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100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

Oct 13th, 2017 marks the day as a Diocesan family we will celebrate this event. A Eucharistic Celebration will begin at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral followed by refreshments.

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children in Fatima Portugal. To mark this occasion, the Pope Francis has decided to offer a plenary indulgence to the faithful.

According to an article in the National Catholic Register (see below), one of the ways to receive this indulgence is prayer before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

“The second way applies to “the pious faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October (2017), and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary.”

Regarding this second way, the rector of the Fatima Shrine told CNA that the visit to the statue of the Virgin “does not necessarily have to be Only at Fatima or exclusively in Portugal,” but can be done anywhere in the world.

Those seeking an indulgence must also pray an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.”

Here is a Nine Day Novena to Our Lady Of Fatima

Say this prayer every day for 9 consecutive days Oct 5-13

Most Holy Virgin, who has deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three little shepherds the treasures of graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary, inspire our hearts with sincere love of this devotion.

By meditating on the mysteries of our redemption that are recalled in your Rosary, may we gather the fruits contained therein and obtain the conversion of sinners, the conversion of Russia, the Peace of Christ for the world, and this favor that I so earnestly seek of you in this novena....

(here mention your request)

I ask this of you, for the greater glory of God, for your own honor and for the good of all people. ***Amen***

Say the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be (three times each)

