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*My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge
and the way that will lead you to God*

**Jubilee Year of the Centennial
of the Apparitions**

Mary reveals the mystery of her Immaculate Heart

At the end of 2010, and welcoming an explicit challenge of Pope Benedict XVI, the Shrine of Fatima has started a celebrative itinerary of the centennial of the Apparitions. We have reached now the seventh cycle which corresponds to the height of the celebration of the Centennial, to the Jubilee Year, solemnly opened on November 27th and that will go on until November 26th, 2017.

As in the prior six cycles, the starting point of the theme of this special pastoral year is an apparition: the apparition of October 1917. On that occasion, as promised to the little shepherds, Our Lady said who She was – “I am the Lady of the Rosary” – dressed of light and spreading the light of God, and She revealed the mystery of her Immaculate Heart to us. We have then chosen the promise of Our Lady to the seer Lucia in another apparition to be the theme of this Jubilee Year: “My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God”. This was already the general theme of the entire thematic itinerary for these 7 years of preparation and celebration of the Centennial of the Apparitions and that crowns now all the way covered.

Along this especially festive year, we are invited to reflect on the place of Mary in the history of salvation, to recognize that “the Lord has made wonders” in and through Mary, to let us guide by her Immaculate Heart to God and to give thanks to God for the gift of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima.

The Jubilee Year is a special year of thanks throughout which the devotees of Our Lady of Fatima can receive the Indulgence of God, expression of His mercy, and give thanks to God for all the blessings He spread among us by means of Mary.

May this Jubilee Year contribute to the fulfillment of the promise of Our Lady: “In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph”.

F. Carlos Cabecinhas

Shrine of Fatima invites pilgrims to experience the Centennial with cultural program

Jubilee Year has as a theme “My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God”

The Shrine of Fatima lives in a very intense way the year of 2017, the Jubilee Year of the Centennial of the Apparitions. A liturgical program is prepared, as well as a cultural program.

Under the title “The colours of the Sun: the light of Fatima in the contemporary world” – Temporary exhibition evocative of the apparition of October 1917 – in the Jubilee Year of the Centennial of the Apparitions of Fatima, it is shown to the public in the Social Hall of Saint Augustin, on the lower floor of the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity, from November 26th to October 31st 2018, every day from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.. This exhibition has scheduled thematic visits on the first Wednesdays of every month.

The project “A Centennial of Voices”, invites 100 personalities to make a brief statement about Fatima, to run on the radio and to be made available online.

Also online the “Mural of Testimonies” allows each pilgrim of Fatima to leave a brief video declaration to be shared on social networks.

The Commemorative Colloquium of the 100 Years of the Apparitions of Fatima under the title “Fatima – History and Memory”, developed in association with the Portuguese Academy of History, will take place on the May 26th and 27th.

The International Congress of the Centennial of Fatima “To Think Fatima. Interdisciplinary Readings” registrations are still open. This moment of reflexion is scheduled to take place on June 21st to 24th, in the Hall of the Good Shepherd in the Pastoral Centre of Paul VI.

“Fatima – Time and Light” is a Video Mapping show, scheduled for the nights of May 12th, 13th and 14th, in the Prayer Area of the Shrine of Fatima.



The Jubilee Portico marks the 100 years of the apparitions

The Cycle of Sacred Music will bring concerts to the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima. These musical moments are scheduled for May 14th, July 9th, August 13th, September 10th and October 8th. The Closing Concert of the Centennial of the Apparitions of Fatima, by the Gulbenkian Choir and Orchestra, will take place on October 13th, at 6.30 p.m., in the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima.

The Easter Concert, by the Escolania of Monserrat – directed by Llorenç Castelló, is scheduled for April 23rd, at 3.30 p.m., at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima.

The IX Meeting of Infant Choirs of the Shrine of Fatima will be on April 25th, at 3.30 p.m., at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima.

All these information can be found on www.fatima.pt

Cátia Filipe

Chronology of papal visits to Fatima

13th of May 1967 – Paul VI comes to Fatima and is welcomed by the President of the Republic. The 50th anniversary of the apparitions was celebrated on this day.

« So immense is our wish to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Christ and, for this reason, Mother of God and our Mother, so high is our trust in her benevolence to the holy Church and to our apostolic mission, so great is our need of her intercession before God, her divine Son, that we came, humble and confident pilgrim, to this blessed shrine, where is celebrated today the 50th anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima and where is celebrated the 25th anniversary of the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary», he said in his homily.

12th of May, 1982 – John Paul II arrives at Fatima late



Paul VI was the first Pope to visit Fatima

afternoon, after a brief visit to by Lisbon, and presides at the prayer vigil in the Chapel of the Apparitions.

«I want to make a confidence to you: since the known attack on Saint Peter's Square, a year ago, when I became regain consciousness, my thoughts turned immediately to this Shrine, to lay down my thanks in the heart of the heavenly Mother for saving me from danger. I have seen in everything that has happened - I never get tired of repeating it - a special maternal protection of Our Lady. And by coincidence - and there are no mere coincidences in the plans of Divine Providence - I also saw an appeal and, perhaps, a call my attention to the message that started here, sixty-five years ago, through three children, son and daughters of humble people of the field, the shepherds of Fatima, as they are universally known. »

13th of May, 1982 – John Paul II presides at the Eucharist.

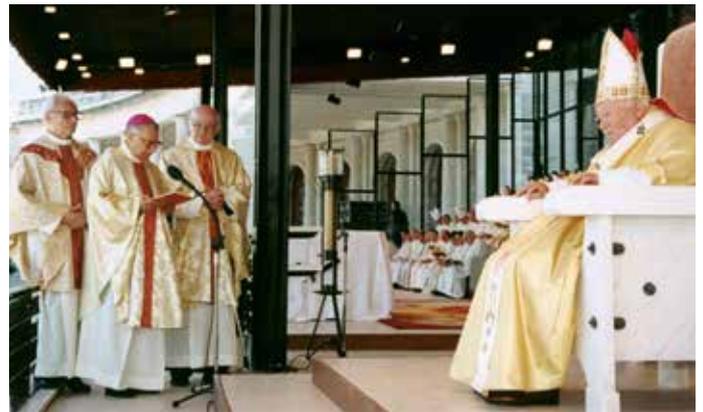
«It will "always live in my soul", you can be sure, "this immortal cry – oh Fatima, *Adeus*», after we had risen together our supplications, guided by faith, by hope and by charity. The moment of separation has come. But I do believe we will continue very united in the love of God, by leaving with the joy of having fulfilled an imperative of that love, with our "penitence and prayer".»

