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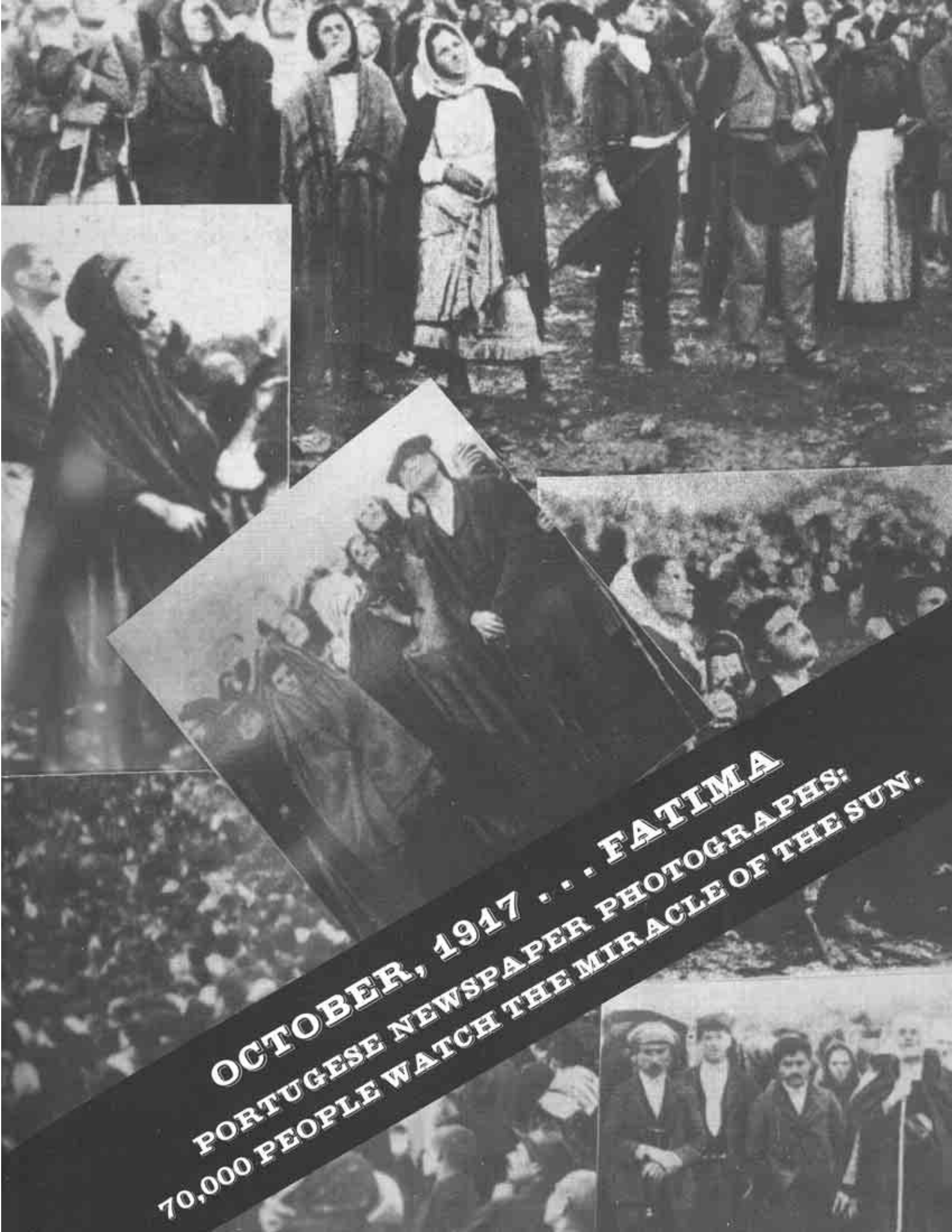
Exurgens autem Maria in diebus illis
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—Latin Vulgate of St. Jerome—

