

Shrine’s Live Blog To Follow the Pope's Visit to Fatima

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The Press Room of the Shrine of Fatima will be running a live blog from 8 a.m. on Saturday 5 August, so that everyone can follow the presence of Pope Francis in the Prayer Area of Cova da Iria step by step.

On his second visit to Fatima, the longest to Portugal and the shortest to the Shrine by a Pope, the Holy Father will depart by helicopter from the Figo Maduro Airbase in Lisbon towards the Fatima Stadium, where he will arrive at around 8:50 a.m.

Once in the Prayer Area, where he will arrive in the Popemobile, the Supreme Pontiff will go to the Chapel of the Apparitions, where he will pray in silence.

Two children will bring flowers to the Pope, who will place them at the feet of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, he will then offer a golden rosary and begin the recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

The five mysteries will be prayed in Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, English, German, Polish and French.

The Holy Father will be accompanied in the recitation of the Rosary by 98 young people with disabilities and young prisoners who, because of their situation, cannot participate in WYD in Lisbon.

They will be joined by 14 young people with disabilities who have come to Lisbon with the support of the “Vem para o Meio” programme, an initiative of the Shrine of Fatima promoted by the House of the Silent Workers of the Cross (SOC) in Fatima.

A total of 112 young people and 128 attendants will join the Pope in praying the rosary for the intentions of the young people participating in World Youth Day, for the sick and

imprisoned young people, for peace and for the Pope.

In addition to 20 individual requests from young people with disabilities, there will be 10 young people from the John Paul II Support Centre for the Disabled in Fatima, 17 young people from the Rehabilitation and Integration Centre in Fatima and 6 from the Good Samaritan House.

There will also be 18 young people from the Italian Association of the Silent Workers of the Cross (2 Colombians) and 19 from the Polish SOC.

Six young prisoners from the prison school in Leiria and two young co-workers of the Shrine of Fatima will complete the group that will pray with the Pope.

At the end of the Rosary, Monsignor José Ornelas, Bishop of Leiria-Fatima, will greet the Pope, who will then address the faithful present in the Prayer Area.

The Holy Father will return to Lisbon by helicopter, arriving at around 11.50 a.m.

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