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Love Your Enemies

Program for the 90th Anniversary of the Apparitions

The universal impact of Fátima is due to the wisdom with which it proclaimed the victory of divine love over the folly of hate, when it dared promise peace in a century in which all were rushing into war. This is what the second part of the secret said: “and the world will be given a period of peace”.

Is this “period” about to come to an end, a “period” which has already lasted sixty years without a world war and almost twenty without a cold war?

On the dark horizon of modern history a large black cloud thickens and advances, zigzagging between a rich zone, which doesn't want to give up its “absolute” arms, and a poor one, which keeps crying out against oppression. On the one hand the terror of the atomic threat; on the other the despair of suicidal terrorism. On the one hand the overpowering wave of a globalization that pretends to be liberal in order to better destroy the secular bulwarks of ideologies, religions and policies; on the other the fear of immense multitudes that the solitude of centuries, crystallized in dynastic powers, has kept under the tyranny of internal backwardness on the pretext of external security.

Both sides accuse one another and get involved in daily confrontations, as it always happens before open warfare breaks out. Both invoke their own God as being the only one. As if the only God of the rich were not the only God of the

poor!

The large black cloud on the horizon couldn't, after all, be that brutal wall of consumer goods, heavy arms, bunkers and concrete walls, hate and ambition, which more and more separate the rich from their poorer brothers? Being more and more neighbors of another, created to live as brothers, we either love each other unto life or we hate each other unto death.

What then is the mission of the message of Fátima in this beginning of the third millennium? By asking us not to offend God Our Lord any more, by insisting that we pray the Rosary to obtain peace, by motivating Her little seers to offer to God, for sinners, the sufferings that God may send out their way, the Heavenly Messenger of Fátima as well as the Angel that preceded Her were asking for the return, difficult but salvific, to the Cross of Jesus Christ and to the trusting pursuit of love, in its only source, the Most Holy Trinity.

The 90th anniversary of the Apparitions of Fátima intends to focus on



God is Merciful love!

Divine Mercy, so that we may realize that there is no peace without love, nor love without equality, nor equality without forgiveness: “Forgive us! As we forgive!”.

Fr. Luciano Guerra, Rector

Holy Father speaks on the importance of Fátima for the world

During the Audience of June 10th, Our Holy Father Benedict XVI mentioned the letter sent to him by the new Bishop of the Diocese of Leiria-Fátima, in which, “with sentiments of joy and reverence”, Bishop António Marto expressed his acceptance of the nomination and solicited the apostolic blessing for his ministry in the new diocese.

On the 12th of the same month, the Congregation for the Bishops informed, in a message addressed to Bishop António Marto, that the Pope assured him of “his proximity through prayer, invoking the aid of the Lord and the protection of the Virgin Mary for his pastoral ministry” in the Diocese of Leiria-Fátima, “in which the particular

presence of the Shrine of Fátima is of great importance for the Diocese, the country, Europe and the entire world”.

During the same Audience, the Supreme Pontiff granted to Bishop António Marto a special Apostolic Blessing, extensive to the clergy and the faithful of Leiria-Fátima.

New Bishop António Marto of Leiria-Fátima

Loving the world of our times

On the 25th of June, Bishop António Marto of Leiria-Fátima made his solemn entrance into the Diocese to which the Shrine belongs.

Warmly received in the Cathedral of Leiria, Bishop António presented in his homily his interpretation of today's world and society and invited us to follow Jesus, center of the life of the Church. Below are quoted the final words of his reflection, which Bishop António entitled: "The Beauty and the Joy of Faith".

"In the Gospel Jesus invites his disciples 'to cross over to the farther shore', to go on a mission of evangelizing the people of the whole world. Life is true and beautiful when it becomes a gift for everyone. This world doesn't need a church preoccupied only with itself, but, rather, a Church which with Christ will be life for the world, at the service of love.

As Christians we are called to promote, with all means at our disposal, human life and its quality, remembering that there is no quality of life without spiritual life of quality. We are called to be the voice of the voiceless, to take on, with humility and courage, the challenges of the purpose of life and of the moral and spiritual vacuum as well as of so-



cial justice and of international tensions.

If Christ is the center of the life of the Church, then the Church cannot remove itself from the history in which He came to plant His Cross. To the faith of Christians is demanded the audacity of ideas and gestures of neighborliness towards the suffering and of reconciliation, in imitation of Christ.

