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## Most Holy Trinity Church raised to basilica status



The Shrine of Fatima has just received, with great joy, the news that the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, by the Decree “Leiriensis-Fatimensis”, of June 19, 2012, has granted to the Shrine’s Most Holy Trinity Church the title of Minor Basilica. The granting of this title is explained by the on-going celebration of the Centennial of the Apparitions.

On the one hand, the granting of the title of basilica to a church building stresses, above all, the special bond of communion with the Pope. Well, this is an important aspect of the Message of

Fatima. The Little Shepherds, after the apparitions, manifested a special communion with the Pope, which was shown mainly through prayer. Besides that, the Pope plays an important role in the Third Part of the Secret of Fatima, which was made known in 2000. That is why to pray for the Holy Father and his intentions has become an integral part of the message and of the daily practice of the Shrine.

On the other hand, the granting of this title stresses the love the Pope has for Fatima. As they came to know more and more about the supernatural events which had taken place here, the various Roman

Pontiffs more and more manifested their attention to Fatima, as shown specially by the pilgrimages to Fatima of Paul VI in 1967, of John Paul II three times and of Benedict XVI in 2010.

This event now, if, on one hand, fills us with joy, on the other hand, is a responsibility, for the Basilica of Most Holy Trinity becomes for us a permanent reminder of this communion with the Holy Father, as the granting of this title implies, and an invitation for us to intensify our prayers for him.

*Fr. Carlos Cabecinhas, Rector*

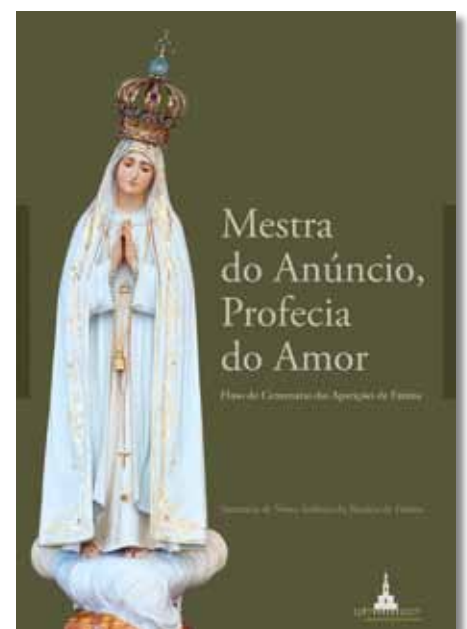
## “Teacher of the Announcement, Prophecy of Love”

On May 12, the Shrine of Fatima publicly divulged the brochure with the lyrics and music of the Hymn of the Centennial of the Apparitions of Fatima.

Let us recall that, after two national contests, the winners were the lyrics of Marco Daniel Duarte and the music of José Joaquim Ribeiro. The hymn, called “Teacher of the Announcement, Prophecy of Love”, was first sung during the International Anniversary Pilgrimage of May 2011. One year later, the brochure was published and is for sale at the Shrine’s Bookstore.

Let us hear what the Organizing Committee of the Centennial of the Apparitions wrote in that publication about it: “May

this aid lead the pilgrim of Fatima to look at the Mother of Clemency and Mercy, the Mother of Peace and Sweetness, at Mary, Teacher of the Announcement of God’s Truth to mankind, Who is the Prophecy of God’s Love lived by all mankind. Being a Humble Handmaid, She accepted the Word and kept it in Her Heart; at the foot of the Cross of Jesus, She united Herself to the Mystery of Redemption and received all men as Her children; while waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit, She persevered in prayer with the Apostles and associated Herself to the prayers of all mankind, thus becoming a model of prayer; in Heaven, Mary looks now with maternal love after the pilgrim Church”.



## Let us remember one another, united in the same faith!



Gianfranco Cardinal Ravasi, President of the Pontifical Council for Culture, presided over the anniversary pilgrimage of May 2012.

On the afternoon of the 12<sup>th</sup>, upon his arrival in Fatima, Cardinal Ravasi said, in talking to journalists, that “Fatima must be considered not only a place of faith but also of culture”: “Culture

is not only the artistic experience, but also the experience of a people. (...) Our culture has, as its polar star, on the one hand, the Bible, on the other, Christian tradition”.

In his homily of the Mass of May 13, he left us a concrete appeal to what he called “operative fraternity”: “We shouldn’t be afraid of getting our hands

dirty while helping the miserable ones of this Earth. What good does it do to have our hands clean by keeping them in the pockets?”