12th of May, 1991 – John Paul II participates in the prayer Vigil in Cova da Iria.

«In this night of vigil, with the candles of faith lighted, the Church rises to you a burning prayer in favour of men, so that, with humble availability and courageous confidence, they can guide themselves through the paths of salvation. Oh loved Mother, help us in this desert, empty of God, where our generation and your children's generation seem lost, so that they finally reencounter and rest in the divine fountains of their lives.»

13th of May, 1991 – John Paul II presides at the Eucharist in the Shrine of Fatima.

«The Shrine of Fatima is a privileged place, with a special



John Paul II was three times in Cova da Iria

value: it contains in itself an important message for the times we are living. It is like if, in the beginning of our century, the words pronounced in the Golgotha had resonated with a new echo».

13th of May, 2000 – John Paul II presides at the Eucharist, during which are beatified the shepherds Francisco e Jacinta Marto.

«Father, to you I offer praise for all your children, from the Virgin Mary, your humble Servant, to the little shepherds, Francisco and Jacinta. May the message of their lives live on for ever to light humanity's way.»

12th of May, de 2010 – Benedict XVI blesses the pilgrims' candles. The Eucharist of the Vigil is presided by the State secretary, Cardinal Tarcísio Bertone.

13th of May, 2010 – Benedict XVI presides at the Eucharist in the Shrine of Fatima, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the beatification of the shepherds Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

«At a time when the human family was ready to sacrifice all that was most sacred on the altar of the petty and selfish interests of nations, races, ideologies, groups and individuals, our Blessed Mother came from heaven, offering to implant in the hearts of all those who trust in her the Love of God burning in her own heart. At that time it was only to three children, yet the example of their lives spread and multiplied, especially as a result of the travels of the Pilgrim Virgin, in countless groups throughout the world dedicated to the cause of fraternal solidarity. May the seven years which separate us from the centenary of the apparitions hasten the fulfilment of the prophecy of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to the glory of the Most Holy Trinity.»

Sandra Dantas



Benedict XVI visited the Shrine of Fatima in May 2010

Pope officialises pilgrimage to Fatima on the occasion of the Centennial

Francis will come «in pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima from the 12th to 13th of May»



Francis wants to be a pilgrim in Fatima

Pope Francis will be in Fatima from the 12th to the 13th of May 2017 “in pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima”, according to the official statement of the Vatican to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima.

The statement adds that, “On the occasion of the Centennial of the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Cova da Iria, and embracing the invitation of the President of the Republic and portuguese bishops, His Holiness Pope Francis will go on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima from the 12th to the 13th of May 2017”.

To the Leiria-Fatima bishop, this is a moment of “extreme joy”, because, in the Centennial, through the presence of the Holy Father, “we are united to the universal Church”.

“Every time the Pope does a pilgrimage as a universal shepherd, the whole Church does it with him”, and for that, “on this occasion I

want to express the joy and delight the official announcement of this pilgrimage of the Holy Father brings to the portuguese people and to the entire Church of Portugal”.

“The Pope wants to be a pilgrim among the pilgrims of Fatima, and that is a motive of great joy”, says Monsignor António Marto, in the message addressed to the Press Service of the Shrine of Fatima.

The prelate also underlines, “the responsibility” of the Shrine, because “it is not about welcoming the Holy Father only as a pilgrim and shepherd but also welcoming the message he comes bringing to us”. So, he ends, “this pilgrimage must be seized regarding faith renovation”.

The program of the Pope’s visit to Cova da Iria will only be released in March.

Francis will be the fourth chief of the Catholic Church to visit Fatima, after Paul VI (1967), John Paul II (1982, 1991 and 2000) and Benedict XVI (2010).

The international trips of the Popes are a novelty dating to the second half of the 20th century, with the pontificate of Paul VI (1897-1978), who in the last session of the Vatican Council II announced the intention of offering a Golden Rose to Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima.

From that time on, Portugal would enter in the route of the apostolic visits starting in the fifth journey of this Italian pontiff, on the 13th of May 1967, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the marian apparitions, recognized by the Catholic Church, in Cova da Iria.

Fatima is transformed into the primary focus of the five pontifical journeys, after Pius XII already, on October 31st 1942, consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in the midst of World War II.

Paul VI wanted to personally visit Fatima, as a pilgrim, on May 13th 1967, having decided that the plane

which transported him from Rome would land in Monte Real, being hosted then in the diocese of Leiria (today Leiria-Fatima).

John Paul II, who on May 13th 1981 had been shot in Saint Peter’s Square, in an attack against his life, came to Cova da Iria a year after, to publicly give thanks to Our Lady of Fatima’s intercession in his recovery.

In May 1982, on the anniversary of the first attack on his life, Karol Wojtyla (1920-2005) arrived in Fatima to “thank the Divine Providence in this place that the Mother of God seem to choose in such a particularly way”.

The Polish Pope returned to Portugal nine years after: on May 10th 1991, John Paul II celebrated a Mass in the Restelo Stadium and would travel after to Azores and Madeira, before centring in the Shrine of Fatima, on the 12th and 13th of May.

For four days, Saint John Paul II gave 12 interventions and sent a letter, from Cova da Iria, to the catholic bishops of Europe, who prepared a special assembly of the Bishop Synod, dedicated to the Old Continent.

On the 12th and 13th of May 2000, with his already fragile health, John Paul II returned to Portugal, to preside at the beatification of the Shepherds Francisco e Jacinta Marto. On the same occasion the publication of the “secret of Fatima” was announced. Benedict XVI visited Portugal from the 11th to the 14th of May 2010, to mark the tenth anniversary of the beatification of Francisco and Jacinta Marto, passing through Lisbon, Fatima and Porto.

