

Long Live Soccer

Beyond the polemics surrounding the World Cup, the players who are sold or who sell themselves, and the business of big money; soccer unites, fascinates, and makes you happy, provided you are a good winner and a good loser!

Many do not like the "shoot-out," but there has to be a winner who rejoices. Faustino certainly lived the ups and downs with his team!



In his diary, Faustino recounts his day-to-day life, a few notes about his relationship with God, with others, with himself, and with soccer: "Too bad I didn't take communion. I said my rosary in the morning. I spoke with Christ for 10 minutes in the afternoon. Too bad they beat us 6-4. In the afternoon, we were shown 3 films about the atom for the good of humanity, the Vanguard satellite and the AX-80. I turned off the light around 11:15." (November 18, 1960).

Faustino is determined, he wants to finish what he has started, and despite his advancing illness, he sets himself specific "shots on goal":

- Daily Rosary;
- 10 or 20 minutes of prayer;
- daily soul-searching;
- the consecration to Mary in the morning and the three-o'clock prayer;
- seeing all men as children of God, beginning with my sisters;
- accepting suffering for love;

This whole program requires serious practice to achieve the winning goal: "Getting to be holy. To be holy is to love God and this is easier with the Virgin."

Let us not forget to make Faustino known to those around us and to ask for graces through his intercession.