With his reflection always centered in the symbolism of the human body, the President of the Pontifical Council for Culture asked us, in Fatima, to “let our bodies, our eyes, our hands – symbols we have in ourselves – speak always to our hearts and guide our lives under the (attentive) eye of Mary and of Her Son Jesus. Let us remember one another, united in the same faith and in communion of affections, beyond the distances (that separate us) and the difficulties (caused to us) by the (different) languages”.

After the pilgrimage’s celebrations, in which about 300,000 pilgrims from 30 countries took part, Cardinal Ravasi signed the Guest Book of the Shrine and wrote on it: “I am greatly moved by the truly unique experience of spirituality, human intensity, festive welcome, which I experienced in Fatima. A warm hug (to all of you) in the serene presence of Mary!”

*Leopoldina Simões*

## Culture of giving is urgently needed



On the morning of June 13, during the Mass of the Anniversary Pilgrimage, prayer was offered “for those with difficulty to give meaning to life and death, so that they may rediscover in Christ, Who conquered death, a reason to recover hope”.

Prayer was also offered for “those who live in sin and experience the failure of their lives: that they don’t despair of the

mercy of God and of being accepted by the Church”.

Bishop José Manuel Cordeiro, of Bragança-Miranda, presided over this pilgrimage, which recalled the second apparition of Our Lady at Fatima on June 13, 1917.

In his words to the pilgrims and alluding to the theme of the pilgrimage – “What shall I do to obtain eternal life?” – Bishop Cordeiro stressed the importance of one’s offering to God: “Who offers himself to God offers himself also to others. To offer one’s life is to offer the secret of one’s life. And this secret we have learned it from Jesus Christ: Life is a gift and the secret of life consists in giving. Every person, in order to feel good, must give. A culture of giving is urgently needed, for this is the law of life. In this, God is our example”.

## Bishop of Lai, Chad, visits Fatima

The International Mass of June 13 was presided over by Bishop José Cordeiro, of Bragança-Miranda, and celebrated by Bishop António Marto, of Leiria-Fatima; Bishop Miguel Sebastián, of Lai, Chad; and 106 priests.

Bishop Miguel Ángel Sebastián Martínez is a Combonian Missionary and Bishop of the Diocese of Lai, Chad, a country in Central Africa. Being in Portugal for other reasons, he



wanted, nevertheless, to make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Fatima, where he took part in the celebrations of the morning of June 13, namely the recitation of the Rosary, in the Little Chapel, and the Outdoor Mass, in the Prayer Area.

## Vice-Prime Minister of Hungary prays, in Fatima, for the building of a nation of Mary

On May 12, the Vice-Prime-Minister of Hungary, Zsolt Semjén, visited the Shrine of Fatima, accompanied by his wife, Hungary's Ambassador to Portugal, Norbert Konkoly and Embassy's Adviser Katalin Szurovszky.

Their arrival in Fatima took place at 16h00. Starting at the South Rotunda, the group, guided by a member of the Association of Servites of Fatima, walked the Way of the Cross all the way to St. Stephen's Chapel, which they visited.

After that, the group went to the Shrine, where they were received, around 17h30, by the Head of the Shrine's Department of Pilgrim Ser-

vices, Natalina Ferreira, in the visiting room. After being greeted and receiving souvenirs from the Shrine of Fatima, Hungary's Vice-Prime-Minister signed the Guest Book, where he wrote the following message: "I pray to the Virgin of Fatima and to St. Stephen to help us follow the right path towards building a nation of Mary".

Immediately afterwards, Zsolt Semjén was greeted by the Rector of the Shrine, at the Little Chapel of Apparitions.

From 18h30 on, the group attended the official activities of the Anniversary Pilgrimage, namely the greeting, the Rosary, the Candlelight Procession and Holy Mass.



## Spanish Night Adoration on pilgrimage to Fatima



The annual pilgrimage of Spanish Night Adoration to the Shrine of Fatima took place on May 17 through 20. It is the largest foreign pilgrimage coming from only one country – Spain – and it has been coming here since 1987. More than 5,000 pilgrims made it to Cova da Iria. The organizers said that "God ought to be the only reason for the pilgrimage" and that the prayer intentions continue the same since the first pilgrimage to Fatima: "to pray for vocations to the priesthood and for the priests themselves".

Once in Fatima, the group had several moments of prayer and celebration, get-

together and partying... a "very intense and vibrant program of reflection and participation", according to the pilgrims themselves.

