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Year of Faith

Pope Benedict XVI called the Church to live the 'Year of Faith', begun on October 11, 2012, and ending on November 24, 2013. He, who had dedicated his first Encyclicals to the theological virtues of charity and hope, calls us now to reflect on the third of those virtues: faith. In the Apostolic Letter 'Porta Fidei' (Door of the Faith), by means of which he announced this special year, the Pope states: "To discover anew the contents of our professed, celebrated, lived and prayed

faith and to reflect on the act itself with which we express it is a commitment which each believer ought to take on during this year" (nr. 9).

This Year of Faith parallels the entire third year of the seven-year itinerary of preparation and celebration of the Apparitions of Fatima. The Centennial's program not only doesn't take us away from living the Year of Faith, but even can help us live this special year, since the thematic itinerary of the Centennial, worked out by using contents of

the Message of Fatima, leads us to the core of the experience of the Christian faith.

In living this Year of Faith, we are challenged to let ourselves be led to God by Mary, so that we may become more aware of our faith and may confess it, celebrate it, live it and pray it more profoundly. Mary was the 'believing woman' par excellence, one proclaimed blessed because She believed (see Lk 1, 45). At the same time, She is the Mother Who sustains the faith of Her children, the reason why, already from ancient times till now, She is invoked by the Christian people with the title of 'Support of Faith'. She shall, then, be our safe guide in living this Year of Faith

Fr. Carlos Cabecinhas, Rector





November 24, 2012

Paul VI Pastoral Center

III Pastoral Year of Celebration of the Centennial of the Apparitions

Year Pastoral de 2012-2013

The Shrine of Fatima invites all interested persons to attend the session of presentation of the III Pastoral Year of Celebration of the Centennial of the Apparitions.

The program will be as follows:

14h30 - Opening of the Exhibition Recalling the Apparition of June 1917 "To be, the secret of the Heart", at the 'Convívio de Santo Agostinho' (St. Augustine's Foyer). 15h15 – Musical performance. 15h30 - Opening words from the Rector of the Shrine of Fatima, Fr. Carlos Cabecinhas. 15h45 - Presentation of the theme of the year - 'Be not afraid! - by José Eduardo Borges de Pinho. 16h30 - Break. 17h00 – Musical performance. 17h15 – Presentation of the believer's attitude for the year - 'Trust' by Juan Ambrosio. 18h00 – A word from the Bishop of Leiria-Fatima, Most Rev. Antonio Marto, followed by musical performance.

Exhibition celebrated its 10th anniversary of existence since it opened

Fatima Light and Peace

Last August 5 marked ten years since the inauguration of the exhibition *Fatima Light and Peace*, where part of the treasures of the Shrine's Museum is permanently exposed. The museological course, conceived by Maria Teresa Gomes Ferreira, and the museog-

raphy, planned by Cruz Carvalho, have in view to place the visitor in the presence of the core of the Message of Fatima and to question him, right at the start, through the motto: "from war to peace", "from darkness to light". After that initial tangible scenario, which places the visitor before the histori-

cal scenario of World War I,

the message showing the gratitude of pilgrims towards the Mother of God, venerated here under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, is transmitted by means of a film.

Amongst the objects exhibited there stand out: from the Jewelry Collection, the precious crown of Our Lady of Fatima, where the bullet which hit Blessed John Paul II is encased; liturgical paraphernalia, such as monstrances, chalices, pyxes. The exhibition's oldest item, an Indo-Portuguese Christ, of the XVII century, is found in the Sculpture Collection. From the Textile Collection there are exposed different vestments connected with pilgrimages of Popes to the Shrine of

some items of regional dress or connected with religious rituals, such as Baptismal dresses and bride's gowns; also some identifying social or professional status, such as student and military uniforms, the mantel of a queen and the clothes of a bullfighter.

The Jewelry Collection mirrors best the devotion to Our Lady. Consisting of items of personal decoration, most made of gold, it is, within the universe of museum collections of this kind, the most significant collection of this type, which allows for the most varied studies (artistic, ethnographic, anthropologic) aiming to un-

derstand the filial relationship of pilgrims with the Virgin Mary.

