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On the way to the centennial



“In seven years you will return here to celebrate the centenary of the first visit made by the Lady ‘come from heaven’ (...) 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”. So spoke Pope Benedict XVI during his pilgrimage to Fatima last May. To fulfill the Pope’s wish, we began, at the beginning of Advent 2010, a period of seven years of celebrations, all the way to 2017, the Jubilee Year. During them, we will walk the itinerary of the Apparitions of the Angel of Peace and those of Our Lady, under the motto: “My Immaculate Heart will lead you to God”.

During the first year, the one we are in, we chose, as the event of the history of Fatima, the three Apparitions of the Angel to the Little Shepherds, in Spring, Summer and Fall of 1916. As preparation for the later meetings with Our Lady, the Angel invited them to adore God, Most Holy Trinity. He taught them some prayers, which they used to repeat constantly: My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You; Most Holy Trinity, Father and Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly... He invited them to prostrate themselves before the Blessed Sacrament and awoke in their hearts an immense love for God and neighbor, specially poor sinners.

The entire pastoral ministry of the Shrine of Fatima and of the organizers of pilgrimages ought to, this year, be focused on awakening, in pilgrims, the attitude of adoration of God. To recall the Apparitions of the Angel, his words and gestures, the prayers he taught and the acceptance they had in the hearts of the Little Shepherds will constitute a school of adoration for every-

body. To that end, the Shrine has prepared the Itinerary of the Pilgrim, which the Shrine invites everyone to walk through this year. It starts at the Shrine itself, continues through the Way of the Little Shepherds up to *Loça do Cabeço* (Hilltop Grotto) and *Poço do Arneiro* (Arneiro’s Well), the sites of the Apparitions of the Angel, and ends up at the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Complex of Most Holy Trinity Church. A leaflet, available in six languages, will be the guide for the entire course and for the different activities.

The Messenger of God invites us to adore God; Mary walks with us on this as well as on all the itineraries of our lives; She Herself teaches us how to adore and She Herself adores with us Her Son Jesus Christ.

We wish that in Fatima, or in any part of the world where the Message has arrived, this year may constitute a school of adoration of God, the school of Mary, in response to the invitation of the Angel of Peace. This is the great contribution Our Lady of Fatima offers to the Church for the new evangelization of the world.

Fr. Virgílio Antunes, Rector

Logotype of the centennial

Due to the Apparitions and, consequently, the spirituality that emerged and took root in Fatima, the Shrine welcomes thousands of pilgrims. To them – visually speaking – the Basilica and its bell tower are a goal to reach, the sign that they have arrived at the destination, at the site of the Apparitions. Thus one came to the conclusion that the tower is an unequivocal symbol of Fatima, of the Apparitions of Our Lady, of the Little Shepherds and of Faith.

With this image and the dates of the Centennial, a logotype was created, in which one of the digits in the date of the Apparitions was substituted by a cross in order to signal the Christian character of the event.



The author, Inês do Carmo

Fatima is a pastoral program



The solemn inaugural session of the seven-year walk towards the centennial of the Apparitions took place, on December 1, 2010, at Paul VI Pastoral Center, in the Shrine of Fatima.

The session began with the inauguration of the exhibition “Pray with me!”, (see pag. 3).

It continued with a presentation by the Bishop of Leiria-Fátima:

“The memorable date of the Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima is fast approaching on the horizon of time. 2017 will, without a doubt, be a Jubilee Year, as required by the importance of the event”.

He went on to say also that “the celebration of the centennial is not only a historical recollection. It is, above all, an occasion to be conscious that the appeal of Our Lady at Fatima didn’t echo in vain; that Her message continues to exercise a beneficial influence today, and will continue in the future, in the journey of the Church and in the history of mankind”.

The Rector of the Shrine of Fatima announced the principal initiatives and celebrations planned, specially the ones for the first year of the seven-year period,

which will always be announced on the pages of “Fatima Luz e Paz”.

This is what he had to say: “The greatest sign that Fatima is a living history can be found in the crowds of men and women that, in Portugal and throughout the World, have the eyes and the heart fixed on this place and on this message. In fact, when an event, even one that happened a long time ago, continues to inspire ways of feeling, believing and living, it is a sign that it is alive indeed”.

