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MBEYA

SIGNED PLEDGES SENT TO FATIMA IN 1997

Below is a listing of the **fifty-nine Apostolate of Fatima nations** who have sent signed pledges of **new members** to Fatima in 1997. It seems that 1997 was not a good year for getting new members. In the files of the **Internatinal Secretariat** we have **140 member nations** in varying stages of development of the **Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army)**. **Eighty-seven** of these nations sent **no signed pledges** in 1997. Some Leaders may have forgotten to send their accumulated pledges and it is for this reason that each year we extend the deadline for sending pledges to Fatima to the end of February of the following year. Thus, signed pledges for 1998 may be sent to the International Secretariat until February 28, 1999. Once each year the signed pledges are **buried** near the **Site of the Apparitions** in Fatima as a symbolic gesture of members' presence in the Sanctuary of Fatima. During 1997 a total of **56,990 signed pledges** have been sent to Fatima.

Philippines	33,229	Argentina	43
United States	5,866	Uganda	37
Puerto Rico	3,683	Netherlands	27
Ghana	2,883	Malta	21
Korea	1,656	Gabon	19
Mexico	1,597	Colombia	17
Spain	1,108	Suriname	16
Cameroon	897	Russia	14
Germany	895	Zambia	13
Nigeria	788	Gambia, The	10
Tanzania	733	Honduras	5
Venezuela	498	New Zealand	4
Sri Lanka	396	Singapore	4
Czech Republic	367	Portugal	4
Ireland	291	South Africa	3
Togo	237	El Salvador	3
Brazil	200	India	2
Peru	174	Benin	2
Italy	164	Switzerland	1
Hong Kong (includes mainland)	145	Solomon Islands	1
Canada	127	Micronesia	1
Australia	125	Kuwait	1
England	114	Republic of Congo	1
Fiji	107	Guinea Bissau	1
Papua-New Guinea	99	Grenada	1
Cuba	92	Seychelles	1
Myanmar	72	Hungary	1
Malawi	69	Angola	1
Kenya	62	Swaziland	1
Samoa	61		
		TOTAL	56,990

BELOVED BISHOP SANGU OF TANZANIA DIES IN SUMMER, 1998

Bishop James D. Sangu, retired Bishop of Mbeya and founder of the Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) in Tanzania, died July 26, 1998. Bishop Sangu who was National President and Spiritual Director for the Blue Army of Tanzania had been in failing health for some months but still continued his good contact with the International Secretariat in Fatima. In fact, correspondence from His Excellency came to Fatima after news of his death was announced. A National Shrine in honor of Our Lady of Fatima was erected on the property of the Diocese of Mbeya in 1996 and stands as a legacy and testimony of Bishop Sangu's deep devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. Bishop Sangu is buried at this Shrine in Mbeya. Bishop Sangu visited Fatima in 1985 and in 1989 when he participated in international meetings of the World Apostolate of Fatima. He was also present for the 75 Anniversary of Fatima in 1992 when he participated in an International Congress sponsored by the Diocese of Leiria-Fatima and the Sanctuary of Fatima. Bishop Sangu is sorely missed by his friends and members in all of Tanzania and in Fatima. May his beloved soul rest in peace.

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