In front of the Outdoor Altar of the Prayer Area, *Adoración Nocturna Española* (Spanish Night Adoration) built a flower carpet whose central motif was a monstrance, obviously representing the monstrance donated in 2011 by the group to the Shrine of Fatima, and the logotype of the movement. The same flower work also alluded to the number of years this group peregrinates to Cova da Iria (1987-2012).

On the occasion of the pilgrimage, the group donated to the Shrine a new cloth panel to be placed behind the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima enthroned in the Little Chapel of Apparitions, the work of Architect Maria Joana Delgado.

The green color clearly alludes to the bucolic environment of the apparitions, given the fact that Our Lady appeared atop a holm-oak. However, the art-work carries a double meaning, since it also intends to symbolize the tree trunk of Jesse, meaning that Mary is part of the genealogy of Christ.



## Statue of Pilgrim Virgin visits “Nativity Scene of Street Sweepers”, Rome



For the first time ever, the Pilgrim Virgin of the Shrine of Fatima was brought in procession to the historic “Nativity Scene of Street Sweepers”, in Cavalleggeri Street, while passing through the vicinity of the Vatican.

The event, on May 20, was the last stop of the pilgrimage of Our Lady of Fatima, while in Rome. The solemn procession was presided over by Giuseppe Cardinal Bertello, President of Governatorato of the Vatican (Vatican Administration Office), and by the

local parish priest, Fr. Mario Castiglione.

Entirely made of stone and mortar, the nativity scene is composed of about 1900 stones and intends to represent, in each detail, the typical constructions of the Palestine of 2000 years ago. In its interior we find 100 homes built with limestone, having doors, windows and balconies, 100 lamps, a smoking chimney, 54 meters of road paved with stone slabs, 4 rivers 12 meters long total, 870 steps, 5

water fountains, 2 humid walls creating stalactites, a water well, 24 grottos excavated in the rock, and still 700 people, 165 sheep, 7 camels, 4 asses, 4 oxen and 2 dogs. In the hall that shelters the nativity scene, one finds 3 large religious paintings.

Amongst this year’s innovations is the genealogy of Jesus, Who leads us into the Nativity Grotto.

The “Nativity Scene of Street Sweepers” is a traditional destination for tourists, pilgrims and civil and religious personalities. Throughout all these years, it is estimated that more than 2 million people (as high as 2,000 per day) have admired the nativity scene. The Nativity Scene was also visited by several religious figures, including Madre Teresa of Calcutta, who, in 1996, prayed in the quiet and simple atmosphere of that place.

Different and rich in spirituality is the connection between the “Nativity Scene of Street Sweepers” and Pontiffs. A witness to that is the visit of Pope Paul VI in January 1974. However, it is specially John Paul II who gives importance to it, by frequently visiting it from the beginning of his Pontificate until 2002. Continuing this tradition, Pope Benedict XVI visited it in 2006.

*Moreno Maroni, Italy*

## “Devotees of the Virgin of Fatima” on pilgrimage to Fatima

We are an association recently created, called “Devotees of the Virgin of Fatima” and belong to the Parish of “Our Lady of Good View”, Getafe (Madrid). Although we have already for many years peregrinated to this Shrine, this time we did it for the second time as a new group.

Our pilgrimage began on March 22 with a letter from our Bishop blessing all the pilgrims peregrinating with us (128). We also enjoyed the company of three priests and one religious, who helped us to live intensely this pilgrimage.

We had the privilege of celebrating Holy Mass in the Little Chapel, at the feet of Our Most Holy Mother. We also did the Stations of the Cross, a Holy

Hour and, of course, prayed the daily Holy Rosary, so often requested by the Virgin at Fatima.

This was a pilgrimage marked by nu-

merous spiritual graces and great union amongst all pilgrims.

*Antonio Huerta Bustos*

Devotees of the Virgin of Fatima



## Shrine of Fatima in Rio de Janeiro celebrates first anniversary



*Little Chapel of Fatima, in Rio de Janeiro, inaugurated on May 28, 2011*

The first Feast of Our Lady of Fatima in the Chapel of Apparitions of Rio de Janeiro, inaugurated in May 2011, was recently celebrated on May 12/13 as it is done in Portugal: four daily Rosaries, Confessions throughout the day, Mass for the Sick, Candlelight Procession and Solemn Mass, presided over by the Most Rev. Virgílio Antunes, Bishop of Coimbra, Portugal, former Rector of the

Portuguese Shrine of Fatima, and celebrated by the Rector of the Shrine of Fatima of Rio de Janeiro, Canon José Gomes Moraes.