Theologian João Duque presented the thematic course for the pastoral year 2010-2011: “This first year, on our way to the celebration of the Centennial of the Apparitions at Fatima, deals with fundamental elements of the contents of the Apparitions of the Angel. It is necessary, therefore, to start with the meaning of those apparitions and their contents. An Angel is, first of all, a messenger of God. Whenever God wants to communicate with men, to reveal to them something important to their lives, He does it, above all, through the voice and the presence of an Angel. It is true that God, when He reveals something to us, is revealing also something of Himself. Therefore, it

is God Who reveals Himself to human beings; it is He – and He alone – the subject and the content of that revelation”.

The Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon concluded the session with a reflection on current events and the need of the Message of Fatima for the world and specially for Portugal: “Fatima is a pastoral program. Our Lady came here and it was here that She wanted to reveal this, it was here that She wanted to express that the people of Portugal was Her first choice for this world message. She left us a great challenge. This program prepared by the Rector made me think again of this preoccupation of mine: is it not here, perhaps, a pastoral program? (...) We may find here, perhaps, in very simple form, a certainty on the way for the New Evangelization: to include Fatima in God’s salvific design for us”.

Those who attended the session enjoyed a performance by the children’s choir of the Shrine of Fatima (Schola Cantorum Pastorinhos de Fátima) and also another one by the adults’ Choir of the Shrine of Fatima.

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This Internet page was inaugurated on December 1, 2010. It purports to be a means to divulge the activities and initiatives related to the commemorations of the Centennial of the Apparitions. It is available in several languages and wishes to be one more means for the spread of the message of and the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima throughout the World.

It presents the thematic itinerary for the seven years separating us from 2017 as well as the itinerary for each year of this celebrative cycle. Several texts reflect on topics related to the message of Fatima, others propose activities of prayer and catechesis.

Invitation

Perfectly connected with the official page of the Shrine of Fatima (www.fatima.pt), this new official project has a space titled “Centennial of the Apparitions of Fatima throughout the World”, whose purpose is to announce the initiatives taken a little throughout

www.fatima2017.org

the whole World in order to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of the Angel and those of Our Lady at Fatima.

The greeting of the opening of the site, in video, is made by the Bishop of Leiria-Fátima. The Most Rev. António Marto presents

a summary of the principal meanings of the commemoration of the Centennial and invites everybody to participate in it.

Here is what he has to say: “In this sense, throughout the whole message, Our Lady offers us Her Heart and Eyes so that we may be able to contemplate the love and mercy of God towards mankind and also towards this so difficult moment of historical change mankind is going through. My wish is that you

may find here an appeal and a certain attraction to participate in all this series of celebrations, events and activities, of all kinds, which the Shrine of Fatima is going to offer, so that the message of the Lady dressed in white may be a message of light and hope for our times”.

“Pray with me!”

Inaugurated on December 1, 2010, the exhibition “*Pray with me!*” is open to the public in the Exhibition Hall at the Galilee of Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul in the Complex of Most Holy Trinity Church, Fatima/Portugal, until October 31, 2011. Admission is free.

On the occasion of the opening of the exhibition, in the presence of Bishop António Marto, of Leiria-Fátima, the Rector of the Shrine of Fátima, Fr. Virgílio Antunes, expressed his wish that this initiative be an invitation to better make known the history and the message of the Apparitions of the Angel of Peace at Fátima, in 1916.

Marco Daniel Duarte, person in charge of the exhibition, stressed that “placed in the context of evoking the bucolic environment of Valinhos and Aljustrel, the paintings and sculptures



as well as the relics being exhibited seek to make pilgrims and visitors enjoy, esthetically and spiritually, the narrations of the Apparitions of the Angel in 1916”.

He further explains: “This exhibi-

tion ends with a nucleus titled «On the threshold of the Message», thus wishing to express that the figure of the Angel was the precursor of the Marian Apparitions that, in the following year, happened at Fátima”.

Catechesis at the Shrine of Fatima

Since the beginning of Pastoral Year 2010-2011, at the end of November, several panels inspired in the theme proposed by the Shrine for its pilgrims and visitors – “Most Holy Trinity, I adore You Profoundly” - were placed on the side alamedas of the Prayer Area of the Shrine of Fatima.

Thus, during the entire first year of celebration of the Centennial of the Apparitions, it is possible to recall, by means of 13 panels distributed throughout the north and south alamedas, the Apparitions of the Angel at Fátima, in 1916, together with some symbols and exhortations taken from their message, such as prayer, penance, adoration and the Eucharist.

The panels are enriched with photographic images of several works of art and monuments located in different places of the Shrine of Fatima.