In 2017 it will be Francis turn. Just as Paul VI, he will centre his visit exclusively in Cova da Iria, where on May 13th 2013, the then Patriarch Cardinal of Lisbon, Monsignor José Policarpo, consecrated the pontificate of the Argentinian Pope to the Virgin Mary.

Francis and Fatima: «Mother, we thank you for your faith»



Francis consecrated his pontificate to Our Lady

Cardinal Bergoglio was elected Pope on March 13th 2013, on the second day of the conclave, under the name Francis.

Francis is the first Jesuit to be elected Pope, coming from the American continent, and the first non-European invested as bishop of Rome in more than 1200 years. On the morning after his election, Pope Francis made his first appearance as the leader of the Catholic Church, as he went to pray in the basilica of Saint Mary Major, with the purpose of praying in private. It was usual, as a Cardinal, for Jorge Mario Bergoglio to start the day praying in this church. Two months after, his connection with Our Lady of Fatima officially begins.

Pope Francis manifested, on several occasions, his devotion to Our Lady of Fatima and his interest in her message, which echoes the Gospel. The consecration of his pontificate to Our Lady, in Fatima, at his request, is an example of it. Such as the specific request that the statue of Our Lady, worshiped in the Chapel of the Apparitions, would go to Rome to the Marian Journey promoted by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, within the context of the celebration of the Year of Faith.

In 2015, Pope Francis shared in the celebration of the 13th of May, in Cova da Iria, by invoking some of the central contents of the apparitions to the three seers, Blessed Francisco and Jacinta and Sister Lucia, held in Cova da Iria between May and October 1917.

During catechesis on May 13th 2015, the Pope asked to the Portuguese reader present in the square to pray out loud a Hail Mary, marking the day the Church remembers Our Lady of Fatima: «I ask my portuguese brother, in this day of Our Lady of Fatima, to pray with all in Portuguese».

Francis manifested the intention of being in Fatima in the international anniversary pilgrimage of May, desire transmitted to the catholic bishops of Portugal in September 2015, in the beginning of the visit *ad limina*.

In the general audience of May 11th 2016, Pope Francis shared in the celebration of the 13th of May, in Cova da Iria, and reminded the devotion of Saint John Paul II to Our Lady of Fatima: «In this apparition, Mary invites us once more to prayer, to penitence and to conversion», said the Pontiff, before thousands of people gathered in Saint Peter's Square.

On that same day, Pope Francis Instagram account,

showed an image of Our Lady of Fatima with the subtitle: «Mother we thank you for your faith; we renew our commitment to You».

The Shrine of Fatima has, on the other hand, the House of Youth Pope Francis, directed to the young, a force particularly alive and dynamic of the Church, to whom it was thought and created.

Francis will be the fourth Pope to visit Portugal, after Paul VI (May 13th 1967), John Paul II (12th to 15th of May 1982, 10th to 13th of May 1991, 12th to 13th of May 2000) and Benedict XVI (11th to 14th of May 2010).

Cátia Filipe

POPE FRANCIS

Act of entrustment to Our Lady of Fatima

Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima,
with renewed gratitude for your motherly presence
we join in the voice of all generations that call you
blessed.

We celebrate in you the great works of God,
who never tires of lowering himself in mercy over
humanity,
afflicted by evil and wounded by sin,
to heal and to save it.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother
this act of entrustment that we make in faith today,
before this your image, beloved to us.

We are certain that each one of us is precious in your
eyes
and that nothing in our hearts has estranged you.

May that we allow your sweet gaze
to reach us and the perpetual warmth of your smile.

Guard our life with your embrace:
bless and strengthen every desire for good;
give new life and nourishment to faith;
sustain and enlighten hope;
awaken and animate charity;
guide us all on the path to holiness.

Teach us your own special
love for the little and the
poor,
for the excluded and the
suffering,
for sinners and the
wounded of heart:
gather all people under your
protection
and give us all to your
beloved Son, our Lord Jesus.

Amen.



Act of entrustment to Our Lady of Fatima at the conclusion of Mass on the occasion of the Marian Day (Saint Peter's Square, October 13th, 2013)

Pope of the suburbs stimulates the missionary style of the Church

Francis publishes two encyclicals, two apostolic exhortations and a pastoral letter about mercy

Popular in the media, he captivated from the start with his simplicity and way of living, Francis enjoys, today, an acceptance that few of his ancestors experienced.

He comes to Fatima for the Centennial, but insists on underlining that he comes as a pilgrim.

Francis, who recently turned 80, was elected the successor of Benedict XVI on the 13th of March 2013, after the now Emeritus Pope renounced. Francis is the first Jesuit Pope in the history of the Church and also the first South American pontiff.

He has already visited four continents and made 17 journeys, some symbolic, including a visit to Lampedusa, in Italy, the Isle of Lesbos, in Greece and a visit to Auschwitz, in addition to other visits to countries, regions and parishes in Rome diocese.

Philippines welcomed, on the 18th of January 2015, the greatest celebration of the current pontificate, by the Quirino Grandstand stadium, in the Rizal Park area, with six million participants, which represents a record in the Catholic Church.

Among the main documents of the current pontificate there are the encyclicals “Laudato si” (Praised Be You) dedicated to ecological issues, and “Lumen fidei” (The light of faith), which gathers Benedict XVI reflexions, the apostolic exhortation “Evangelii gaudium” (The joy of the Gospel) and the post-synodal “Amoris Laetitia” (The joy of Love).

The Argentinian Pope promoted a Synod about family, in two sessions, with appointments extended to the catholic communities, and announced an Extraordinary Holy Year, the Jubilee of Mercy, 50 years after the Vatican Council II closure.

He is, on the other side, developing a renovation of the Roman Curia, starting with the financial and administrative sector, with external



Francis was the first Jesuit elected Pope

audits to the Vatican accounts, and the creation of a Secretariat for the Economy of the Holy See, in addition to the implementation to financial transparency measures in the Institute for the Works for Religion (IOR, known by the Vatican Bank).

Besides the several critics to an economic and financial system that “kills”, the Pope has plead to peace in the many regions of the world affected by conflicts, assuming the defence of the Middle East Christians.