In his homily, Bishop Antunes recalled the history of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima and said that the Message of Fatima brings us joy, peace and life. He further said that, in order for the love of Fatima to grow, we have to

spread that Message, which consists in a call to conversion, penance and prayer: “We, devotees of Our Lady, have to be messengers of Mary. She keeps telling the world: ‘Love will save the world’. However, some think that human love suffices, but that is not so. Human love must be open to Divine Love. God is the source of all love”.

The devotees of Our Lady of Fatima showed up in great numbers during both days: about twenty thousand faithful.

The purpose of this Catholic space is to evangelize, to spread the Message of Fatima and to place Rio de Janeiro in the roadmap of Catholic pilgrimages in Brazil.

This Shrine is the result of us fulfilling the will of the Mother of God! We are only an instrument to bring about this holy work. A year after the inauguration of the Chapel of Fatima, our country is richer in faith, love, hope and solidarity. The words of the Mother calm, encourage, strengthen and teach us the true meaning of life.

*Berthaldo Soares*

Founder and President of the Archdiocesan Association ‘Afternoon with Mary’, in charge of the construction of the Shrine of Fatima

## Youths from Diocese of Guaxupé reflect on pastoral theme

Youths from the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima in Alfenas, Diocese of Guaxupé, Minas Gerais, Brazil, enjoyed the opportunity to reflect on the theme of the first apparition of Our Lady to the Little Shepherds on May 13, 1917: “Are you willing to offer yourselves to God?” The reflection took place between April 27 and May 19, when, in meetings, the youths reflected on this question, in order to conform their lives to God.

The youths belonging to the Group of Altar Servers in the above-mentioned Parish were led to this reflection by means of the Internet.

In one of the meetings, during sharing time, some said that “the offering of oneself ought to come from ourselves, it doesn’t depend on anyone else, despite the difficulties of our time, which lead us away from God”. They also said

that “life has no meaning unless we offer ourselves to Him”.

As a result of this reflection, a beautiful prayer came up: “Most Holy Trinity, we adore You! God of Love, faithful and just! Please grant us the grace of being like the Little Shepherds, who evangelized with faith and love, led by the request of Our Lady at Fatima. Before the pressing request ‘Are you willing to offer yourselves to God?’, they replied ‘Yes, we are willing to give ourselves totally to You, wishing to have a heart willing to keep Your commandments and to witness to them. Please grant us the necessary courage and perseverance, in order to – like Your Son Jesus Christ – unreservedly love Your Kingdom, and to be led by that same love to seek a better world. May we be signs for our community to always forge ahead

with faith, love and humility, in Your ways! May our youths make the difference amongst the other youths who ignore, negate and are today indifferent to Your Love! May Your grace descend on our people, so that they too may find the true way and may Your mercy also descend upon us who know the way and hope not to veer away from it! Finally, to You, O Lady of Fatima, Our Mother and Patroness, we come to You and ask You: lead us to Your Son and make that our good purpose may save us from sin through omission, through lack of commitment, through the closing the our ears to the voice of the Most Holy Trinity, which echoes throughout our lives! Amen!”

*Silas de Oliveira,*

Seminarian, Alfenas, Brazil

## Testimony of a trip back to the origins

# Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima is alive and well in Mozambique



In May 2007, I made a pilgrimage on foot to Fatima. In an evening during the journey, I listened to a talk by Msgr. Luciano Guerra, then rector of the Shrine of Fatima. He tells a story related to the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima throughout the world. In my heart I felt a strong impulse: why not make a documentary on the Fatima devotion throughout the world?!

This year, in order to complete the project which reports on the impressive impact Our Lady of Fatima causes in the heart of so many faithful, our task is Africa, Asia and Oceania.

My heart was beating expectantly regarding the filming in Mozambique, where we had filmed between the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. I was born there, precisely in Pemba, Cabo Delgado. I left the then so-called Porto Amélia, Capital of Cabo Delgado, when I was 6 months old.

Before leaving to do the filming, my sister, older than me some 8 years, still vividly recalling the Capital of Cabo Delgado, showed me pictures of the home where I was born and of the church where I was baptized, the Church of St. Paul. I was taken aback when, in the church, I saw, prominently displayed, a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima. I was baptized in a church which had devotion to Our Lady of Fatima! It was as if the call to spread the Message of Fatima had sounded from the cradle. And I wondered whether the statue and the de-

vation were still there after the passing of 50 years?!