Many other objects are found there, such as the traditional "ex-votoes", namely, photos, wax figures, candles, boat miniatures, etc.

This space has seen more than 681,240 visitors go through it, an average of 5,773 per month. Since it was opened, the visitors are welcomed by the Sisters belonging to the Congregation of the Oblate Sisters of Mary Virgin of Fatima and those belonging to Casa de Maria (House of Mary).

Marco Daniel Duarte



Fatima welcomes VII Symposium of the Clergy



The VII Symposium of the Clergy was held at the Shrine of Fatima, in Portugal, at the beginning of September, and dealt with the theme 'The Priest, Man of Faith from Mystery to Ministry'. There took part 450 priests and almost all the Portuguese bishops. Canon Emanuel Silva, secretary of the Bishops' Committee for Vocations and Ministries, entity in charge of organizing the symposium, recalled, in declarations to the Shrine of Fatima, this initiative of the Church in Portugal: "The symposium was marked by the best, existentially speaking, this sacramental fraternity could offer: the meaning of Priesthood as a Gift from God, faith and fidelity, understood as a grateful response, the perspective of the common root of the Priesthood as a source of communion for priests and the entire Church, dialogue and sharing of life experiences as an expression of the richness and diversity of the fruits and gifts of the Spirit, the perception and experience of prayer as a vivifying daily source of the priests' fidelity and exercise of praise".

Canon Silva, who is also chaplain and director of the Department of Liturgical Pastoral Ministry at the Shrine of Fatima, stresses the main challenge facing today priests in the exercise of their ministry: "The main challenge coming out of this symposium was that of the need to take care of the act of faith and of living the faith. Essentially Christologic, gift and response, experience of trust, global existential attitude, experience of deliverance and salvation, foundation and radical origin of a project of life, Faith and Mystery, which the ministerial sacramentality of Priests has, by vocation, to serve and develop. If the life of the priest is not based on the Mystery of Faith, it will be cut off from what it is essential to it and it is above all else. A priestly/ministerial life without faith would lead one to the personal experience of emptiness and absurdity".

Most Rev. Marcel Madila Basanguka, Archbishop of Kananga, Democratic Republic of Congo, on pilgrimage to Fatima

I came to pray for peace in countries at war

Archbishop Marcel Madila Basanguka, Archbishop of Kananga, Democratic Republic of Congo, was in Fatima, Portugal, from the 25th to the 30th of September. After having returned to Congo, Archbishop Basanguka spoke, by Internet, to 'Fatima Light and Peace' about his pilgrimage to Cova da Iria, where he entrusted to Our Lady of Fatima the problems, sorrows, dreams and challenges of his country.

Why did you decide to make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Fatima?

Archbishop Basanguka - This was my second pilgrimage to Fatima. The first one was in 2006. I had come then to visit friends and to know the Shrine, of which I had heard for already a long time since my time at the Minor Seminary. At that time, we used to read cartoons on the life of the Saints and people would talk to us also about the apparitions of Our Lady at certain places. That is why I already knew about Lourdes, Banneux and Beauraing, for example. So, the first time I came to Fatima was out of curiosity. I wanted to see...

And this time? You had already seen...

This time I came or returned, if you will, to Fatima as a private pilgrim. For many months I very much desired to come and, therefore, decided to visit Our Lady to pray for and entrust to Her my country, which, for about ten years, is going through a political crisis and, repeatedly, periods of war. Therefore, I came to ask for peace in my country and in all countries at war, specially African countries. In my Diocese, there is a Diocesan Congregation of sisters, named 'Congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Kananga', whose charism is the integral development of the human being. That is why I came to Fatima also with the purpose to better know the mystery of Fatima as the mystery of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Is there devotion in Congo to Our Lady of Fatima?

Yes, certainly. In Congo there is great devotion to Our Lady of Fatima and to the Rosary. Some parishes have, as Patron Saint, Our Lady of Fatima. But I must confess that the story of the apparitions of Fatima is not well known... an extraordinary and surprising story!

You brought, then, with you, that special intention: the end of war?!