Church of Leiria-Fátima, I dream of you, my Church, as a community which loves the world of our times with its beauty and potential, with its crises and miseries; a

community which, with the light of faith, the dynamism of hope and the warmth of love, offers to the world that 'supplement of soul' that becomes the source of a new social culture, of promotion of the dignity of the human person, of dialogue, of reconciliation and peace. Set for the high sea, my Church! Row into the sea! 'Let us go forward with hope. Before the Church, this new millennium opens up as a vast ocean where we may venture out with the help of Christ' (NMI 58).

On the way we are accompanied by Mary, Star of the sea and Patron of seafarers in turbulent waters. With Her we will learn how to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ, how to live the spirituality of communion, how to bring to the world the infinite mercy of God as a force against and divine barrier to the devastating power of Evil in the world, as Mary showed us in Fátima. Mary, Mother of the Church, sustains the ecclesial faith in times of trial and trouble. I ask Her to guide my steps in my mission of confirming the brethren in the faith. Near Her Shrine of Cova da Iria, in intimate union with Her Immaculate Heart, let us be comforted by Jesus' words: 'Be not afraid! Trust in Me! I will be with you always 'till the end of time!''.

Bishop Serafim Ferreira e Silva: *I promise to pray for you*

On June 18, Bishop Serafim presided for the last time at a Mass in the Shrine of Fátima as Bishop of Leiria-Fátima. At the end of the Eucharistic celebration, Bishop Serafim was greeted by the pilgrims in the Little Chapel of Apparitions, at which time he delivered to them this message:

"Dear pilgrims of Fátima, before taking leave as Bishop of the Diocese of Leiria-Fátima, now actually as Apostolic Administrator, I want to express, one more time, my great appreciation and admiration for the whole Event of Fátima, especially for its providential Message.

I thank the Pilgrims for their vivid testimony and all those who serve in this Marian Shrine of the Catholic Church for their dedication.

In sum, I could say that the ABC of all those who serve in this Shrine has been:

- The Welcome, as the golden rule, given both

to the Messenger and to all those who are seeking Someone and looking for reasons to go on living;



- The Goodness, as a beacon which illuminates and guarantees the quality of the celebrations and of the infra-structure of the Shrine;

- The Clarity, as an imperative which makes public both the projects and the accounting reports, the documents and the history, always looking forward to Truth and Communion...

I'm not saying goodbye, for I'll continue to live in Fátima, and I promise to pray for you, whenever I can, in the Little Chapel of Apparitions.

On the 13th of July of 1917, a Lady more brilliant than the Sun spoke of the love of Her Immaculate Heart, Which will triumph, if we truly want it.

God wants it. Mary and the Little Shepherds also want it".

On May 13 last: Pilgrim Virgin of Fátima was in Rome

May the Mother of Christ protect the Church and the whole world

For the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the attempt on the life of John Paul II on May 13 past, the Statue of the Pilgrim Virgin of Fátima was called to Rome by the Vicar General of the Diocese of Rome, Camilo Cardinal Ruini.

"L'Osservatore Romano" (the Portuguese weekly issue of May 20) reports that about twenty-thousand people attended the celebrations presided by Cardinal Ruini.

At the end of the solemn Mass, Cardinal Ruini read a message from His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI:

"To Venerable Brother Camilo Cardinal Ruini, Vicar General of the Diocese of Rome.

I join with joy all those who are gathered today in St.

Peter's Square around the Statue of Our Lady of Fátima, in order to entrust to the intercession of Mary the great intentions of the Church and of the world. 25 years ago, in this St. Peter's Square, the servant of God John Paul II was seriously wounded: a white marble stone, placed on the exact spot where it all happened by the Governor of the State of Vatican, will remind us from now on of that tragic event. I greet you all with affection, first of all the venerable Brother Cardinals and Bishops present, thanking from the bottom of my heart those who thought out this initiative, which shows how much the presence of Mary is felt and how much the remembrance of our beloved John Paul II is still alive in the Church and especially in the Christian community of Rome.

International Anniversary Pilgrimage of June

Benedict XVI asks to pray for Pope

The President of the International Anniversary Pilgrimage of June, Msgr. Josef Clemens, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, delivered to the pilgrims in Fátima a greeting message from Pope Benedict XVI.

“The Holy Father told me: ‘When you are in Fátima, greet on my behalf all pilgrims gathered there from all countries of the world. Ask them to pray for Pope, that he may accomplish his mission of governing the Church. Ask them to stand with the Pope’, declared Msgr. Josef Clemens, who, for 19 years, was the personal secretary of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, the current Pope Benedict XVI.

