

# Men on a Mission – January 13, 2017

Nearly 90 men – and a couple women and children - gathered on Friday, January 13 (coincidentally?) at SCSU's Newman Center for the latest installment of Ecclesia Domestica's Men on a Mission series. Introduced by Ecclesia's Jesse Morgan, the keynote talk was given by Jeff Johnson of Collegeville, MN and a teacher at Central Lakes College, on the subject of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima, Portugal 100 years ago.



Fatima turns out to be one of thirteen apparitions of the Blessed Virgin approved by the church. A number of others have been approved by local bishops.

Jeff provided details of the visions of the three children: Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. His talk summarized the messages they received during that eventful summer and fall, which started on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May and ended with the miracle of the Sun on October 13, 1917. He related the story of local Freemason authorities who actually jailed the three children in an effort to get them to recant their stories.

Using slides and pictures, Jeff's presentation put the events of Fatima in historical perspective. Secular news outlets, including the most prominent in Portugal, carried front page stories. He noted the advance role of Pope Leo XIII as well as the popes that followed. St. John Paul II placed his attempted assassin's bullet into the crown of Our Lady of Fatima after he recovered, which he assigned to Fatima's significance.



Jeff also pointed out the alignment of Fatima with Luther's revolt and a certain Freemason anniversary both coming this year, but left it to us to ponder the significance of that. Questions that followed kept all attentive to this evening's topic. With a passion to educate Catholics and everyone about Fatima, Jeff promised to deliver this talk to any parish or church school across the whole area. Thank you, Jeff!

After a fervent call to Catholic action by Ecclesia Domestica's Kevin Olson, the closing prayer was led by Jesse Morgan. Refreshments and fellowship followed.

Don't forget Ecclesia Domestica's one-day retreat at St. Alexius/OLA/St. Paul's Parishes in Sauk Centre February 4, and (tentatively) St. Michael's Parish in St. Cloud in May. Ecclesia's annual Thursday-Sunday men's retreat is scheduled at Belle Prairie (near Little Falls) March 23-26, 2017.

Mark your calendars for these important offerings from Ecclesia Domestica, and visit us at [www.ecclesiadomestica.net](http://www.ecclesiadomestica.net).

## Why Ecclesia Domestica does these events:

There were seven priests and seminarians in attendance tonight. They need Catholic men to stand up!



*Don't miss the next Men on a Mission in Spring, 2017.*