I came to pray for peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo and specifically in my Diocese, where in the past month of February, precisely on February 2, 2012, Day of the Consecrated Life, a religious sister

from the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary was murdered in her office at the school. The murderer has not yet been tried...

Which are the main challenges and hopes of the Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo?

The Church in Congo faces several challenges, namely the formation of pastoral agents, of future priests, of religious men and women, but also the challenge of development, of collaboration with the State in the promotion of a state of law, of individual and collective freedom, of democracy; the challenge of implanting the Gospel in the culture, that is, the challenge of enculturation, etc.

Our hopes are placed in the great number of vocations, both priestly and religious, in the commitment of the laity in pastoral ministry, specially youngsters and women. I invite you to visit our website: www-archikananga.org.

During your stay in Fatima, were you touched by any moment/celebration/space/gesture in particular?

Since my first visit, I have felt a special grace when I am in Fatima: the sobriety of things, the simplicity, the recollection, the discretion... I was touched by the warm reception of people, by their generosity...

(Interview conducted by LeopolDina Simões)

"Misión Madrid" begins with pilgrimage to Fatima



About 1000 pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Madrid, accompanied by the Archbishop of Madrid, Antonio Maria Rouco Cardinal Varela, two Auxiliary Bishops and fifty priests, came to Cova da Iria at the end of September for a pilgrimage of three days with a special intention: "to entrust to Mary the works and the fruits of Misión-Madrid".

In declarations to the Shrine of

Fatima, Fr. Joaquin Martín Abad, the Vicar for Consecrated Life at the Archdiocese of Madrid, stressed the reason for choosing Fatima to begin here Mission-Madrid: "We chose Fatima because of the spirit of conversion, in order to evangelize, to convert".

Still according to the organizers, "we took to the road in an attitude of conversion and penance. We seek the protection of Mary, Who kept and

meditated in Her Heart all that had to do with Her Son Jesus."

In presenting "Misión-Madrid" to the pilgrims, in Paul VI Pastoral Center, at the Shrine of Fatima, the Archbishop of Madrid said that "the Lord made us come from the Virgin of Almudena to the Virgin of Fatima and to return from the Virgin of Fatima to the Virgin of Almudena in order to remind us that we can't be missionaries neither to the Church nor to Christians unless we are profoundly converted. Those who have not converted to Christ can't be neither servants nor witnesses of Christ. That is impossible."

Project "Misión-Madrid" is a twoyear pastoral initiative. Its theme is "Servants and Witnesses of Truth" and its purpose is to be a response to the Holy Father's call to a New Evangelization. The official start took place immediately after the group of pilgrims returned to Spain, on the afternoon of September 30, with the celebration of Holy Mass, at the esplanade of the Cathedral of Almudena, presided over by Cardinal Varela.

LeopolDina Simões

Polish Parish of Wegorzewo builds new temple

Through a recent e-mail message, Fr. Alojzy Gorol, SDS, pastor, for the last four years, of the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, in Wegorzewo, a small town in Poland, located in the region of Mazury, close to Kalingrad, Russia, brings us good news: "I am pleased to be able to inform you that this year, on June 13, the construction of a new temple has begun. Until the end of the year, we expect to lay down the foundations of the new building".

Due to technical problems, the priest says that "very special preparation work had to be done first, namely substitution of the soil", but, "despite that, we are very happy because this phase of the work is half done".

"However, we believe that, despite the economic crisis, people will be generous", Fr. Gorol adds.

This Polish parish is promoting the practice of penitential prayer and right now – the pastor says – "we are introducing the devotion of the Five First Saturdays of the Month".

The official page of this Fatima parish is: www.wegorzewo.mazury.pl



Karaganda, Kazakhstan:

Cathedral dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima

The Pope's Legate prayed that the new Cathedral of Karaganda, Kazakhstan, may be the "center of spiritual life" in that whole region and a "beacon of light" for future generations. "This is a hour of grace for the Diocese of Karaganda and the entire Kazakhstan", stressed Cardinal Angelo Sodano, who presided over the ceremony of consecration of the cathedral to Our Lady of Fatima, on September 9.

