

FATIMA CENTENNIAL TREE APPEAL

What is it?

The FATIMA CENTENNIAL TREE is a special gift to Our Lady in celebration of the centenary apparitions in Fatima, Portugal. It is both perpetual memorabilia and a fund-raising initiative by the World Apostolate of Fatima, to support the planned Cathedral visits of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) and the relics of Blessed Francisco and Jacinta to 18 Cathedrals, 3 national shrines and 3 abbeys in England and Wales.

Who can initiate the appeal?

It can be an individual, group of individuals, ecclesial movement or parish community undertaking.

What is involved?

“Sponsor a Leaf,” involves having your name placed on a leaf as a sign of gratitude to Our Lady and in return, you will be remembered in the Holy Masses at the Fatima Shrine in Portugal every 13th of the month from May to October 2017. The names on each leaf can be the donor’s own name, the donor’s family, the donor’s company or in memory of a beloved who passed away.

If it is a parish community undertaking?

Suggested steps:

1. Speak to your parish priest.
2. Present the appeal to the parish pastoral council (PPC) or its equivalent.
3. Promote the appeal by pulpit presentation or any other appropriate form suitable for the parish.
4. Plan a launch date for the parish community to know.

What is the cost of each leaf and where will the money go?

Each leaf costs £10.

£10/leaf multiplied by 100 leaves (100 years of the apparitions) will be £1,000/tree.

Production cost of the final acrylic tree is estimated at £300/tree.

The net amount of £700 raised by the parish community is divided into:

- a. 10% (£70) – transferred to the WAF England and Wales centennial account for WAF International and its projects.
- b. 10% (£70) – for the local parish and its projects.
- c. 80% (£560) – transferred to WAF England and Wales for the NPVS visits in 2017.

If it is an individual or group of individuals: 100% (£1,000) will be transferred to WAF England and Wales.

If it is an ecclesial movement:

- a. 10% (£70) – for the ecclesial movement's local projects.
- b. 90% (£630) – transferred to WAF England and Wales.

Where will the acrylic tree (perpetual) be mounted?

1. For individuals or group of individuals – it is suggested that the tree will be mounted in the WAF England and Wales' Fatima Centre (planned and prayed for).
2. For parish community – in your parish centre or inside the parish church, where deemed appropriate.

N.B.: The perpetual tree's actual measurements are 53 cm (length) X 42 cm (width).

Please find enclosed the following:

1. Fatima Centennial Tree A4 laminated model
2. Leaf sponsor sheet

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