For the next episode of the series “Fatima and the World”, we covered the celebrations of May 12/13 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, in Namaacha, distant about 80km (50 miles) from Maputo... a sea of people, holding lighted candles waving in the wind of celestial hymns and, above all, a tender and moving love for Our Lady. The Apparitions of Fatima are like a fire burning in the heart of Mozambicans, such as ex-President Chissano or the loving Minister of Public Administration, Vitória Diogo.

Then followed Nampula, the first Cathedral dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, where, during the civil war, Mozambique was consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of Peace.

And in Pemba, the church where I was baptized? I first went to and entered the home and then the room where, by natural birth, I was born. After re-creating, in my imagination, my mother, praying daily, on her knees, the Rosary, with me in her lap, I went to see the church. The same statue of Our Lady of Fatima, in a prominent place, was waiting for me. Tears ran down my cheeks. So many things with so much meaning! There was my baptism registered.

*Manuel Arouca*  
 author of audio-visual project  
 “Fatima and the World”

## “Fatima and the World”

Because in fact the devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima goes well beyond our national borders, “Fatima and the World” is an audiovisual project developed with the purpose of making known the universal impact generated by the events of 1916 and 1917 in that town in the center of Portugal. It is a daring project, which intends to give visibility to the strong message radiating from Fatima to all mankind.

Having been proposed by its author, both regular and script writer Manuel Arouca, to the Shrine of Fatima, it was right away embraced by this institution, which views it as the main audiovisual project of the cultural program developed by the Shrine for the commemorations of the Centennial of the Apparitions.

The first episode of this series is titled “Fatima and Europe – the History” and narrates, with rhythm, drama, mystery and fascination, the astounding connection of Fatima to the great events of the XX century: World War II, the Cold War and the attempt on Pope John Paul II’s life, followed by the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The second episode of the project “Fatima and the World” is titled “Fatima and Europe – Shrines and Testimonies” and narrates how some of the many and so diverse shrines dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima throughout Europe were born. It also tells some stories about miracles and healings attributed to Our Lady of Fatima, specially the cure of Padre Pio on the occasion of the visit of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to Italy.

After the first two episodes focused on Europe, the third one – “Fatima and South America” – highlights the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima in Brazil and other South-American countries, such as Argentina and Venezuela. The film follows the same scheme as the previous ones. It highlights personal stories and testimonies of conversion and devotion and those connected to the birth and development of some of the countless places of devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima in South America.

The series will still develop other episodes related to North America, Africa, Asia and Oceania. The episodes already produced are available for sale at the Bookstore of the Shrine of Fatima ([livraria@fatima.pt](mailto:livraria@fatima.pt)).

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## Shrine of Maria Vesperbild

# Devotion to Our Lady in Germany

The most visited Shrine of Fatima in Germany is probably the place of pilgrimage Maria Vesperbild, in the center of Schwaben.

At the Shrine of Maria Vesperbild, Fatima days are celebrated in a special way for more than 50 years.

In the meantime, the grotto was amplified significantly, so that large candles can also be left burning there during rainy days.

Every year, a pilgrimage calendar is published with the schedule of the celebrations and events taking place at the Shrine. The 88-page calendar includes many pictures, prayers and offers of spiritual programs.

Four pages are entirely dedicated to the presence of the Shrine in the Internet; we have our own homepage, [www.maria-vesperbild.de](http://www.maria-vesperbild.de), where the

calendar and our newsletter can be subscribed for free.

Several other Internet addresses invite the visitors to enter this site of ours in order to make a pilgrimage by means of the Internet.

A whole set of gestures of devotion and traditional popular piety, including candlelight procession, blessing of vehicles, procession of the Blessed Sacrament, amongst others, and specially the devotion of the Scapular, are lived and celebrated at this Shrine. The day of Fatima, the 13<sup>th</sup>, is particularly lively.

Frequent shows of music groups and choirs from Schwaben show off the deep regional roots of this Shrine. The indulgences one can earn during a jubilee year are duly publicized.

The Rectory of the Shrine offers



also a special service through outdoor screens placed in front of the Church. These screens make it possible for everyone outside the temple to take part in the more important Masses at the Shrine. Many families with small children take advantage of this opportunity to participate peacefully in the celebrations, although there is also another opportunity for parents and children to participate quietly in the Mass by means of a television screen mounted in the Hall for Parents and Children.