On that special day for Catholics, Cardinal Sodano stressed the esteem the Pope holds for the faithful of the lands of Central Asia. Most people in this former soviet republic of Kazakstan are Muslims; the number of Catholics doesn't reach even 1%.

In the celebration, besides the local authorities, there took part representatives of the government and of the diplomatic corps as well as Orthodox and Muslim religious leaders.

At the end, in the presence of all the faithful, the Bishop of Karaganda thanked everyone for being present as well as for the help provided by the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal and by Bishop António Marto, of Leiria-Fatima, and for the presence of Aura Miguel, journalist of Rádio Renascença.

Aura Miguel, Rádio Renascença



Bishop of Coimbra on pilgrimage to Shrine of Fatima in Poland

Bishop Virgilio do Nascimento Antunes, of the Diocese of Coimbra, Portugal, presided, on October 14, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Zakopane, Poland, over the celebrations in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. This Shrine, founded by Fr. Drozdek and connected with the Congregation of the Pallotine Fathers, intends to be a place of devotion to the Mother of God for the spreading, in Polish lands, of the Message of Fatima.

The intense program of celebrations began on the 13th and Bishop Antunes presided over the celebration of the Eucharist and the procession, on Sunday the 14th, the main day of the commemorations.

Before a gathering of many hundreds of people, making look small the Shrine's church, during the homily, the Bishop of Coimbra talked about the relationship that exists between the Portuguese and Poles, based on the profession of the same faith, on the devotion to the Holy Mother of God, as well as on the love for the Polish Pope, Blessed John Paul II. He stated that the message of Our Lady at Fatima, of penance and prayer, is at the service of the work of God, at the service of faith, which consists in believing in Him Whom the Father has sent, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. He affirmed also the timeliness and opportunity of the message from the Lady more brilliant than the Sun, because, "as long as there are men who are away from the Christian faith, arrogant in their incredulity and atheism, the prophecy of Fatima maintains all its original meaning, for it spoke of the errors spread throughout the world and of the suffering they still cause". He still added that Little Shepherds Francisco and Jacinta "are two candles lighted by God" as examples of fidelity and acceptance of the will of God, who were always willing to welcome the call to offer themselves to God. "They kept the joy and trust, provided by their faith, all the way to the ultimate consequences, always faithful to God for the salvation of men."

In the afternoon, hundreds of people gathered for the procession. Amongst the many pilgrims from different parts of Poland, there were also those from the local town with their traditional garb and their horses. They all came to show their faith in God, their love for the Holy Father and their devotion and veneration to the Holy Mother of God, invoked in that place, as it is in Cova da Iria, as Our Lady of Fatima.

Fr. Pedro dos Santos

Fatima in the World

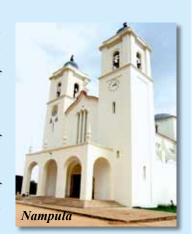
There are, in the world, fourteen dioceses dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima: in Portugal, Angola, Mozambique, Brazil, Argentina, Guatemala, India, Canada. The first cathedral dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima in the former territory of the Soviet Union is the recently consecrated Cathedral of Karaganda, which has, in its façade, a statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, donated by the World Apostolate of Fatima.

The first cathedral dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima is located in Nampula, Mozambique. It was created on August 4, 1940. The placing of the first stone was held on August 15, 1945, and the dedication took place on August 23, 1956. On July 7, 1993, this cathedral dedicated

to Our Lady of Fatima in Nampula was authorized by Rome to have, as its Patron Saint, Our Lady of Fatima, Mother of Peace.

In India, Asia, the Cathedral of Warangal is also dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima.

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High school of Goa celebrates 95th Anniversary of the Apparitions



About 500 Don Bosco high school children had "One World Praying Children-and-Youth-of-the-Eucharist Holy Hour" before the *Most Blessed Sacrament on 13th October 2012*, 95th Anniversary of the last Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima.

