

The Pilgrim Virgin Visitation Program

The purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation is to bring the graces of Fatima and Our Lady's message of hope, peace, and salvation.

The beautiful image of Our Lady of Fatima was designed by famous sculptor José Thedim in 1947. Sister Lucia herself instructed him, and later remarked that she had never seen any image which so resembled the actual apparition of Our Lady.

"In 1946, I crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World and the following year, through the Pilgrim Virgin, She set forth as though to claim Her dominion, and the favors She performs along the way are such that we can hardly believe what we are seeing with our eyes." –Pope Pius XII

Our Lady of Fatima is one of the most revered apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima marks the date she first appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. The messages delivered during these apparitions included a call to repentance, prayer, and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Here are 10 things to know and share about Our Lady of Fatima:

- *In 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared six times before three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal.*
- *Before Mary appeared to the children, they claimed the "The Angel of Peace" visited them three times. The angel said to pray, make sacrifices, and visit the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.*
- *The children described Our Blessed Mother as brighter than the sun, wearing a white mantle with gold trim, and holding a rosary.*
- *During each visit, Our Lady repeatedly asked the children to pray the Rosary for world peace.*
- *On May 13, 1917, Mother Mary introduced herself as the Lady of the Rosary.*
- *During her second visit, Our Lady showed the children a vision of hell.*
- *On Oct. 13, an estimated crowd of 70,000 gathered at Fatima to witness the sun dance—the Miracle of the Sun!*
- *During her visits, Our Lady of Fatima revealed three secrets. These became a topic of heated discussion and curiosity*
- *After the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II, he publicly credited Our Lady of Fatima for saving his life.*
- *Located in Portugal, the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima is one of the most visited Catholic pilgrimage sites.*

The Legion of Mary will bring to your home the Pilgrim Virgin Statue (PVS) of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue will stay in your home for one to two weeks during which you are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to welcome Mary upon her arrival and have them join you in prayer each day the statue is in your home. On the seventh day we will arrive to do the farewell prayers. The PVS will then go to the next pilgrimage site.