Trip plans, description of how to get there, lists of several offerings and lodging opportunities as well as images of popular religious art give a good image of the Shrine.

*Taken from a message of Fr. Wilhelm Imkamp, Apostolic Protonotary, Rector of the Shrine*



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## Pilgrim's Itinerary - An invitation

Pilgrims are invited by the Shrine to recall the first apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, event that is being specially celebrated throughout this pastoral year.

Titled "Pilgrim's Itinerary", this initiative takes, this year, on the designation of the current pastoral theme "Are you willing to offer yourselves to God?", by retaking the question the Virgin addressed to the three Little Shepherds on May 13, 1917. This Itinerary follows on the steps of the first Itinerary, begun in the previous pastoral year, when the pilgrims were able to walk through the sites of the apparitions of the Angel in 1916, at Valinhos and at Aljustrel, an activity that was meant to recall the appeals of the Messenger of Peace and to urge everyone to have an attitude according to those appeals.

This year's Pilgrim's Itinerary proposes again a physical walk, this time through several sites of the Shrine of Fatima in Cova da Iria, but the main goal continues to be to make the pilgrim accomplish, while walking through those places, a spiritual journey, in an atmosphere of prayer and meditation.

Next to the Nativity Scene located to the left of the Rectory Building, in a place properly identified, individually or in a group, the pilgrim is invited to pick up a leaflet containing the suggested itinerary, although he may make the walk (mentally), without going physically through the sites.



*Itinerary available in seven languages*

The leaflet-script starts with the question posed by the Virgin in Fatima – "Are you willing to offer yourselves to God?" – and the reply of the Little Shepherds – "Yes, we are!", in order to urge the pilgrim to prepare his own reply and the consequent attitude.

The walk starts right there, next to the Nativity Scene, and begins by recalling Jesus' offer of Himself, the Son of God. Afterwards, the pilgrim is invited to turn his glance towards the Little Chapel, where the Statue of Our Lady is enthroned, and to recall Mary's offering of Herself.

The next step of the itinerary is the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, where the Three Little Shepherds are entombed. This is the proper place to recall and meditate on the offering of the

Seers, who, with their response to the love of God, also offered themselves as collaborators in the work of redemption.

The walks and stops in the Itinerary are marked by calls to prayer, individually and in silence. At the end, if he so wishes, the pilgrim may tear off a portion of the leaflet and write on it his firm purposes for a life with God and his brothers and to hand over that message to someone in charge, who will deposit it in the hollow bottom of the pedestal on which sits the Statue of Our Lady. This is to be done at the last stage of the Itinerary, the Little Chapel of Apparitions.

*Leopoldina Simões*

## Livorno's Movement of the Message of Fatima approved

The Movement of the Message of Fatima in the Diocese of Livorno, Tuscany, Italy, was born on April 2, when Bishop Simone Giusti approved its By-Laws with Decree #329/12/VD.

This new movement is one with the Portuguese Movement of the Message of Fatima, headquartered at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. Its purpose is to promote the Message of Fatima in the parishes of Livorno, but also in other parishes and dioceses, if allowed to. It intends to spread the Message of Fatima, the practice of the 'Five First Saturdays of the Month', the devotion and the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The approved By-Laws foresees also the organization of Marian pilgrimages to the Shrine of Fatima, in order to better stress the message the White Lady brought to Mankind.

Lay persons who belong to the Movement, who are consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, have the mission of evangelizing everywhere.

The Movement intends to join every initiative proposed by the Shrine of Fatima in its pastoral plans; a great grace for the Diocese of Livorno and all Tuscany!

The local Movement of the Message of Fatima has its diocesan headquarters at the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima in Livorno. The pastor, Fr. Giorgio Eschini, is the spiritual assistant of the Movement.

Alessandra Bimbi and Silvia Fiorini went on pilgrimage to Fatima and there deposited the By-Laws and the Decree, together with a letter of recommendation by Bishop Giusti, in the hands of the Rector of the Shrine of Fatima, Fr. Carlos Cabecinhas, and of Bishop António Marto, of Leiria-Fatima.

Thanks, Our Lady of Fatima, for leading us in this new mission, which will bring new souls to work together towards the great triumph of Your Immaculate Heart!

*Alessandra Bimbi and Silvia Fiorini  
MMF – Livorno, Italy*

