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International pilgrimage on July 12 and 13



His Excellency Francisco José Senra Coelho, recently appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Braga, will preside at the annual international pilgrimage on July 12 and 13. Speaking to the Press Room of the Sanctuary of Fatima, the new Portuguese bishop, whose episcopal ordination is scheduled for June 29, at the Evora Cathedral, said that he received "with joy" the invitation to preside at this pilgrimage. This will be "an opportunity to thank the intercession of Our Lady in my entire life". "I wish to associate my praise to God with the Magnificat of Our Lady and through Her consecrate my ministry to the Good Shepherd," he says. Until now, Fr. Francisco Senra Coelho was in charge of the diocesan secretariat of the Message of Fatima Movement in the Evora Diocese. At the present time, as president of the international pilgrimage, he has the purpose of bringing before Our Lady of Fatima a special prayer intention: "I want to pray, in union with Pope Francis, for the next synod on family, and for all the families which in this moment of crisis are subject to great distress; and I also wish remember the ministry entrusted to me in the friendly and cherished Braga Diocese". In an adverse social context, the new Portuguese bishop intends at Fatima "to recall to everyone's mind the hope arising from Faith and the testimony of joy and unity, that the world expects from us." And urging, he continues: "Because we love with the affection and charity with which we are loved, all of we will deepen the love of God in us, so that with and through this love we also love the world in every person who comes to us in the crossroads of our life". LeopolDina Simões

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