Regarding this initiative, the Rector of the Shrine explains: “That merciful cry of God, Who made Himself heard through His Messenger, the Angel of Peace, continues to echo throughout the world, which welcomed the Message of Fátima. After the long night of faith, the XX century, and now with the new millennium under the sign of hope, it is urgent to listen to the voice of the Messenger, who teaches us to say, as he taught the Little Shepherds: My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You!; Most Holy Trinity, I adore You profoundly!”

You can see all the panels (in Portuguese) in www.fatima.pt.

Shrine holds symposium in June

As part of the program and in the context of the overall theme of the first year of the seven-year program for the celebra-

tions of the Centennial of the Apparitions of 2017, the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal will hold, on June 24 thru 26 of 2011, a theological-pastoral symposium titled “To adore God in spirit and truth – Adoration as acceptance and commitment”.

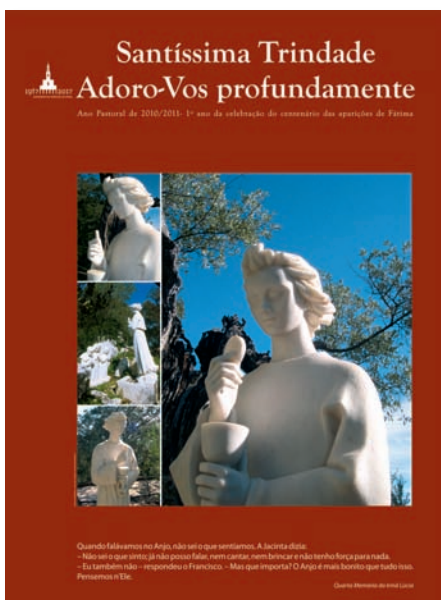
Several topics will be proposed to the participants for their reflection, amongst others: God in today’s culture; God questions us through His Spirit; The theocentric aspect of the message of Fátima; To pray to God through Christ in the Spirit with Mary; Ways to seek and announce God in today’s world.

Besides these conferences, there will be panels whose purpose will be to facilitate more specific interpretations of the overall theme in areas such as music, cinema, iconography, education and sociology.

The final program will be divulged at the appropriate time.



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Miner from Chile peregrinates to Fatima

Luis Urzúa, one of the 33 miners rescued from the Mine of San José, Chile, on October 13, after two months spent at 700 meters below the surface, visited, on the morning of December 10, the Shrine of Fatima, where he thanked Our Lady of Fatima for his rescue and that of his companions.

On arrival at the Rectory, Luis Urzúa was received by the Chaplain in charge of welcoming Spanish-speaking pilgrims, Fr. Ángel Alonso Ramirez, a Spaniard, who greeted him on behalf of all the personnel of the Shrine.

“I am in Portugal since Monday (December 6). Today I’ll be returning to Chile. The Portuguese were marvelous. Yesterday I called my wife – I have two children – to tell her that today I would be coming to Fatima. She was very happy”, he said.

During a guided visit to the exhibition “Fatima Light and Peace”, Urzúa, looking at a picture of the three seers, said: “I know them very well; they are the Three Little Shepherds of Fatima”.

During the time the group was imprisoned underground, they prayed every day. The first days, before we got a sign that they had found us, were very difficult, but faith and hope never left us” he recalled and added that they went hungry, were afraid, but never panicked.

“God was the 34th miner, was always with us, at our side”, Urzúa said.



And he recalls: “At times we asked God to have people pray for us, while we also prayed for those working on our rescue, that they didn’t lose the heart to do what had to be done”.

Leopoldina Simões

Shrine receives visit from the Island of Malta

The spouse of the Prime Minister of Malta, Mrs. Catherine Gonzi, was received in the Rectory of the Shrine of Fatima on the afternoon of November 9, 2010.

She was greeted by the Head of the Pilgrim Services Department, Natalina Ferreira, and by Fr. Clemente Dotti, Chaplain of the Shrine.

The priest welcomed her and the entire group accompanying her, stressed the faith that unites the people of Malta to Fatima

and recalled the number of pilgrims that every year heads from that country to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.

Catherine Gonzi thanked everybody for the reception and confirmed the faith of the Maltese people. Specifically, she spoke of the faith of her family, of her spouse, now Prime Minister. And she recalled that, before entering political life, the couple was in charge, for several years, of Catholic Action in Malta.

She wrote on the Book of Honor: “We came here because we believe in the apparitions of Our Lady. Our Lady, pray for us!”

She prayed the Rosary with her entourage before the Statue of Our Lady, in the Little Chapel of Apparitions, and took the opportunity to attend the Mass about to be celebrated there.

