



**Paul VI beatified on October 19**



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The beatification ceremony of Pope Paul VI will occur in October 19, at the end of the Third Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family, announced late last week, at the Vatican, the Press Office of the Holy See. The decree for the beatification was approved on 10 May, this year, by Pope Francis. In the words of the Rector of the Sanctuary of Fatima, "the news of the beatification of Pope Paul VI is cause and occasion for great enjoyment and satisfaction to the whole Church. Paul VI enriches the number of those Christians who lived in an exemplary way their following of Christ." "Paul VI was the great artisan in carrying out the work of Council Vatican II and the skilful worker of the application of its resolutions and determinations to the life of the Church", said Fr. Carlos Cabecinhas. The news was received at the Shrine of Fatima with "great joy." The Rector of the Sanctuary, besides saying: "This Pope showed a great love and devotion for Fatima", also recalled that "it was Paul who offered to the Shrine its first Golden Rose and came to Fatima in the fiftieth anniversary of the apparitions." Let us remember that the Golden Rose was granted by Paul VI in the session of November 21, 1964, of the Council Vatican II. It was

blessed by the Pope on March 28, 1965, and delivered to the Sanctuary by Cardinal Legate Fernando Cento, on May 13, 1965. Two years later, in May 1967, Pope Paul VI was the first Pope to make a pilgrimage to the Cova da Iria. "It is known to all the great Marian devotion of this Pope, as well as the recurrence with which he, in his pontifical magisterium, referred to Fatima or addressed the devotees of Our Lady of Fatima", says Fr. Carlos Cabecinhas. Leopoldina Simões

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