Arising
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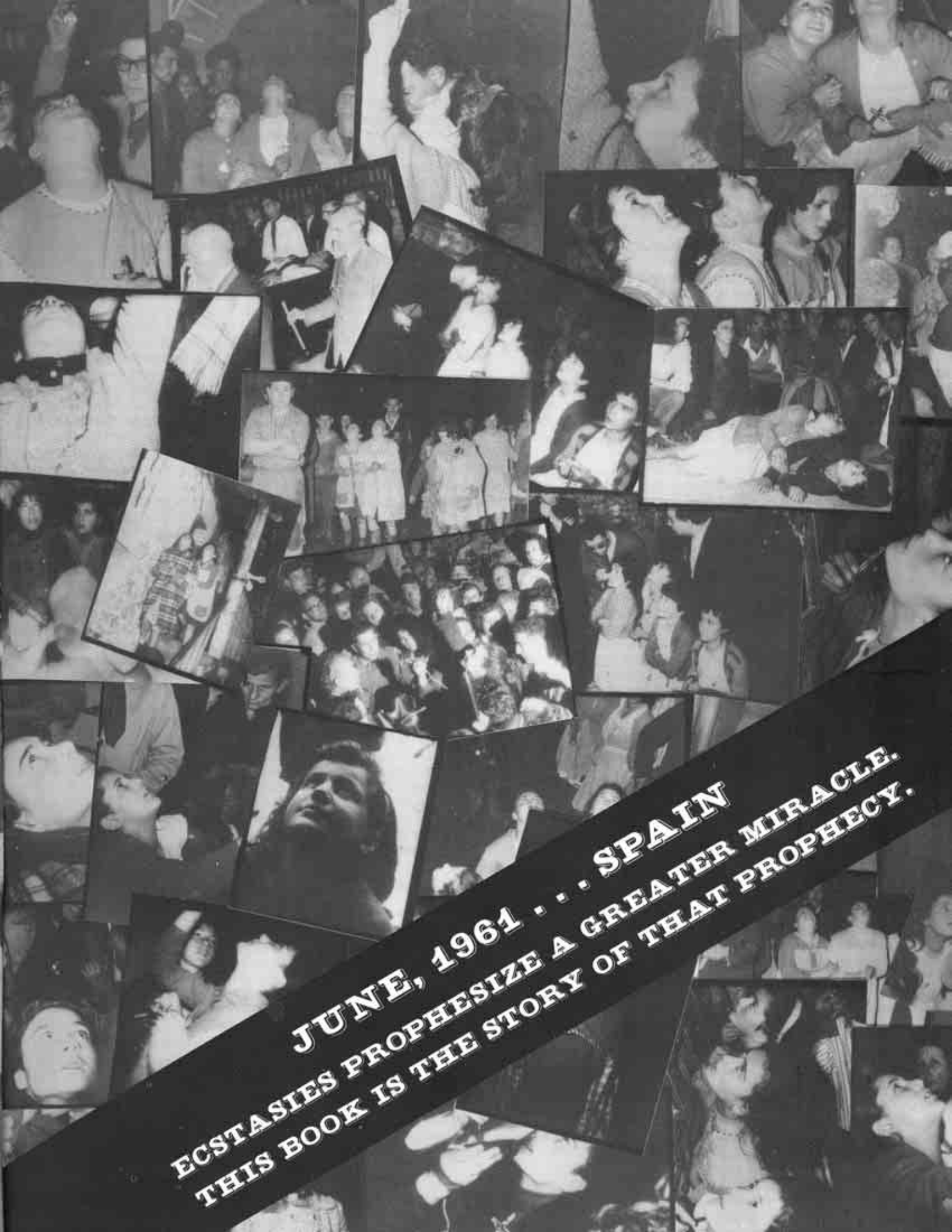
Luke 1:39





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The things written in this trilogy, which are far beyond human comprehension and ability, have been entrusted to the powerful hands of St. Joseph, looking for his strong arm for protection against error.

RUBEN GARCIA DE PESQUERA S.F.M.