She manifested her gratitude and returned to Lisbon, where the husband, Prime Minister of Malta Lawrence Gonzi, was taking part in a congress.

Fr. Clemente Dotti



“The messages of Our Lady are, for men and women, a new world based in conversion to the love of God and of our neighbor, based in forgiveness, mercy and solidarity. Let us pray, through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima, that the Lord may grant peace to the Church and to men of good will”.

*Bishop Geraldo Agnelo
Archbishop of San Salvador da
Bahia, Brazil*

Oct. 13, 2010 – Book of Honor of
the Shrine of Fatima

Our Lady visits the Philippines

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visited the Philippines last July 1 through October 14, 2010. The visitation was sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) of the Philippines.

The Pilgrim Virgin Visitation is one of the apostolate programs of the WAF of the Philippines, one way to form in and to promote the authentic message of Our Lady of Fatima.

The Statue visited twenty-seven archdioceses and dioceses in the country. Our Lady visited not only cathedrals and parish churches, but also chapels of seminaries, primary and secondary schools, universities, prisons, police training camps and hospitals.



The primary purpose of the visitation is to revive and strengthen the devotion of Filipino families to Our Blessed Mother through formation in and promotion of the authentic message of Fatima.

Every visit to the scheduled venue of the Statue of Our Lady is an occasion to renew the consecration to Her Immaculate Heart and to crown the Statue in recognition of Our Lady's Queenship.

During the three and a half month visitation of Our Lady, many miracles occurred. Miracles of conversion and healing started to occur along

the course of Her pilgrimage as soon as it got under way. Most of the clergy in the parishes gave of their time to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and, thus, thousands of faithful were spiritually healed and amended their lives.

Large crowds of faithful and devotees of Our Lady attended the Eucharistic celebrations and venerated Our Lady. Some Protestants were also seen venerating the Statue of Our Lady.

The visit of Our Lady concluded on October 13 at Cebu Sports Complex, in the Archdiocese of Cebu. His Eminence Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal, D.D., Archbishop of Cebu presided over Holy Mass. Approximately ten thousand devotees of Our Lady attended the event.

On October 14, 2010, a delegation traveled to Fatima/Portugal in order to return the Statue. On October 17, the delegates turned over the Statue to Rev. Fr. Virgilio Antunes, Rector of the Shrine of Fatima, and expressed their gratitude to him for having allowed the Statue to visit the Philippines.

The visited ended on October 13, but the Filipino devotees of Our Lady continue to seek Her intercession in order to strengthen their faith and devotion and to obtain from Her peace and protection.

Nelson M. Tandingan
President of World Apostolate of Fatima of the Philippines

Memories from a pilgrimage to Fatima

Joy and Gratitude

I am the millionth humble pilgrim who left for Fatima, on September 10, 2010, from my City of Massafra (TA), Puglia, Italy, with my spouse Carmela, my beloved daughter Olga and a group of pilgrims from the Diocese of Castellaneta/TA. There I stopped in adoring and silent prayer at the Little Chapel of Apparitions, meditating on that statue and reflecting on the mystery of human life, its birth and development in an atmosphere of affection, understanding, acceptance and love.

In Fatima one breathes the perfume of the Blessed Mother, Who gives us Jesus, Who leads us to Jesus, Who teaches us that our life is called to be a great Annunciation.

Our entire pilgrimage was a marvelous experience, for it was faced with the proper Spirit of humility and fraternity.

At Fatima the Virgin Mary manifested sadness; at Syracuse She weeps for days; at other places She sheds tears of blood and always asks for penance, conversion and prayer. The "Civilization of Love", fervently hoped for by Pope Paul VI, is late in coming. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina called the Holy Rosary the "Weapon" against all the attacks of the Evil One. His spiritual testament was simply this: "Love and make Our Lady loved; pray and make others pray the Rosary".

At the end of this pilgrimage, it is true that our feet walk away from your gates, O **FATIMA**, but our hearts depart full of what we longed for: **MARY**.

This meeting has left inside us a mark that nobody can ever erase. We rejoice, knowing that we will never separate ourselves from Mary: She is and always will be with us; with Her we will always stay.

I end these reflections of mine with fear and trembling, in the words of St. Paul, entrusting myself to Most Holy Mary, the Virgin of **FATIMA**, asking Her to look after our families, after the world of work, after those who have strayed away from their Faith.

