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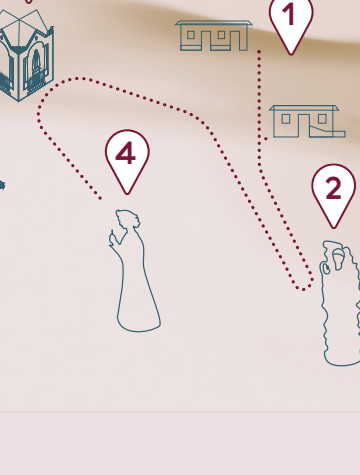
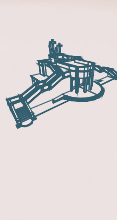
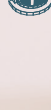
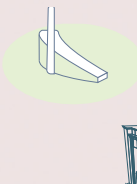
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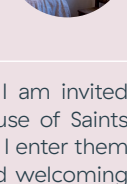
GRACE AND MERCY:  
HEART OF MARY, PATH TO SEE GOD

PASTORAL  
BIENNIUM  
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## 1 HOUSE OF SAINTS FRANCISCO AND JACINTA MARTO AND HOUSE OF SISTER LUCIA



I prepare myself to visit the homes of the Little Shepherds. I am invited to begin by briefly silencing my heart before visiting the House of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto and then the House of Sister Lucia. I enter them not as a mere visitor, but above all as a pilgrim, observing and welcoming the signs of holiness lived in the little things of each day. I visit them in a spirit of contemplation and prayer.

I begin my journey: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!"

In these houses, which were once the homes of Francisco and Jacinta and Lucia respectively, I am called to sense the family environment in which these children were born and grew up.

It was in the context of village life in the Serra d'Aire, simple, laborious and in line with the rhythms of nature and religious feasts, and within a deeply Christian family culture, that their hearts learned and awakened to the love of God and Mary. It was also there that their sensitivity was prepared for the care of others, particularly the poorest and most needy. These places of personal and family intimacy were the space and context in which they began and developed their paths to holiness, exercised in so many offerings for the love of Jesus and "to repair the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

I too am challenged to rediscover in the simplicity of everyday life the gift of holiness that I am called to welcome and bring to fruition in my life, for the good of many.

After allowing myself to be touched by the resonance of these lives-testimonies, I continue on towards Poço do Arneiro.

## 2 WELL OF ARNEIRO



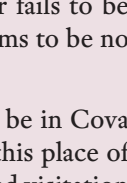
It was at this well, located at the bottom of Lucia's backyard, that the Angel of Peace appeared to the three little shepherds for the second time in the summer of 1916. He said to them: "The hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you."

In this place, the Angel communicated to them God's desire to be able to count on simple and docile instruments, willing to give themselves, so that through them He could effectively pour out His mercy on the world.

I allow myself to be struck by the simplicity of this place and by the sculptures by Maria Irene Vilar that evoke the apparition. Like the little shepherds, I commit myself to pray and to live in the gift of myself through the sacrifices of each day, the offering of all that I am and do, united to the loving gift of Jesus, thus collaborating in His work of redeeming mercy in favour of all.

After a time of silence, I head towards the Valinhos Monument.

## 3 VALINHOS MONUMENT



I approach the monument that speaks to me of the attentive, understanding and faithful heart of the Mother of Heaven, who, knowing the circumstances and tribulations of her children, never fails to be present in their lives, on their paths, even when there seems to be no space or place for an encounter.

Held up in Ourém on 13 August and therefore unable to be in Cova da Iria on the agreed day, the little shepherds receive in this place of Valinhos, on the following 19th, the desired but unexpected visitation of Our Lady of Heaven, who solicitously comes to meet them at the time and place of their possibilities.

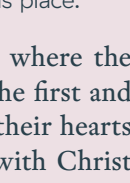
Encouraged by the joyful experience of the three children, I accept the invitation to trust fully in God's faithfulness, expressed in Mary's solicitous fidelity. I entrust my steps to the company and protection of this zealous and attentive Mother, whose heart leads me to her Son and encourages me to persevere.

In this spirit of trust and praise, I pray:

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee,  
blessed are you among women  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*

I continue my journey, heading towards Loca do Cabeço.

## 4 LOCA DO CABEÇO



Upon arriving at Loca do Cabeço, I take a moment of reflection, preparing myself inwardly to experience the challenging silence of this place.

I find myself in the heart of Valinhos, in the place where the Angel appeared to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta for the first and third times. Here, he showed them how to connect their hearts with God's through prayer, leading them to union with Christ and enabling them to commune with his body and blood.

I contemplate the intimacy of this place and, like the little shepherds, I let God lead me to unite my heart with His. I am invited to give Him the centre of my life, to adore Him in humble attitude with all creation and with all my brothers and sisters, and to let the desire to believe, adore, hope and love grow in me more and more and better and better.

I extend my heart and my prayer to all those I know and to all humanity, asking God for conversion and peace, gifts of His infinite love.

I associate with my inner dispositions and my prayer the words that the Angel taught here to the little shepherds:

*My God,  
I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you.  
I ask your forgiveness for those who  
do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you.*

However, I recognise that I am among those who believe, adore, hope and love imperfectly. It is also myself that I ask God, the source of all love and life, to forgive. I ask Him to allow the gifts of his grace and mercy to bear fruit within me, so that my entire life may increasingly become a reflection of His love.

Certain of His desire to restore my heart by infusing me with His own life, I conclude my journey in a spirit of thanksgiving, raising my praise to the Most Holy Trinity:

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
Amen.*