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Pontificate of Pope Francis is to be consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima

On May 13, at Fatima, during celebration to which all the people of God are invited As an answer to the request of the Pope to the Patriarch of Lisbon, Cardinal José Policarpo, asking that he consecrate the Pope's Pontificate to Our Lady of Fatima, the Bishops of Portugal have just decided that this consecration be made next May 13. The consecration will be included in the program of the International Pilgrimage of May 12/13 and will be made on the 13th. In declarations to journalists, Cardinal Policarpo revealed that he himself will write the prayer of consecration of the pastoral ministry of Pope Francis to Our Lady of Fatima, which is going to be made at the conclusion of the International Mass of May 13. May's International Anniversary Pilgrimage, on the 96th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady to seers Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, will be presided over by Mons. Orani Tempesta, Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro. Let us remind you that, during the opening speech of the 181st Plenary Assembly of the Bishops Conference of Portugal, Cardinal Policarpo said that he could very well fulfill the request all alone, "in silent prayer", but that "it would be nice if the entire Bishops Conference joined him in fulfilling the Pope's request".

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