Taken from a letter of Nicola Guarnieri



Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Serra Grande

An echo of Fatima in Brazil



The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Serra Grande, in the Northeast of Brazil, is united to Fatima in Portugal both by the devotion and by the statue of Our Lady venerated here. At the end of 2005, I wrote to the then Rector of the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal, Msgr. Luciano Guerra, telling him about this shrine and asking him to donate a statue to be venerated here, request which he promptly attended.

This shrine was officially founded precisely on the day the statue arrived here, October 13, 2006. It is a diocesan shrine and a center of pilgrimage for this entire region of Brazil.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, here in Serra Grande, is a complex with

many spaces to receive pilgrims of Our Lady. Chapel of Mercy, Chapel of the Mother of God and Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament are already finished. At this time we are still working on the construction of the temple itself. We perhaps have a structure too big for our status and condition: more than 5,000m² of covered area. The area built will end up being 20,000m². This shows the strength of the presence of Our Lady of Fatima in this land of Brazil.

We believe that this shrine will come to be, in a short time, one of the largest shrines in the Northeast of Brazil. We are led to this conviction by precisely the strength of the devotion and the great number of pilgrims who visit it.

On every 13th of every month, more than 15,000 pilgrims visit this shrine. We have six Masses on the 13th. Also on Sundays we receive many caravans of pilgrims from the whole region. Our goal is to be a center of pilgrimage, evangelization and Marian spirituality, an echo of Fatima here in Brazil...

The Apparitions of Fatima go beyond the borders of Portugal and reach a universal audience. We believe that this is due to the content of the message of Our Lady at Fatima, deeply rooted in the Gospel.

Fr. António Irineu,
www.santuariodefatima.org.br

Our Lady of Fatima in Cordoba

From the Parish of St. Sebastian in Villanueva de Córdoba, Spain, we received several pictures that show the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima in this Andalusia town, which has as patron saints Our Lady Virgin of the Moon and St. Sebastian. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima seen in the picture is venerated in the parish church since 1955. Every year, during the month of May, month of Mary, the Statue is placed near the main altar, to be venerated by all.

In the Department of Research and Information (SESDI) of the Shrine of Fatima there is more information on this Spanish diocese. In 2008, the Department of Pilgrim Services of the Shrine received from *Irmandad Virgen de Fatima* (Confraternity of the Virgin of Fatima), in Cordoba, a letter telling us that, in the 60's and the 70's, a new district of Cordoba was named Fatima and the main avenue through the district was named Avenida Virgen de Fatima. The letter stated further that the *Irmandad Virgen de Fatima* received canonical approval in February 1981. A few years later, in 1991, the then Bishop of Cordoba, Most Rev. José Antonio Infantes Florido, wrote to the Shrine of Fatima: "In this diocese the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima is remarkable. One hardly can find a parish, a church or an oratory without a statue, although it may be a small one, dedicated to this devotion".



Our Lady of Fatima in Africa

Fatima is going to celebrate the Centennial of the Apparitions a little throughout the whole world. Portugal is serious about it, for, as Cardinal José Policarpo, Patriarch of Lisbon, put it, “Fatima is a pastoral program”.

How extraordinary is the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima throughout the world!

Let me share with you some of my experiences throughout Angola and Mozambique.

Fatima in Angola...

You arrive in Luanda and, not long after a ride through the city, you find the large and beautiful Church of Our Lady of Fatima.

After a long trip to the Central Plateau, you come across the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, well into the heart of the high city, Huambo, a project dreamt and built by Fr. Manuel Moutinho, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, who lived out his last years in Barcelos, Portugal, but would often come to Fatima to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Shrine.

Going down to Lubango and visiting the poorest suburban districts, one can find the Church of Our Lady of Fatima of Lalula, built by Fr. Agostinho Brígido, also a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and a native of Caranguejeira/Leiria, Portugal, a great devotee of Fatima.

...and in Mozambique

While flying over Nampula, you can't miss the silhouette of its great Cathedral. When you enter it, you immediately notice that it is dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. Large paintings of Sousa Araújo – responsible for many of the paintings and stained-glass windows of the Basilica of Fatima, Portugal, and for the construction of many churches: Vale Figueira, St. John and St. Peter of Estoril, Portugal; and Turlock, California, U.S.A.... – connect it with Fatima. It serves as Cathedral ever since the Diocese was founded.

Close to Maputo, near the border with Swaziland, is located the Shrine of Namaacha, a center of pilgrimages that saw its brightest limelight at the end of the colonial period. It was damaged during the civil war, but today it is the goal of many pilgrims, while reconstruction is moving along.