The Pope has promoted three consistories and made 57 new cardinals, including Monsignor Manuel Clemente, patriarch-cardinal of Lisbon.

Since the first moment, he consecrated his pontificate to Our Lady. Known as a profoundly Marian Pope, Francis has surprised the world. Even the most critical media has praised him. The *Rolling Stone* magazine elected him as the “Cool

Pope”, and *Time* magazine as the personality of the year.

“My people is poor and I am one of them”, he said several times, to explain his choice to live in an apartment and prepare dinner alone. To his priests recommends mercy, apostolic courage and open doors to all. The worst thing that can happen in Church, he explained in some circumstances, “is the spiritual mundaneness”, which means “to put yourself in the centre”. And, when quoting social justice, invites first to take back in hands the catechism, to rediscover the Ten Commandments and the beatitudes. His program is simple: “if we follow Christ, we will understand that trample on the dignity of someone, is a serious sin”.

Born in the Argentinian capital on the 17th of December 1936, son of piemontese emigrants: his father, Mario, worked as an accountant on the rail road; his mother, Regina Sivori, was home taking care of the house and the education of their five children.

Graduated as a chemical technician, and after that chose the priesthood path, entering the diocese seminar in Villa Devoto. On the 11th of March 1958, entered the novitiate in the Society of Jesus. He completed his humanistic studies in Chile and, having return to Argentina, in 1963 obtained a degree in Philosophy in the Saint Joseph college, in San Miguel. From 1964 to 1965, he was a teacher of Literature and Psychology in the Immaculate of Santa Fé college, and in 1966 taught these same subjects in the Salvador college, in Buenos Aires. From 1967 to 1970 he studied Theology, graduating also in the Saint Joseph college.

On the 13th of December 1969, he was ordained a priest. In 2013 was chosen to occupy the chair of St. Peter.

Online Testimonies Mural tells the memory and the experience of Fatima in the first person

The Shrine of Fatima has, since December 8th, an online mosaic called “Testimonies Mural ‘Fatima and I’” in which several pilgrims tell their memory of the phenomenon and the message of Fatima and also the experience of faith they made in this place.

It is the second of two initiatives promoted within the range of the Cooperation Protocol celebrated between the Shrine of Fatima and the Polytechnic Institute of Leiria in the Centennial of the Apparitions celebration context.

The “Testimonies Mural ‘Fatima and I’”, available on muraldetestemunhos.fatima.pt takes, in this celebrative context, an important role on the sublimation of the personal experience of Fatima – life experience and



celebration of faith, of contemplation and artistic and cultural enjoyment, of mere curiosity or personal construction and identity construction – that so many have been able to accomplish along this last century.

The testimonies reflect the ampli-

tude of these experiences, so numerous and different as those who experienced them, and simultaneously, the singularity, often complementary, of each one of them.

The Mural construction, as well as the testimonies gathering, has been made in the context of the Communication and Media course, by the Superior School of Education and Social Sciences, of the Polytechnic Institute of Leiria, also responsible for the edition and post-production of these

videos.

The Mural counts with 24 initial testimonies, to which will be added, progressively, new records during the celebration period, expected to be updated in February.

Carmo Rodeia

Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes prepares program to celebrate Jubilee year of the centennial of the apparitions of Fatima

Pope Francis visit will be monitored with live broadcasts from Cova da Iria

The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, in France, wants to unite to the Shrine of Fatima on the occasion of the celebration of the Centennial of the Apparitions and prepared a special program to the pilgrims who pass by, with particular emphasis on Pope Francis visit, in May, broadcasting the celebrations from the signal distributed by the Shrine of Fatima.

«Every Shrine reveals a part of Mary’s mission and each one has a charisma of its own, without contradicting the others charisma», refers a document sent by the Shrine of Lourdes to the Press Service of the Shrine of Fatima.

Marian Shrines want to unite to celebrate the message which «belongs to all of us».

To do so, in the best way possible, the Shrine of Lourdes prepared a special program, in which stands out, from May to October, an exhibition about the great marian shrines; mar-

ian processions with images and/or statues of Our Lady of Fatima and the presentation of the film of the Apparitions in Lourdes and in Fatima.

During the year it will be specially celebrated the 11th day of each month, centred in Our Lady of Lourdes; the 13th day of each month invoking Our Lady of Fatima and, in May, the retransmission of the celebrations of the International Anniversary Pilgrimage that Pope Francis will preside. On this month, the eyes of Lourdes will be centred in Fatima from the 11th of May, with the meditation and recitation of the Rosary in the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, followed by the candlelight procession. On Friday, the 12th a eucharistic procession is held with the prayer of the Angel of Portugal, followed by a prayer Vigil in the Saint Pius X Basilica, in union with Fatima. On the 13th the rosary will be meditated over the Message of Fatima; recitation of the apparitions

of Our Lady in the Saint Pius X Basilica and retransmission on a giant screen of the visit of Pope Francis to the Shrine of Fatima.

This communion with Fatima ends with the celebration of a thanksgiving mass for the intentions of Pope Francis, on the 15th. It is to be noted that on the 12th and 15th of each month will be celebrated a moment of penitence to repair the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, followed by a mass for the conversion of sinners and confessions.

On the 13th of each month, the program of the French shrine, during this year, is entirely dedicated to Fatima starting with the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, followed by a Mass for the Popes intentions and Consecration to Mary, recitation with the Lourdes and Fatima apparitions (video), commented exhibition and candlelight procession.

Sandra Dantas

Pope Francis conceded plenary indulgence in the Jubilee Year lived in the Shrine

The Jubilee Year of the Centennial takes place between November 27th 2016 and November 26th 2017

Pope Francis conceded to the Shrine of Fatima a Jubilee Year, in the context of the 100 years of the Apparitions of Our Lady, with plenary indulgence until the November 26th, 2017.

“Sacramental confession, eucharistic communion and prayer for the Holy Father’s intentions”, are the conditions the faithful “penitents and animated with charity” must fulfil to obtain the plenary indulgence granted by Pope Francis.