The Intention was to console the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and to pray for Peace, Life, Clergy, Religious and the families of the world. Also, they prayed for the success of 'The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith' and also for the October 2012 General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. The Church approved Liturgy was prepared by the World Apostolate of Fatima.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, while imparting his Apostolic Blessing, sends his prayerful best wishes to all those who share this Holy Hour. The Holy Father holds these devoted sons and daughters close to his heart and he prays that, through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima, they will always remain close to the Lord Jesus and His holy Church.

Master Harrigan Mendes crowned the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, with the ending words "...Dear Mother, we the children-and-youth of the world want to help you bring the world back to God. So, today, as a sign, we will crown you, present in this beautiful image, before the entire congregation. Mother Mary, we are the children-and-youth of the world answering your call. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of our families, Pray for us!"

Fr. Savio Gomes, Rector then exposed the Most Blessed Sacrament to the Hymn.

All were earnestly asked to follow this example of Blessed Francisco of consoling "Hidden Jesus" in the Blessed Sacrament as often as possible, to be happy and peaceful by overcoming the evils of our times, by the power of the Holy Spirit! We shall receive the "consolation of their incomparable victory of their precious prayers!"

Then followed a few moments placing needs at the feet of Our Eucharistic Lord in 'Holy Silence'...Who may have wanted to tell something in each one's heart. Then were the Entrustment and concluding Prayers. Finally was the benediction and divine praises.

The choir was led by Teacher Michelle Noronha. The power point slides were painstakingly prepared and displayed by Teacher Hazel Carvalho. The children were led in prayers by Teacher Sonia Figueiredo

Fr. Amandio Valadares, Episcopal Vicar of North Goa Zone and Parish Priest of Aldona gave a short encouragement for the children to visit Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament often, giving the example of St Don Bosco.

Celcio Dias

International Secretary Coordinator, Indian/ Goa Centre World Apostolate of Fatima

World Apostolate of Fatima holds congress at Raiganj

The World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) 5th Annual Convention of Raiganj Diocese, India, was held on 13 October 2012 It was a grand success.

More than 1 800 members from 23 parishes, 40 Priests, 40 Sisters along with Bishop Alphonsus F. Dsouza S.J., of Raiganj Diocese in West Bengal, India, participated in the programme which included Rosary procession, Holy Mass, Agape lunch and cultural programmes.

The Tableaus on Rosary mysteries were so good and beyond expectation. The day was full of blessings showered by Our Lady of Fatima.

Fr. M.V.Sunny, Spiritual Director, WAF Raiganj Diocese and Bishop's Secretary



Candlelight Procession in India

The liturgical service began with the Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm in front of the Archbishop's House with Archbishop Eremitus Raul Gonsalves as the main celebrant along with several priests.

Archbishop Patriarch Filipe Neri Ferrão was in Rome as one of the Delegates of the Episcopal Conference for the World Synod of Bishops. Then, there was the annual traditional lantern candle solemn procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Houses



all along the procession were well lit up and decorated for the occasion which went to the Church of Immaculate Conception, Panaji, with the singing of hymns and reciting the Rosary where the service ended with the solemn benediction and veneration. It was started during Portuguese time to commemorate the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, in Portugal, in 1917.

It is also known as "Procissão de Velas". The devotion is wide spread and many attended the services in their respective different churches and chapels.

Anthony R. V. Viegas World Apostolate of Fatima/ Goa/India

Portuguese Catholic Radio Station on pilgrimage to Fatima

At the opening of October's Anniversary Pilgrimage, on the afternoon of the 12th, at the Little Chapel of Apparitions, Rádio Renascença, the Portuguese Catholic Radio Station, renewed its consecration to Our Lady of Fatima: "Our Lady, here we are again at your feet! Since the beginning, we have entrusted to You our Mission; in Your hands we place again our goals; to Your Heart we again consecrate Rádio Renascença".

Canon João Aguiar, President of the Board of Rádio Renascença, added: "Please help us consecrate our work, our struggles, our joys! Help us to serve, every day, the Word, which is Hope".

We recall that, throughout this year of 2012, 75th anniversary of the foundation of this Portuguese Catholic Radio Station, Rádio Renascença has promoted several religious, social and cul-

tural initiatives throughout the country.