When it was time for saying farewell and giving the final blessing, Msgr. Josef Clemens asked the pilgrims “to stay united, after returning to their countries, their jobs, their homes, in prayer and in that faith which gathers us around the Risen Lord”.

During the homily, the prelate stressed that the message of Fátima “introduces us into the fullness of time” and “sums up the original message of Jesus, being as it is a call to conversion, to start anew”.

“In Fátima three things come together: the remembrance of Mary, the remembrance of the Incarnation as the fullness of history and the remembrance of the call to conversion as realization and personal accomplishment of the time given to us”, said Msgr. Clemens, adding that “1917 could be seen, historically, as a time of crisis, a time that had hit bottom; however it become a favorable time, a high point in time that has lasted until our days”.



D. Josef Clemens

International Anniversary Pilgrimage of July

Apostolic Blessing with attached plenary indulgence given to the pilgrims



On the 13th of July, at the end of the Mass of the International Anniversary Pilgrimage, James Francis Cardinal Stafford, who presided over the religious ceremonies, granted the Apostolic Blessing with attached plenary indulgence to the pilgrims of Fátima, under the customary conditions: aversion to all sins, Confession, Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

During the Mass homily, Cardinal Stafford, Chief Penitentiary of the Apostolic Penitentiary, reflected on the theme proposed by the Shrine of Fátima: “Protect Chastity”, as called for in the Sixth Commandment.

“For the man and woman who enter into Christian marriage the implications are clear. They both must be involved in the transfiguration of that which at first is primarily a kind of grasping love, eros, to that kind of love which knows itself to be grasped by God’s self-emptying love, agape”, said the Cardinal.

Regarding the Shrine of Fátima, Cardinal Stafford declared in an interview in the Press Room of the Shrine that “Fátima is one of the most privileged places in the world because it speaks about men and their need of the Mercy of God. Fátima is, above all, a place of spirituality, a place of God; but, in order to accept the Mercy of God, the faithful know that they are to convert and do penance. “Right there – says this American Cardinal – is where resides the strength of the message of Fátima: in the call to conversion”.

The 13th of May of 2006

Thanking God for the Life and Pontificate of John Paul II

In union with Holy Father Benedict XVI, to whom was sent in the name of the pilgrims a greeting message, the faithful who took part in the International Anniversary Pilgrimage of May in the Shrine of Fátima demonstrated once again their great love and admiration for John Paul II.

The coming to Fátima of the one who was the personal secretary of the former Supreme Pontiff, Msgr. Stanislaw Dziwisz, currently Cardinal and Archbishop of Krakow, stressed this connection to the figure of the former Pope and may be the reason why such a large crowd of pilgrims may have taken part in this pilgrimage, which was also



marked by the high number of those – about 35 thousand, mostly Portuguese – who

walked the whole distance to the Shrine.

Twenty-five years after the attempt on the life of John Paul II, in St. Peter’s Square (on May 13, 1981), Cardinal Dziwisz made clear the motive which brought him to Portugal: to thank Our Lady.

“We continue to thank the Lord and His Blessed Mother for his life, lived throughout the following 24 years in faithful service to God, the Church and all mankind”, said the Archbishop of Krakow, adding further: “For this I came here: to thank, to express my heartfelt personal thank you and that of the Church of Krakow, now entrusted to my pastoral care by Pope Benedict XVI”.

International Theological Congress of Fátima

Angel Figures Revisited

Preceding the anniversary pilgrimage of October, commemorative of the last apparition of Our Lady in Fátima, the Shrine of Fátima holds the International Theological Congress of Fátima, whose theme is "Angel Figures Revisited". It will convene in Paul VI Pastoral Center, from the 10th to the 12th of October.

The present congress intends to get its inspiration in this ephemeris, so we may think once again, in a record by the human, art and theological sciences, about the possible present meaning of the reference to angelic figures. For that purpose, the congress shall begin with a philosophical, sociological and artistic debate on contemporary forms of reference to the angels, and will later debate the approaches to these figures throughout the History of Christianity, so as to suggest an up-dated re-interpretation of this matter, by opening clues to recover the angelical presence both in personal and in cultural life, as well as to specifically interpret the Angel of Fátima.