At the time of the passage in the Shrine, plenary indulgence is granted to all who “devotedly in a celebration or a prayer” in honour of the Virgin Mary, pray the Our Father prayer, recite the symbol of faith (the Creed) and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

The plenary indulgence is also granted to the “merciful faithful” who visit with devotion an image of Our Lady of Fatima exhibited “in any temple, oratory or place in the apparitions anniversary days, that is to say, the 13th of every month between May and October 2017 and participate in a “celebration or prayer.”

The plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful who, “due to age, sickness or other severe cause”, may not move but are “regretful of all sins”.

These faithful must intent to accomplish the three conditions previously referred before a small image of Our Lady of Fatima, “as soon as possible for them”.

According to the Canon Law, to accomplish indulgence, which may be partial or plenary – as it partially or totally frees from the sanction due by the sinners – it is required, in addition to the exclusion of any sin fondness, the execution of the work prescribed by the Church, the Reconciliation sacraments (Confession) and the Eucharist, as well as the prayer by the Pope’s intentions.



Centennial of the apparitions is marked by the Jubilee Portico



Jubilee Prayer of Consecration

Hail, Mother of the Lord,
Virgin Mary, Queen of the Rosary of Fatima!
Blessed among all women,
you are the image of the Church dressed in the Paschal light,
you are the honour of our people,
you are the triumph over the mark of evil.

Prophecy of the merciful Love of the Father,
Teacher of the Annunciation of the Good News of the Son,
Sign of the burning Fire of the Holy Spirit,
teach us, in this valley of joys and sorrows,
the eternal truths that the Father reveals to the little ones.

Show us the strength of your mantle of protection.
In your Immaculate Heart,
be the refuge of sinners
and the way that leads to God.

In unity with my brethren,
In Faith, Hope and Love,
I surrender myself to you.
In unity with my brethren, through you, I consecrate myself to God,
O Virgin of the Rosary of Fatima.

And thus surrounded by the Light that comes from your hands,
I will give Glory to the Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

Cheli Carrizo de Boyd writes a song to Our Lady of Fatima

The song was composed in the context of the Centennial of the Apparitions

The catholic singer Cheli Carrizo de Boyd, from Panama, wrote the song "Your Immaculate Heart will triumph" in the context of the Centennial of the Apparitions. The melody in honour of Fatima, will be translated in several languages, «it is almost a march in which the Church's army goes forward guided by the heart of the Virgin» says the Panamanian singer.

The musical arrangements are the responsibility of the musician Carlos Samaniego, while the mix and mastering were made by Aníbal Muñoz Corcheas. The voices of the choirs are interpreted by Mariaestelí Ríos, Nati Beitía, Melitza Gallardo, Osvaldo Montenegro, Otniel Vázquez and Patricia Ríos.

Radio EWTN, which transmits a catholic thematic programing, was the first to put it on air.

«People from all over the world

called me, even non-Catholic, to congratulate me for this song. From all the songs I wrote, I feel that this one is more special. It has an incredible force. I can see it in people when I sing it», she explains.

To the artist it is a «great joy» to be able to sing «something as beautiful as the words of the Virgin of Fatima. The lyrics sends a message of hope to a world filled with afflictions where the truth isn't recognized. The song repeats that the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin will triumph», she says.

One of my dreams will come true on March 25th when I will visit the Shrine of Fatima. The Pope, who will visit Fatima on the 12 and 13 of May, was one of the first to be able to listen to the song. The Panama Ambassador in the Holy See, Miroslava Rosas, had the opportunity to hand him personally.

About her future projects, she says, with no doubt, that she will compose a song to the World Youth Day which will happen in Panama in 2019.

Victoria Isabel Cardiel C.



Cheli Carrizo de Boyd will visit Fatima in March

The Rector of the Shrine of Fatima underlined the importance of welcoming the pilgrims

Shrine of Cova da Iria was the host of the Rectors of French Shrines Congress

The Shrine of Fatima welcomed the Congress and the General-Assembly of the Association (French) of Rectors of Shrines, from January 10th to 13th, in Cova da Iria, a meeting with the theme "In the heart of their time, Mary and the Church sign of hope".

The meeting took place in the Retreat House of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and was made of moments of prayer, education and reflexion over the course of the several days.

Opening the Congress, the Rector of the Shrine of Fatima stated that «it is necessary for the shrines to be places of peace spreading and places of fraternity irradiation».

The Association of Rectors of Shrines (ARS) is a French association which integrates «all catholic French shrines» and «some» from Belgium, Switzerland, Portugal and Lebanon.

The President of ARS, Fr. Vincent Gallois, underlined the importance of the Congress theme, « In the heart



Reunion held during three days in Fatima

of their time, Mary and the Church sign of hope», particularly this year in which the one hundred years of the apparitions of Fatima are celebrated.

In turn, the president of the Association des Oeuvres Mariales (AOM), Friar Louis Marie Ariño, spoke of the importance of this congress «to a larger consultation of efforts between all».

«The insistency over the heart, can be to us an incentive to be men and women of heart», referred Louis Marie Ariño.

The Congress was concluded on

the 13th, the day in which is celebrated the monthly pilgrimage evocative of the Apparitions in the Shrine, and in which all participants of the Congress participated in the Eucharistic celebration of that day.

Fr. Vincent Gallois, in declarations to the Press Service of the Shrine, referred that during this meeting «participants had the opportunity to make a reflexion on the Christian hope in a world filled with violence and in Mary as the bearer of this hope».