During Mass on the 13th, on behalf of Rádio Renascença, an employee prayed: "For Rádio Renascença, which this year celebrates its 75th anniversary, and for those – employees, friends and listeners – who helped it grow and accomplish its Mission, so that it always be a credible witness of the Christian view of Life, let us pray to the Lord."

For years, Rádio Renascença has had a studio in Fatima, at the Retreat House of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in the Shrine, and broadcasts, from Monday through Friday, the recitation of the Rosary, at 18h30, from the Little Chapel of Apparitions. It also broadcasts the main celebrations of the Anniversary Pilgrimages, of the Children's Pilgrimage and of other pilgrimages.

LeopolDina Simões



Brazilian TV Station consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima

On July 13, 1993, project 'Catholic TV of Brazil' was consecrated to Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, at the Little Chapel of Apparitions, Cova da Iria.

The text of consecration read by Most Rev. Antonio Maria Mucciolo, former Metropolitan Bishop of Botucatu, read in part: "Brazil, so Catholic and so devoted to Our Lady, succeeded in getting a television channel, whose owners placed it at the service of the Kingdom of Your Son while at the same time was founded the Brazilian Institute for Christian Communication (INBRAC), which was approved by most Brazilian Bishops."

During the Act of Consecration, made after Mass and the return of the Statue of Our Lady to the Little Chapel of Apparitions, Our Lady of Fatima was asked to give a 'special blessing' to the Channel, so that it could become "a vehicle of evangelization".

The Act of Consecration ended with this petition: "O Lady of Fatima, stay with us and make Brazil return to her ethical, moral and spiritual values"

Two days earlier, Bishop Antonio Maria had been received by the Holy Father to whom he presented this project, currently called "Rede Vida" (Life Network).

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Szczecin celebrates 25th anniversary of crowning of Statue of Our Lady

Bishop Antonio Marto, of Leiria-Fatima, traveled to Szczecin, Poland, in the Diocese of the same name, at the beginning of September, in order to preside over the commemorations of the 25th anniversary of the crowning of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

Upon his return to Portugal, Bishop

ma with fervor and devotion, specially in the months of May through October.

In Szczecin, Bishop Marto presided over the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady, on September 8, and, on that day, spoke to the devotees of Our Lady of the love the Church feels for her Mother. He told them that the entire Church martyrs of the XX century, of bishops and of the Pope, and the great cause of peace amongst peoples."

To Bishop Marto, "the luminous work of Fatima covers the entire XX century, history's most cruel and bloody century, in which Mary appears as a "vision of peace and a light of hope".







Marto said he was moved by the great devotion to Our Lady of Fatima and to the Blessed Little Shepherds on the part of the Polish people he met there.

Bishop Marto presided over the commemorations of the 25th anniversary of the crowning of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima by Pope John Paul II in Szczecin, visited the parish of the Little Shepherds of Fatima and that of St. John the Baptist, which, in his words, "also celebrates the apparitions of Faticelebrates with love the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady, Mother of Jesus and Mother of all men.

On the Message of Fatima, Bishop Marto stressed that its content "is not limited to a personal journey of faith of the little seers or to a particular circumstance", but reaches the entire world: "the two world wars, the suffering of mankind, the specific mentioning of certain nations, such as Russia, the suffering of the Church, namely of the

"The spread of the Message (of Fatima) has contributed a lot for the Church and the World to grow in the love of peace and rejection of war", he said and then added: "the apparitions of Fatima are a sign from God to our generation, a prophetic word for our time, an intervention in history through the maternal face of Mary, a light in the history of the world."

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Archbishop from India on pilgrimage to Fatima

The Most Rev. John Barwa, SVD, Archbishop of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India, has visited Portugal, at the invitation of the Foundation 'Help to the Suffering Church'.

At Fatima, Archbishop John took part, on the 13th, in the celebrations of October's International Anniversary Pilgrimage.

The following day, he concelebrated Sunday's Mass with the Rector of the Shrine of Fatima, Fr. Carlos Cabecinhas and, in the afternoon, gave a talk, in the Auditorium of the Seminary of the Divine Word, on 'Christians persecuted in India'.