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SHRINE OF FATIMA

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The permanent exhibition of the Shrine of Fatima, Fatima, Light and Peace, surpassed yesterday, September 14th, the 100.000 visitors, beating all the records of visitors registered until now at this Museological place.

To Marco Daniel Duarte, director of the Department of Studies and Diffusion of the Shrine of Fatima and director of the Museum of Fatima, the interest of the pilgrims “for the Museological reality of the Shrine has been increasing”.

“The pilgrims have observed that the Shrine has a large range of offerings exhibited in this permanent exhibition, which has, as main object, the precious Crown with the bullet that hit John Paul II; we are aware that there are people from other countries who don't leave the Shrine without visiting this exhibition”, he underlined.

The year that recorded the highest number of visitors was 2011, reaching a total of 86.015 visitors at the end of the year, in December. This year, the number will be much

higher since, at this moment, and only three months until the end of the year, the mark of 100.000 visitors has already been surpassed.

In 2016, the exhibition reached at the end of the year 70.528 visitors and the previous years, 77.093 visitors.

It should be noted that in 2011, the majority of the visitors were Portuguese, followed Italians and Spanish. This year, Italians are the ones who visit more often the exhibition, due to the fact of the many pilgrimages from Italian dioceses everyday visiting the Shrine.

Up to now, it was recorded a total of 30.068 Italian visitors and 21.865 Portuguese visitors.

The Exhibition “Fatima Light and Peace” was inaugurated in 2002 and has a unique collection composed of offerings from the pilgrims as well as from the highest dignitaries of the Church and civil society to Our Lady of Fatima. Under the name “Fatima Light and Peace, the Shrine of Fatima displays, permanently, the most important pieces of its Museum, founded in 1995 with the purpose of preserving the memory of the apparitions and pilgrimages, which, since early on, set the landscape of Cova da Iria.

Exhibition timetable

Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (last admission)

Sundays, holy days and bank holidays: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m /2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (last admission)

Closed: Mondays; on the 13th morning (from May to October); December 24th afternoon, December 25th, and January 1st.

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