In this meeting, that gathered around 150 people, participated the members of the Association of Marian Works (AOM), another international francophone institution, created in 1961, which integrates marian shrines, marian church movements, congregations and laypeople or religious institutes directly dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Sandra Dantas

One hundred years of the apparitions gather Fatima to the most unlikely places of the planet

Shrines and parishes pray with Fatima

In the Shrine of Fatima's archive there is reference to a parish dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, near Beijing. An image of Our Lady of Fatima is found in the Everest peak. In Sidney, Australia, there is a Shrine dedicated

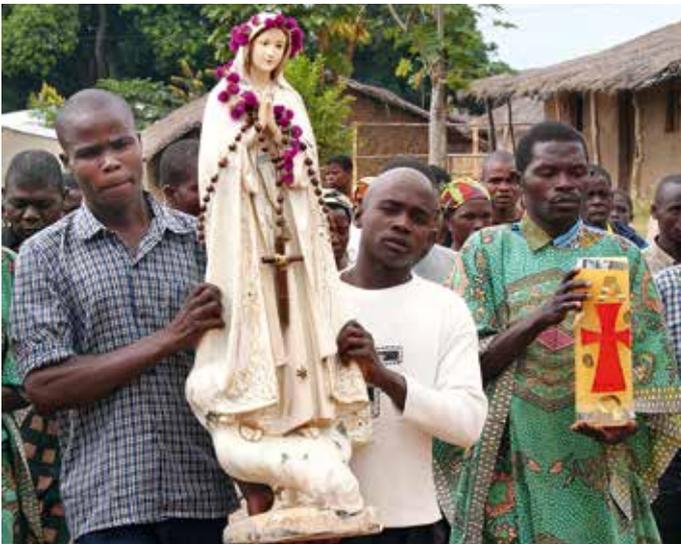


The Virgin of Fatima has a shrine in Sydney

to Our Lad of Fatima. In the border between South and North Korea, every year there is a pilgrimage with the image of Our Lady of Fatima which ends in a mass that already gathered more than 100 thousand people.

There are around 10.000 manifestations dedicated to Fatima around the world, from Shrines, parishes, churches, companies, schools, universities, hospitals and particularly this year they will be united to Fatima in prayer, as in the message of Our Lady left to the Shepherds one hundred years ago.

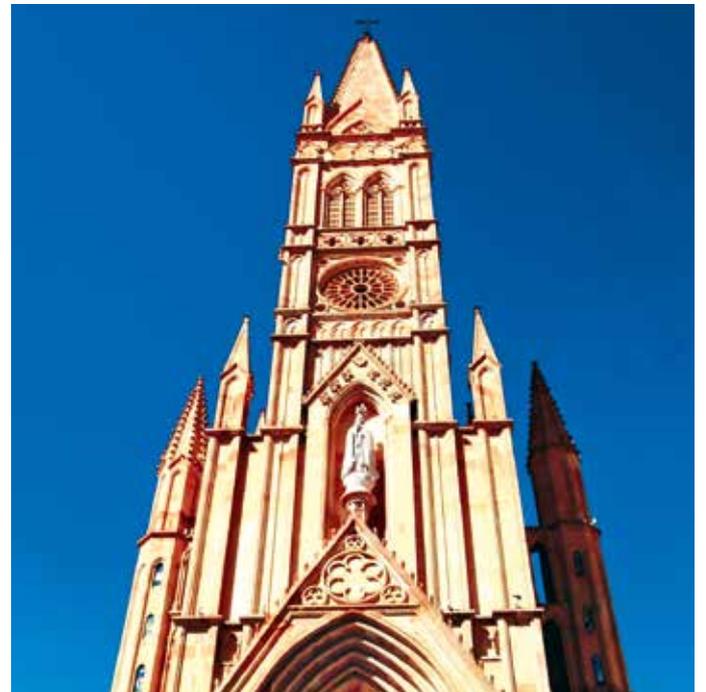
In Melbourne, the archdiocese of Portuguese expression community has built a chapel for cult and worship to Our Lady of Fatima. It was built in Bacchus Marsh and blessed in the 12th of October 2008. The chapel is open every Sundays and a mass in Portuguese is celebrated there.



Cathedral of Nampula, Mozambique, was sacred in 1956

In Nampula, Mozambique, it was consecrated on the 23rd of August 1956, the first cathedral in the world dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. A work, which author is Raul Lino, that has of Raul Lino has a style of its own and mixes portuguese and African tradition. It has seven altars, the main altar is dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima and others to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Saint Joseph, St Theresa of the Child Jesus, St Elizabeth, St Antony, and St John of God. Above the main door there is a high relief representing Our Lady's apparition to the Shepherds.

In San Brás, Nayarit, Mexico, due to many miracles assigned to Our Lady of Fatima, a request to the Holy



In San Bras, Mexico, Our Lady is patron saint since 1955

See was made so that Our Lady would be patroness and the 13th of May the date to celebrate her. To commemorate that, the "Apostleship of the Sea" was inaugurated in 1955. The statue with 2.60 meters is made of stone and is settled in a pedestal of 3 to 24 meters above de sea level. A small bell tower was rose with a bell which rings when the wind is strong to warn the fishermen that a storm is coming.

In Kenya, in 1966, an image of Our Lady of Fatima was placed at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, at 5895 meters high.

In 1983 Pope John Paul II blessed a small image of Our Lady of Fatima, which was transported by the Italian navigator Ambrósio Fogar to the North Pole.

Many of these images came from Fatima, just as it still happens today; every months, one of the 13 images of the Virgin Mary also leaves Fatima, to run across the world, making the image a messenger of a centennial event, which is lived this year in a special way by all the church: in Fatima, in Portugal and in the world.

Cátia Filipe

Pilgrim Virgin visited Slovenia

Image of Our Lady of Fatima was at the Shrine of Ptujška Gora



Pilgrim Virgin initiated her visit to Slovenia in May 2016

First, this brief testimony, has the purpose to thank for graces that Our Lady of Fatima grants. My mother encouraged me when I was 9 years to practice the devotion of the first five Saturdays. The priest who, in the first years of the post war, showed our village the message of Fatima, lived it first-hand. Walking from one place to another in his parish, as soon as he left the village he would take off his shoes and walked barefoot; we, children in the fields, were aware of it: this way he would put into practice the message of Our Lady of Fatima, making penitence for his parishioners.

Back then, under the communist regime, it wasn't easy for parents to educate in faith their own children. So, my mother, informed by the priest, welcomed with great confidence the promise of Our Lady

of Fatima, who, in the moment of death, will be at the side of those who practice, at least once in a life time, the devotion of the first five Saturdays requested by Heaven.