PROGRAMME

October the 10th: *Whisper of the Angels*

09.00 hours – Reception

09.30 hours – Start of the Congress

10.30 hours – Intermission

Moderator: Father António Ramos

10.45 hours – *For a Philosophy of the Angelic Representations*

– **by Elio Franzini**

11.35 hours – *The Angels of the Post-Secular Society*

– **by Roberto Cipriani**

13.00 hours – Lunch

Moderator: Father Cipriano Pacheco

14.30 hours – Panel: *Angelical Presences in Contemporary Art*

14.40 hours – Literature – **by Maria João Reynaud**

15.00 hours – Cinema – **by Paulo Viveiros**

15.20 hours – Plastic Arts – **by Marta Wengorovius**

15.40 hours – Music – **by Virgílio Melo**

16.00 hours – Debate

16.40 hours – Intermission

17.10 hours – *The Angels – Figures of Contemporary Religious*

Pottering – **by Alfredo Teixeira**

18.00 hours – Debate

18.30 hours – End of the sessions

19.00 hours – Mass in the Chapel of the Holy Angels

21.00 hours – Cultural Evening

October the 11th: *Trajectories of Theological Angelology*

Moderator: Father Isidro Lamelas

09.00 hours – Moment of Prayer

09.15 hours – Foreword

09.50 hours – *Figures of the Angel in the Jewish-Christian Scriptures*

– **by Father Tolentino Mendonça**

10.40 hours – Debate

11.10 hours – Intermission

11.40 hours – *Topics of Angelology in the Tradition of the Early Church*

– **by Father Basil Studer**

12.30 hours – Debate

13.00 hours – Lunch

Moderator: Father Silvestre Marques

15.00 hours – Foreword

15.10 hours – *"Jacob and the Angel" or Another Look upon Modernity*

– **by João Duque**

16.00 hours – Debate

16.30 hours – Intermission

17.00 hours – *Effects of the Angel – Perspectives of the Angelology for a New Theology of History* – **by Monsignor Pierangelo Sequeri**

17.50 hours – Debate

18.20 hours – End of the sessions

19.00 hours – Mass in the Chapel of the Holy Angels

21.00 hours – Cultural Evening

October the 12th: *The Angel in Christian Existence*

Moderator: Father João Teixeira

09.00 hours – Moment of Prayer

09.15 hours – Foreword

Ways of an Errant Messenger – On the Incarnations by the Angel

09.20 hours – The Angel between Liturgy and Popular Piety

– **by Father J. Silva Lima**

09.50 hours – The Angel between Spirituality and Esotericism

– **by Father Vasco Pinto Magalhães**

10.20 hours – The Angel and Daily Mystic – **by Manuela Silva**

10.50 hours – Debate

11.20 hours – Intermission

11.40 hours – *The Angels in Fátima* – **by Monsignor Luciano Guerra**

12.30 hours – Debate

12.50 hours – End of the Congress

Congress "Fátima for the XXI Century"



Many initiatives are continually being realized in order to celebrate the Merciful Love of God, Who to Fátima first sent an Angel and then His Own Mother to transmit His message to the world. In July the National Week of Liturgy was held; in August the Biblical Week

will take place; and in September we will have a Social Week, besides many other activities, such as contests, stage plays, exhibitions, works of music, painting and theater.

Prayer and reflection will be lived in six retreats, starting in November of this year and during the vigils and main pilgrimages of 2006 and 2007.

Holding two courses of education is another of the proposed initiatives.

The first education activity, on "Today's value of the Message of Fátima", will be coordinated by the Rector of the Shrine of Fátima and it will be held from October 19, 2006 to January 4, 2007.

The second one, on "Critical Documentation of Fátima", will take place from January 11 to March 29 of 2007, and it will be presented by Fr. Luciano Cristino, Director of SESDI of the Shrine of Fátima.

International Congresses

From amongst all these ceremonies, celebrations and events, stand out the international congresses: "Angel Figures Revisited", next October; "Congress on the Most Holy Trinity", May of 2007; and "Mater Misericordiae", October of 2007.

Between the 9th and the 12th of October of 2007, the Shrine of Fátima plans to gather in Fátima some of the thousands of associations and movements of Fátima throughout the whole world, to have them take part in another congress titled "Fátima for the XXI Century". For it we are already inviting all the institutions and movements designated by "Our Lady of Fátima".

