



**More than 199,000 Confessions in 2007**

**Chapel of Reconciliation: More than 199,000 Confessions in 2007 at the Shrine of Fatima Fatima is more and more sought as a place of encounter with God's Mercy** Taking into account that the year 2000's theme is 'God is Merciful Love', we are glad to notice how the Mother of God guides Her children towards an encounter with the Mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The numbers speak for themselves. In 2007, at the Shrine of Fatima, 199,333 people went to Confession, 9,016 more than the previous year. From amongst them, there were 34,653 foreigners, 1,049 more than the previous year. The 190 priests hearing confessions throughout 2007 did a good job. They came from Brazil, Angola and Mozambique, Portuguese speaking countries; but also from Malta, Italy, Spain and other foreign-language speaking countries. A heartfelt thanks to these priests for the good work they did, for they are God's main collaborators in the realm of grace. Fatima, 2007.03.03 Fr. Clemente Dotti Shrine's Chaplain in charge of Reconciliation

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