Church via false reforms.”

And the Bishop of Tacna who relayed this to the Secretary of the Apostolic Papal Nuncio in Lima, added: “Personally, I suggest to your reverence that the events of Garabandal contribute to the enrichment of those of Fatima.”

Reference: Letter of the Bishop of Tacna of November 29, 1967, to Fr. Nicolas Factor Herrera Secretary to the Apostolic Papal Nuncio, Lima.



Conchita in her 1966 visit to Rome with Fr. Luis Luna and Princess Cecilia de Borbón-Parma. Insert of Pope Paul VI. Others in the party were Conchita's mother, Aniceta, and the Princess's maid.

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