The congress "Fátima for the XXI Century" will seek, with the help of renowned scholars of the message of Fátima, to pick the essential in the spiritual day to day living of the Little Shepherds. This living makes of the Shrine of Fátima one of the more important centers of supernatural inspiration in the Catholic world and projects it into the future, as a ferment of renewal in the Church and in contemporary society, through the living of the Gospel, which finds in the mysticism and spirituality of Fátima something like its summit.

The presence of the following conferencists is confirmed: José Cardinal Saraiva Martins, Archbishop Stanislaw Dzwisz, Msgr. Angelo Amato, Msgr. Luciano Guerra, Fr. José Carlos Carvalho, Fr. August Pascoal, Fr. António Teixeira Fernandes, Fr. Luciano Cristino, Fr. M. Morujão, Fr. Jacinto Farias, Fr. Molinari, Fr. Paulo Jorge Coelho and Mr. Günther Stolz.

Children celebrate 90th anniversary of the apparitions of the Angel of Portugal

The motto that congregated on June 9/10 approximately thirty thousand children from every diocese of Portugal in the Shrine of Fátima was: "Don't be afraid! I'm the Angel of Peace." These were the words spoken by the Angel in his first apparition to the Three Little Shepherds of Fátima. More than one hundred people altogether took part in the main Mass of the Children's National Pilgrimage, celebrated on the 10th.

In all the moments of this gathering of faith and festivity the children were called to reflect on the reality of Angels, messengers and protectors of every person and every nation on earth.

A moment always awaited with expectation by the younger ones is the so called "surprise moment", which this year was the gift of the book "The Angel of Fátima", an edition with a printing of 30,000 copies. Included in it are the messages from the Organizing Committee for the celebration of the 90 Years of the Apparitions and



those from the Rector of the Shrine, as well as part of the "Memoirs of Sr. Lucy", where she speaks of the apparitions of the Angel.

The book ends with the unpublished poem "The Three Apparitions of the Angel" by Rosa Lobato Faria, from Portugal.

"The Angel of Portugal" was only made possible due to the collaboration of the children themselves, since it is the result of the national contest "The Angel of Portugal", launched this year by the Shrine, destined to all the elementary schools of Portugal. As a result, 56 schools presented a total of 1,937 works. Thirty of those works are published in the book now offered to the children.

"Our thanks goes to all who collaborated in the making of this little book: teachers, elementary school children (almost two thousand!) and poet Rosa Lobato Faria. (...) May the Angel of Peace protect us from every war! May he protect us from every evil!", wrote the Rector of the Shrine in his message published in the book.

Access to Fátima

The Gospel is for everyone

Our age has seen that the attention given to people handicapped both physically and spiritually has continually increased. At the core of it all is the discovery and restatement, in modern form, of the predilection given by Jesus to the little ones, as shown in the Gospel.

Isaiah, quoted by Jesus in Luke 4,18-19, centers his announcement in a special attention given to the human being in all its facets: "to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord".

If that can be understood in a symbolic manner, as alluding to the moral dramas lived in the heart of the human being, it can too be understood in a more realistic sense, as alluding to illness, physical handicap or limitation. In one way or the other, they are realities present in the human experience, limitations to its full participation in social or ecclesial life.

The pilgrimage of the blind held on the 24th

of last June, a Saturday, was an important moment in the life of certain people. Some had already peregrinated to Fátima, others not. The audio-description of the interior of the Basilica, with special emphasis on the tombs of the Little Shepherds, followed by a tactile visit to the monuments, gave them the possibility of perceiving a reality to which they had never had access.

The recitation of the Rosary in the Little Chapel of Apparitions, the audio-description and the tactile visit to that place, inclusive to a statue of Our Lady of Fátima; the performance of hymns by a group of blind women; all that provided for them unforgettable experiences. The visit to the House of Lucy, to Arneiro's Well, to Valinhos (Little Valleys) and to Loco do Cabeço (Hilltop Grotto) helped to welcome a Message which for lack of sight they could never capture.

On Sunday, June 25th, the pilgrimage of the blind was held. The use of a giant screen in the Prayer Area, with video-imaging of the



celebration, interpretation in Portuguese Sign Language and live captioning allowed for a much more active participation. This was the result of the united efforts of various institutions and people, a long preparation and available expensive technical means.

Other steps will be taken in the future, starting with the conviction that the gospel is for everyone and that the new technologies brought about new communication possibilities that are still very far from common use.