Fr. Tony Neves

Nampula



Huambo



Namaacha



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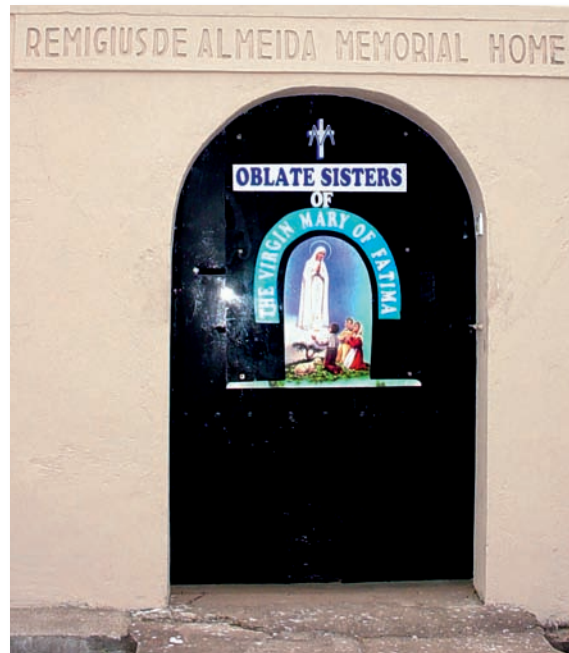
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Institution for poor children dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima Mission of the Oblate Sisters of Mary Virgin of Fatima in Sri Lanka

On November 11, 2009, in the presence of His Excellency Most Rev. Malcom Rajnit, of Mother General of the Oblate Sisters of Mary Virgin of Fatima, Sister M. M. Pia Quaglino, of the Apostolic Nuncio, Bishop Joseph Spite-ri, and of many faithful, friends and benefactors, an educational institution was inaugurated for the poor children of Moratuwa called "Institution Our Lady of Fatima".

This institution, dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, was built thanks to the generous donation of Mrs. DeAlmeida, who, before she died, bequeathed her home for the construction of this building, but also thanks to innumerable donations from many Italian benefactors and friends, who, attracted to this mission, became instruments of God's Providence and generously built this educational project.

Many poor children of the area, both boys and girls, who do not have a chance to regularly attend school, are being received in this institution in order to receive a proper educa-



tion: human, religious and professional formation, in order to live a decent life. Children will have the opportunity to study, to learn the English language, to learn how to use the computer and to receive a good education and a formation that will prepare them for complete integration in society, while it gives them also the possibility of having extracurricular activities and time for healthy amusement.

This opportunity of moral, cultural and professional formation offered to the new generation, specially to the poorest of the poor, is a privileged way to promote the rich potential of the people of Sri Lanka.

This work was entrusted to the Virgin of Fatima so that She may support and look after everyone in order to fulfill the mission entrusted to this community, in the Love of God and for the welfare of all our poor brothers and sisters.

*Community of the Oblate Sisters of Mary Virgin of Fatima
Moratuwa – Sri Lanka*

In Russia a new magazine inspired in Fatima is born

In September 2010, in Russia, the first issue of the magazine *Dom Neporochnogo Serdtsa* was published. It is a Marian and Catholic magazine which wants to contribute to the spreading of the Message of Fatima and of the devotion to the Icon of (Our Lady of) Fatima in Russia. Besides that, in it we seek to include everything a Catholic needs to maintain alive his faith: prayers, doctrine, Bible, ethics, history, humor ... and so on.

The name of the magazine means Home of the Immaculate Heart (of Mary). That is: ever since Our Lady requested that she be consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart, Russia – traditionally called home of Mary – is the *Home of the Immaculate Heart (of Mary)*.

The name of the magazine also has another meaning full of hope: the desire that in a not so distant future we may build a small shrine dedicated to the Icon of (Our Lady of) Fatima, shrine that

would really become the Home of the Immaculate Heart (of Mary).

The Devotion to (Our Lady of) Fatima and the spreading of the Message of Fatima throughout Russia is very important. When the Virgin asked the Pope to consecrate Russia, She conditioned her conversion upon an act of the Holy Father in union with all the Bishops of the World. With this She taught us that, without union with the Holy Father and the entire Church, Russia can't reach the fullness of her faith. This teaching of the Virgin has two aspects. First, the Catholic Church has to worry about Russia, because the Virgin has asked specially the Pope to take care of Russia. Second, Russia must become aware of the need to be united with the Universal Church. Our magazine wants to help Russia become aware of this need.

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