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IN HASTE
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MOUNTAIN**

TRANSLATED FROM THE SPANISH BY GERARD SUELL & OTTO MILLER

We state here that we have not found any reason for ecclesiastical censure with regard to condemning either the doctrine or the spiritual recommendations that have been promulgated because of the events of Garabandal in so far as they are directed to faithful Christians. On the contrary, they contain exhortations to prayer and sacrifice, to Eucharistic worship, to devotion to Our Lady under traditional praiseworthy forms, and to the holy fear of God offended by our sins. They simply repeat ordinary Church doctrine in these matters. We recognize the good faith and the religious fervor of the persons who go up to San Sebastián de Garabandal, and who merit the greatest respect.

Santander, July 8, 1965

Eugenio,
Apostolic Bishop,
Administrator of Santander

THE
EVENTS
OF
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Book One

Prologue

Se Fue con Prisas a la Montaña. (***She Went in Haste to the Mountain.***)

The author begins this book with the same words that St. Luke (1:39) used to begin his Gospel account of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin to St. Elizabeth.

Nineteen centuries ago Mary journeyed to visit Elizabeth in a place that the original Vulgate Bible called the *Montaña*. Now in the 20th century the province of Santander, also named the *Montaña*, is the site of another Visitation.

Mary had previously come to the *Montaña* on September 15, 1605, appearing with the infant Jesus to shepherd children in the presence of a beautiful statue. From this appearance came the official title **La Bien Aparecida, Reina Y Madre de la Montaña** (***The True Apparition, Queen and Mother of the Mountain***) by which she has since been venerated as Patroness of la Montaña.

In the year 1961, on July 2nd, the feastday of the Visitation, the Virgin came once more to the *Montaña*—to Garabandal. With St. Michael, the Angel of the Apocalypse, she came to visit mankind through four young girls. On her arm she carried a scapular resembling a sacerdotal maniple with a mountain on it to show that this was Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Mount Carmel, shrouded in unfathomable secrets related to the Mother of God, has apocalyptic significance as the mountain of the prophet Elias who is to return at the end of the world. Described in this book are an astonishing prophecy about the present Pope John Paul II, enigmatic allusions to the *end of the times*, and many other cryptic eschatological episodes related to the final book of the Bible and Christ's prophecy of the final times of the world. These intriguing elements, together with the Virgin's appearance under the Mount Carmel title, give these apparitions exceptional importance.

This book concisely presents the history of the most unusual supernatural event of modern times. Seen by hundreds of thousands of people, with hundreds of testimonies, and thousands of ecstasies, it still remains largely unexplained, a secret and mysterious preternatural marvel, unlike anything that has ever happened before or will happen again. This book is the astounding true story of Mary's coming ***in haste to the mountain.***

IMPORTANT WARNINGS

1. This book is not presented under any pretense of pronouncing a final judgement on the nature—natural or supernatural—of these events that do not fall in the normal range of affairs. An attempt is being made simply to present an objective reporting of the facts; but always through the eyes of faith, without which there is no way of understanding them.

2. Regardless of what some may say and others think, the Church has never made a decision on the things that happened at San Sebastián de Garabandal.

Rome, the highest ecclesiastical authority, has persistently refused to give its opinion despite heavy pressures from both sides, and perhaps especially from the side of those who are opposed.

And if the diocesan chancery has not proceeded in the same way, these things should be pointed out:

A) The negative pronouncements made by the bishop of Santander have always been informative remarks or opinions (*notas*), without ever being an official “documento” with the canonical formalities required to make the cause “judged”.

B) The diocesan chancery, when pronouncing a judgement on things related to its authority, is able to err; and falling into error, can lead others into the same; demonstrations of this sort are not rare in the history of the Church.

C) In the same way diocesan chancery could act inadroitly and show bias in handling the affair.

3) Nothing then prevents a Christian from believing in his heart the truth about Garabandal, if there are good reasons for believing.

4) Whoever takes this book into his hands should take care to begin the reading with a pure heart, for it is promised to the pure of heart that “they will see God”; and without impatience, so as not to miss any important matters. Interrupting the reading with pauses for thought is the best way to proceed.



PART ONE

The Epiphany of Mary

1961

Dedicated to

ST. JOSEPH

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