Fr. Virgílio Antunes
Director of the Pilgrim Service of the Shrine of Fátima



India's State Minister visits Shrine of Fátima

Being in Portugal representing the President of the Republic of India in the swearing-in ceremonies of the President of the Republic of Portugal, Aníbal Cavaco Silva, which took place on the 9th of March in Lisbon, Óscar Fernandes, India's State Minister, visited, the following morning, the Shrine of Fátima, only hours before returning to his country.

During the visit, the Minister and his wife, Shanti Blossom Fernandes, attended, in the Little Chapel of Apparitions, a Mass celebrated in English. After Mass, the couple, accompanied by the Ambassador of India in Portugal, Latha Reddy, the Chief of Staff of the State Minister and a representative of the Foreign Minister of Portugal, visited the Basilica, where they decided to attend the Mass being then celebrated and where they visited the tombs of the Seers of Fátima, Lúcia, Francisco and Jacinta.

Mentioning his devotion to Our Lady of Fátima and the knowledge he has of the history of the Apparitions, the State Minister reminded us that India, a secular state, has 25 million Christians and that in practically all Christian homes there is an image of Our Lady of Fátima.

Oscar Fernandes also told us that the knowledge of the apparitions and message of Fátima spread throughout India specially in 1949/50, during the first visit of the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fátima to that country.

Wearing a typically Indian hand-made embroidered shawl, the Minister purposely showed the wood Rosary he carries in his pocket and told us he recites the Rosary daily in family, as many other Indian families do. Citing John Paul II, Óscar Fernandes said: "Family that prays together stays together".

¡Envíenos informaciones!

Shrines of Our Lady of Fátima in Asia

In the issue of May 13, 2006 of the Bulletin 'Fátima Light and Peace', we presented a short list of places of devotion, in the African continent, that are considered 'Shrines'. Today we list 36 that are registered in the file of the large continent of Asia in possession of SESDI (Department of Studies and Publications of the Shrine of Fátima). We are not sure that the list is a complete one and for some we don't have an address. We ask, therefore, those in charge of these shrines and the readers of this Bulletin the great favour of supplying us with the missing data (sesdi@santuاريو-fatima.pt).

According to the Code of Canon Law, canon 1230, Shrines are 'churches or other sacred places where the faithful, moved by their devotion, peregrinate to, in great numbers, with the approval of the Ordinary (Bishop) of the Place'.

Country	Diocese	Locality	Name
China	Fuzhou (Foochow)	Fukien	Santuário N ^a S ^a de Fátima
Filipinas	Daet	Vinzons - Luzon	Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima
Filipinas	Malolos	Valenzuela	National Shrine and Parish of Our Lady of Fatima
Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Cheung-Chau	Fatima Shrine
Hong Kong	Hong-Kong	Peng Chau	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
India	Eluru	Andhra Pradesh	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Índia	Bangalore	Marikuppan Kgf	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Índia	Belgaum	Belgaum	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Índia	Bombay	Bandra	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Índia	Bombay	Karjat	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Índia	Calcutá	Calcutá	Fatima Shrine
Índia	Coimbatore	Kanjikode	Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima
Índia	Hyderabad	Fatimapur	Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima
Índia	Kumbakonam	Jayankondam	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Índia	Mananthavady	Kallody	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Índia	Tiruchirapalli	Mettupatti	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Indonésia	Bandung	Cisantana	Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Indonésia	Ende	Lela	Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima
Indonésia	Padang	Bukittinggi	Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima
Malásia	Melaka-Johor	Melaka	Santuário N ^a S ^a de Fátima (Comunidade Portuguesa)
Malásia	Sibu	Sibu	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Síria	Damas Dei Siri	Damas	Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima
Sri-Lanka	Colombo	Battaramulla	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Sri-Lanka	Colombo	Kalamulla	Fatima Shrine
Sri-Lanka	Colombo	Maradana	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Sri-Lanka	Colombo	Sri-Jayawardene Pura	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Sri-Lanka	Colombo	Talahena Negombo	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima (Immaculate Heart of Mary)
Sri-Lanka	Colombo	Welihena	Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Sri-Lanka	Colombo	Kochchikade-Negombo	Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Sri-Lanka	Jaffna	Pandateruppu	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Sri-Lanka	Kandy	Padiwatte	Fatima Shrine
Tailândia	Ratchaburi	Ba Seng Arun	Fatima Shrine
Taiwan	Kaohsiung	Kaohsiung	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Taiwan	Kiayi	Tounan	Shrine Our Lady of Fatima
Taiwan	Taipei	Tanshui	Our Lady's Sanctuary
Vietname	Thành-Phô Hồ Chí Minh	Bing Trieu	Centre Fatima

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Shrines in Africa

After the publication, in the last issue of this Bulletin, of the list of shrines of Our Lady of Fátima in the African

Continent, we received from Fr. Jean Damascene Ndagijimana information on another place dedicated to Our Lady of

Fátima: the 'Santuaire Notre Dame de Fatima' in the Diocese of Ruhengeri, Rwanda.