The memory of those moments of my childhood, came back to me during the visit of the Holy Pope John Paul II to Slovenia in 1996 and during the first national visit of the Pilgrim Image of Fatima the following year. After these two years of abundant graces, a group of faithful was born, of which I belong from the beginning, and we started to gather in the Cistercian Monastery of Stična, under the assistance of Abbot Fr. Anton Nadrah, to deepen the message of Fatima and the meaning of the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. With his numerous publications, monthly meetings of prayer, spiritual exercises, pilgrim-

ages, he formed – according to the words of Archbishop Marjan Turnšek who presided to the Eucharist of his priesthood golden anniversary – the parish animators who are now, all over Slovenia, diffusing the flame of love of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

At the beginning of this first national pilgrimage of the Pilgrim Virgin to Slovenia on May 2016, the archbishop Monsignor Stanislav Zore expressed his wish that the that grace of this visit could unite the Church in Slovenia in one heart and one soul. The Virgin of Fatima listened his prayer, as the Slovenian apostles all gathered in the same place to pray with Mary, Mother of Jesus, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Slovenian independence. On this occasion, on June 24th 2016, at the Cathedral of Ljubljana before the Pilgrim Image of the Virgin of Fatima, Slovenia was solemnly consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Now this image of Our Lady returns to Fatima, but Her Heart, to which we consecrate ourselves as individuals, families, parishes, religious communities, dioceses, country, remains in Slovenia. Let us pray so that her Immaculate Heart, filled with the Holy Spirit, radiates even more during 2017 the year of the Centennial, spreads in the neighbour countries, in all Europe and save her from apostasy! Pilgrim Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Dragica Čepar

Trinidad and Tobago welcomed Our Lady of Fatima for the first time

Image was presented in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

On December 31st 2016, Archdiocese of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, welcomed for the first time an image of Our Lady of Fatima, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The journey started in Fatima, passing by Dublin and Dundalk in Ireland. Until it reached Port of Spain.

This celebrative moment coincided with two important dates: The

Solemnity of Blessed Mary Mother of God and the World Day of Peace. In his 2017 message for World Day of Peace, Pope Francis has urged the people of the world to practice active nonviolence and work to prevent conflict by addressing its causes, building relationships, and facilitating healing and restoration. The message comes to Trinidad and Tobago at a crucial time, when crime and violence seem insurmountable obstacles.

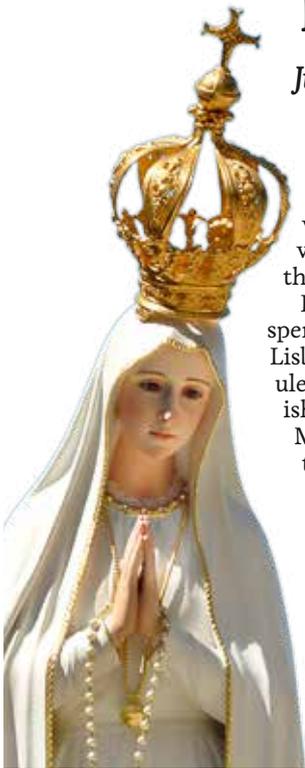
In the midst of a different kind of war, the faithful of Trinidad and Tobago prayed for peace. May their prayers be answered.

The Vigil and Unveiling begun at 8.00 pm followed by Holy Mass at 9.00 pm celebrated by His Grace, Most Reverend Archbishop Joseph Harris at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Arquidiocese Porto, Espanha

Pilgrim Image will travel through 14 countries in 2017

Jubilee Year of the Centennial of the Apparitions stimulates a larger number of outings, with a total of 32



Pilgrim Virgin has 32 visits scheduled

Right in the middle of the Jubilee Year of the Centennial of the Apparitions, the Pilgrim Virgin will visit 14 countries, in a total of 32 visits scheduled until the closing of this Fatima Light and Peace edition.

Earlier this February, image n°2 spent a week in the Marvila Parish, in Lisbon. The same image has also scheduled a national pilgrimage to the parishes of Panama during the month of March. On May 1st, image n°2 will travel to the parishes of Alvorege, Degracias, Lagarteira, Santiago da Guarda e Torre de Vale de Todos, in Coimbra. During the months of July and August, the parish of Nuestra Señora de Buenavista, in Getafe, Spain, welcomes the Virgin of Fatima. In October, the n°2 image will travel to Luanda, Mecharreira, in Angola. The last trip of this image will be to the Parishes of Mercena, Aldeia Gavinha and Olhalvo, in Lisbon, from November 20th to December 11th.

Image n°3 is in São Paulo State, Brazil, since May 1st 2015 and it is due to return on October 31st, 2017.

The n°4 image journey, in Italy, promoted by the Messaggio di Fatima Marian Movement, begun in December 2016 and it ends in November this year.

Image n° 5 begins a visit to the Parish of Sto. António dos Cavaleiros, in Lisbon, from 13 to 19 of March. Late April, this same image has a scheduled visit to the Sigüenza-Guadalajara Diocese. The Diocesan Cathedral of Santos, in Brazil, welcomes image n° 5 from June 20th to July 11th. Finally, between August and October, the National Mátraverebély-Szentkút Shrine in Hungary, will welcome the image n° 5 of the Virgin of Fatima.

Image n° 6 has two scheduled visits to Italy: one promoted by the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Congregation and the other to the Parish S. Sossio L. M. Aversa.

The 7th image is at the Utrech Archdiocese, Holland, since January, on a visit that will end in March. During the month of May this same image will be in the Archdiocese of Johannesburg. Image n° 7 will be, during the month of September, in the Parish of Santíssimo Sacramento, Torrijos, in Spain. On October 14th and 15th the Parish of São Pedro de Alva, in Coimbra, welcomes this same image. At last, image n° 7 returns to Italy to the Parish of Spirito Santo, Aversa, from November 24th to December 11th.

Image n° 8 will be at the Arciprestado of Seia, Guarda, from March 5th to April 7th. Next this image will go to the Parish of N.ª S.ª de Belém, Rio de Mouro, in Lisbon, during the month of May. In September image n° 8 is welcomed by the Episcopal Conference of the Czech Republic, which will also make a national pilgrimage to the Shrine of Fatima during the Jubilee Year of the Centennial of the Apparitions.

From March 25th to April 2nd, image n° 9 will be at the Versailles Diocese, in France. Then the Catholic University of San António, in Spain (8 to 22 of May) welcomes this same image before heading to the Bayonne Diocese, France, from June 16th to October 14th.

