



(ZENIT, Vatican City, May 23, 2016).- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has said he never told anyone that publication of the Third Secret of Fatima in the year 2000 was incomplete, and has confirmed the document was published in its entirety.

This was expressed in a statement released by the Holy See Press Office Saturday in response to several articles on the secret.

“Several articles have appeared recently, including declarations attributed to Professor Ingo Dollinger according to which Cardinal Ratzinger, after the publication of the Third Secret of Fatima (which took place in June 2000), had confided to him that the publication was not complete,” it notes.

“In this regard, Pope emeritus Benedict XVI declares “never to have spoken with Professor Dollinger about Fatima”, clearly affirming that the remarks attributed to Professor Dollinger on the matter “are pure inventions, absolutely untrue”, and he confirms decisively that “the publication of the Third Secret of Fatima is complete,” the statement concludes.

In Portugal, between May and October 1917, three children in Portugal saw the apparition of the Blessed Mother six times. According to Sr. Lucia de Jesus Rosa Santos, one of the witnesses, on July 13, 1917, Mary entrusted the children with three secrets, which Sr. Lucia later wrote down and delivered to the Pope. The third secret was not revealed with the others, but, in the Jubilee Year of 2000, St. Pope John Paul II decided to release it.