Mato Grosso/Brazil

Another place of pilgrimage and conversion in Brazil

The city of Mirassol d'Oeste, Mato Grosso/Brazil, is a town of 24,000 inhabitants, most of them Catholic, and is comprised of tens of Christian communities gathered into two parishes.

The message of Fátima is also announced, welcomed and lived here.

The city was founded on October 28, 1964, when the first settlers, arrived here from other parts of Brazil, got together to celebrate the first Holy Mass in this spot in the wilderness of Mato Gross.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima is located in the woods next to the Parish of St. Paul. It was built in 1992 in order to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the apparitions in Fátima.

In 1982 our region was visited by the Image



of the Pilgrim Virgin of Fátima, Portugal, which was welcomed by many people.

In 1987 Holy Missions were held in all the

Christian communities that form the Parish of St. Paul. They were largely participated by the faithful and many were those who were converted then.

The missionaries, very devoted to Our Lady of Fátima, brought the Image of Our Lady of Fátima to every community and proclaimed Her message.

This Shrine situated in the woods has served to make known the devotion to Our Lady of Fátima and to further promote it.

Today it is a place for individual, family and small group pilgrimages. They come here to pray and meditate.

Sometimes during the year Holy Mass is also celebrated.

Fr. Anselmo Mandrile, pastor

Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Reuver-Offenbeek, Holland

Our Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Reuver-Offenbeek, Holland, is commemorating its 50 years of existence. A special committee, set up for the purpose, is planning, for this occasion, five events.

The jubilee year began on November 12, 2005, with a pontifical Mass, whose main celebrant was our Bishop, Mgr. Francis Wiertz. We also invited the Provincial of the Fathers of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Claretians), since were they who in 1955 founded the parish. (In the Basilica of Fátima there is an image of St. Anthony Maria Claret).

On January 22, 2006, we celebrated the jubilee of the Choir with a solemn Mass, with the Choir putting on a brilliant performance. Homage was paid also to four jubilee members.

As part of the program of this jubilee year, we'll make with 44 parishioners, from the 8th to the 19th of May, a pilgrimage to Fátima, Santiago de Compostela and Lourdes. From the 12th to 14th of May we are staying near Fátima (30km). In the month of August, on the 12th and the 13th, we are



planning one more feast in our parish; on the 12th the sick will take center stage. On both days the celebration of Mass will be the highlight.

The conclusion of the commemorations will take place on October 14th. Mgr. Everard de Jong, the Auxiliary Bishop, will celebrate the Pontifical Mass; then we'll make a candlelight procession outside the church.

We hope these initiatives and celebrations will be for the parishioners a new stimulus and wish that many, with the help of Our Lady of Fátima, may rediscover the road back to God. In order that everything may turn out well, we are planning a Novena from April 29 to May 7. I wrote myself a special booklet for this Novena in honor of Our Lady of Fátima.

I was first in Fátima on May 13, 1967, but haven't had the opportunity since to return there; so that is now for me a great joy.

I include herewith a photo of the image that is in the chapel where Mass is celebrated on weekdays.

Mw.M.Sniekers, Holland

Pilgrimage of the Movement of the Message of Fátima

“We have to adhere to the faith and the Gospel”

On July 15/16, during the 90th anniversary of the apparitions of the Angel of Peace, the Movement of the Message of Fátima (MMF)

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made its Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Fátima/Portugal, having taken part in it about twelve thousand members. “We want to be Messengers of Conversion and Love. We promise to render service, with generosity and hope, to the less protected. We are going to proclaim in a loud voice, in words and actions, that Peace is the fruit of Truth and Justice. We beg of Our Lady a special blessing for our Work and Our Faith. We believe that Her Immaculate Heart will triumph. Amen!” reads the text of the consecration made at the end of the Mass on the 16th.

During the homily – shortened due to the intense heat felt in the Prayer Area – Msgr. João Alves, Bishop Emeritus of Coimbra, urged all pilgrims, especially the ‘messengers’, to “announce the Good News of Salvation” to the world, as Jesus not only did but also asked us to do, and as Our Lady too asked us in Fátima.