The World Apostolate of Fatima is promoting, since April 2016, until December this year, the visit of image n° 10 to the Archdiocese of Milan, Italy.

Image n° 11 has a scheduled visit to the Diocese of Maracay, Venezuela, from April 15th to October 31st.

Image n° 12 is, since May 2013 visiting the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and it will remain there until October 31st of this year.

The Parish of Caranguejeira, in Leiria, will welcome image n° 13 from April 22nd to May 14th. On May 21st, this same image will head to the Archdiocese of Luxembourg until June 25th. The Arciprestado of Vargas, Aveiro, welcomes the n° 13 image from September 1st to November 30th.

Cátia Filipe

70 years after: The pilgrim image of Fatima returns to Luxembourg

Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop of Luxembourg, Archbishop Jean-Claude Hollerich

It is with much joy that we will welcome in our diocese, in our parishes and communities, the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima. I myself, as a pastor of the Church gathered in Luxembourg, made the request to the bishop of Leiria-Fatima (Portugal).

The image visit to Luxembourg will take place from the 25th of May to the 25th of June 2017, beginning in the great pilgrimage, on the Ascension Day in Wiltz, in the 50th anniversary of the referred pilgrimage, and with solemn closure in the Cathedral of Luxembourg, with the rite of the consecration of the country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The pilgrim image returns, then, to Luxembourg after 70 years. In fact, it was in September 1947 that the image of Fatima, after the end of World War II – a conflict that caused destruction, deaths, victims and European refugees – visited for the first time several countries of Europe among them Luxembourg.

We are all invited to open the doors of our heart and our houses to welcome the merciful tenderness of the Mother of God, Comforter of the Afflicted and Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, assuming our cultural diversity which constitutes one of the Church of Jesus Christ treasures in Luxembourg.

Let us welcome the Mother of God and make this jubilee visit an important moments to the spiritual and missionary renovation of the Church on pilgrimage in Luxembourg; to diffuse the

message of Fatima, in its actuality and prophecy, as a plea to the conversion of life and world peace and its implications on family life, and also to give knowledge of the evangelic spirituality of the seers of Fatima, Blessed Francisco and Jacinta Marto and the servant of God Sister Lucia de Jesus.

May each community be prepared with a spirituality program, education and biblical catechesis about Mary to welcome this diocese initiative that promises to bear fruit of renovation in our belief and our testimony of faith with simplicity, joy and beauty.

To prepare Our Lady of Fatima's visit I would like to make two proposals: On the 13th of every month until October, date of the last apparition in Fatima, each parish, each community and movement will organize a community prayer time according to the message of Fatima and exhortation "Amoris Laetitia". May each family come together, once a week, around the image of Our Lady of Fatima for a simple prayer and sharing moment of faith, in family.

May we welcome with much joy and marian spirit, particular characteristics of our country and diocese, the one who is the Mother of God and Mother of the People, represented in the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima and worshiped among us as the Comforter of the Afflicted.

Mary wants us to sing with Her, the wonders of the Lord!

+ Jean-Claude Hollerich sj – Archbishop of Luxembourg

Sister Lucia closer to beatification after diocesan phase is concluded

The canonization process of Sister Maria Lucia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart, one of the three seers of Fatima, has its diocesan phase concluded, passing now to the direct competence of the Holy See and the Pope.

The diocesan inquiry gathers all the writings of Sister Lucia, the statements of the 60 witnesses heard over [her] reputation of sanctity and [her] heroic virtues.

After the Closing Session, held on February 13th, day of the anniversary of her death, all the gathered material will be delivered at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, in Rome, who will give the material the proper follow-up, according to the rules established by the Church.

The initial part of the canonization process of Lucia begun in 2008, three years after her death, after the now emeritus pope Benedict XVI granted «a dismissal regarding the waiting period stipulated by the Canon Law (five years)».

Sister Lucia of Jesus (1907-2005) lived 57 years of Carmelite life and is buried in the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, in the Shrine of Fatima.

She was one of the three children who between May and October 1917 witnessed six apparitions of Our Lady in Cova da Iria, according to their testimonies, recognized by the Catholic Church. Concluded the diocesan phase of the beatification process, a 'position' will be elaborated, a compendium of the reports and studies carried by the juridical committee, by a relater nominated by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints (Holy See).



Sister Lucia deceased in February 2005

It is the diocesan bishops right to investigate about the life, virtues and sanctity reputation, miracles adduced, and, if applicable, the ancient cult of the faithful, whose canonization is asked.

This information gathering is sent to the Holy See: if the exam on the documents is positive, the «servant of God» is proclaimed «venerable».

The second stage of the process consists on the analysis of the miracles attributed to the intercession of the «venerable»; if one of these miracles is considered authentic, the «venerable» is considered «blessed».

When after the beatification another miracle is verified and properly recognized, the blessed is proclaimed «saint».

Canonization, an act reserved to the Pope, is the confirmation by the Church that a catholic faithful is worthy of universal public cult (in

the case of the blessed the cult is diocesan) and be given to the believers as an intercessor and model of sanctity.

Father Carlos Cabecinhas, Rector of the Shrine of Fatima, received the news with «great joy».

«The challenge I give to you all is to pray so that the process comes to an end as soon as possible», said the rector.

The process «took a few years because of the amount of documents left and the need to work them well», said on the other hand to the Shrine of Fatima, Sister Angela Coelho, vice-postulator of the cause of the canonization of Sister Lucia.

«Each page that Sister Lucia wrote had to be thoroughly analysed and we are talking about a universe of ten thousand letters we were able to gather and a journal with two thousand pages, among other more personal writings», underlined Angela Coelho, who is also the postulator for the cause of the canonization of the blessed Francisco e Jacinta Marto, the brothers who, along with Lucia, according to the testimony recognized by the Catholic Church, witnessed the apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Cova da Iria, between May and October 1917.

According to this responsible, the process to beatify Sister Lucia must take into account that we are in the presence of «a woman who lived almost 98 years, who corresponded with Popes, from Pius XII to John Paul II, with cardinals, bishops» and many other people.

Carmo Rodeia

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