“Our Lady was chosen by God to tell mankind, as the Mother that She is, that the way we were living was wrong. That we need to have faith”, that we need to convert and believe in the Gospel. “We have to adhere to the faith and the Gospel”, said the prelate.

The Movement of the Message of Fátima is a canonical association, approved by the Portuguese Episcopal Conference, with approximately 116,000 parish Associates and several thousand parish action groups in 17 dioceses of Portugal. Besides the thousands of associates, it counts with millions of adherents and sympathizers. MMF seeks “to correspond the best way possible to the appeals made by Our Lady in Fátima to all mankind and also to face up to the challenges posed by the new evangelization, while being illuminated by the teaching of the Church in which it is fully integrated and accepting as a valid experience all the good things done by our predecessors”.

Fatima Relics in Rowniu, Poland

The church of Rowniu, Diocese of Katowice, Poland, was blessed in 1999 and it is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In 2003, when Fr. Jan Waliczek was in Fátima, he thought of his church in Rowniu, where in a central place is the Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Then the idea of placing the statues of Blesseds Francisco and Jacinta Marto came to his mind.

The artist chosen for the job goes by the name of Zygmunt Brachmanski and hails from Katowice. The statues were placed in the church on January 28, 2004.

The statues of the Blessed Little Shepherds are marked with the logo of the year 2000 Jubilee, year of the beatification of the Little Shepherds of Fátima and with the inscription: "We are God's children now".

Auxiliary Bishop Gerard Bernacki blessed the statues on March 9 of 2004. Then someone came up with the idea of bringing to Katowice some relics of the Blesseds Francisco and Jacinta. This new project found support in Archbishop Damian



Zimon. The request was made in Fátima to Fr. Kondor, the Postulator for the cause of canonization of Francisco and Jacinta Marto, by Jolanta Potempa, Director of Pilgrimages for the Diocese of Katowice.

The parish community prepared itself very well to receive the relics, by making a spiritual retreat named "Holy Missions". The Hymn to the Little Shepherds of Fátima, of A. Cartagena, was also translated by Fr. Jan Waliczek.

On February 7 of 2005, Bishop Gerard Bernacki placed the relics in a reliquary made out of glass in the shape of two flames. Remember what Pope John Paul II said: "The Church places in the candelabrum two flames to illuminate mankind in the dark hours of confusion".

The parish thinks of the privilege of having the relics as being physically close to the Blesseds, a spiritual intimacy that calls it to pray through their intercession and invites it to live as Francisco and Jacinta did.

Adaptation from letter of Fr. Jan Waliczek

Reflection on the Sixth Commandment

Abstain from unchastity



Many who are still influenced by 19th century mechanism believe that the Church's teachings on virtue are hideous and they especially reject her teaching on the virtues of chastity and purity. They deride the observance of the sixth commandment as emotionally disturbing, even downright repulsive and against nature. In her vigorous defense of the virtue of purity, Flannery O'Connor revealed her profound understanding both of faith and of imitation of Paul of Tarsus who imitates Jesus Christ (1 Thes 4; 1 ff). She defends

rigorously her own conviction that the evangelical life of virtue is inseparable from the core of the Christian faith. In a 1955 letter she reveals the depths of her faith by boldly and brilliantly founding the origins of the virtue of purity in the resurrection of the body. "For me it is the virgin birth, the Incarnation, the resurrection which are the true laws of the flesh and the physical. Death, decay, destruction are the suspension of these laws. I am always astonished at the emphasis the Church puts on the body. It is not the soul she says will rise but

the body, glorified. I have always thought that purity was the most mysterious of virtues, but it occurs to me that it would never have entered the human consciousness to conceive of purity if we were not to look forward to a resurrection of the body, which will be flesh and spirit united in peace, in the way they were in Christ. The resurrection of Christ seems the high point of the law of nature...."

O'Connor is saying here that it is primarily the remembrance of Christ's Paschal mystery and of one's own baptism that provide the foundation and motivation for the practice of the virtue of purity and of all other virtues. St. Paul taught exactly this norm when he wrote, "Finally, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, you do so more and more... For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from unchastity" (1 Thes 4: 1, 3). In the entire New Testament the practice of virtue was based on the appearance of the *eschaton*, that is, of Jesus's saving work in his death and resurrection.

Stafford Cardinal James Francis

Homily, 12th July, at Fatima