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Dear Fatima Family,

Greetings of peace and love in this month dedicated to St Valentine and the youngest non-martyred saints in the universal church, Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto!

A brief note on St Valentine: he was a bishop and martyr who died on 14 February 269. He was born in Terni, Central Italy in AD 226. He is the patron saint for happy marriages, love, plague and epilepsy.

On the other hand, I am sure we are all familiar with the heroic lives and exemplary example of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto, who were canonised by Pope Francis on 13 May 2017 in Fatima, Portugal.

As we celebrate their feast day on 20 February, we exclaim: “O God of goodness and font of holiness, who gave Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto as lights to illuminate the world, exalt the humble who in your light see the

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I would like to encourage all of you to pray the Novena to Saints Jaci and Francisco:

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/litany-saints-francisco-jacinta-ma>

and implore them for the protection of the Holy Father, Pope Francis and Emeritus Benedict XVI; their intentions for this month are; the sanctification of the clergy; the unity of the Catholic Church and for reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus surrounded by thorns by which ungrateful men pierce them at every time sin is committed.

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will be at the Cathedral of St John in Church Street, Salford, M3 5LE, on 23-24 February when Bishop John Arnold will officiate at Holy Mass and consecrate the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sunday 24 February. A whole series of events and services are planned across the two days. Please refer to the Diocese website for more details:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/the-national-pilgrim-virgin-statue-of-our-lady-of-fatima/>

We hope to see you during the Ecclesiastical Provincial General Meetings throughout spring to autumn: Province of Cardiff in May; Province of Westminster in June; Province of Birmingham in August; Province of Liverpool in September and Province of Southwark in October. Your Diocesan promoters will be working towards the realisation of this initiative.

Thank you for continuing to live the message of Our Lady in your daily lives.

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God bless you and your families! Ave Maria!

Jerry Rivera

National President (2018-2020)

WAF England and Wales

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Message from our National Spiritual Director

Dear WAF members,

In the Gospel, Our Lord exhorts us to "become like little children."

This month of February puts before us the example of the little shepherds of Fatima and also the figure of St Bernadette of Lourdes. We shall remember these beloved children of Our Lady with the various celebrations this month.

On February 11th we shall celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes in this special year dedicated to St Bernadette that marks the 175th anniversary of her birth.

Later in the month we will also have the feast of St Francisco and St Jacinta.

The example of these children is put before us a wonderful model for imitation and of opening up one's life to the will of God, through the intercession of Our Lady and her message both at Lourdes and Fatima, one of both penance and prayer.

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The heavenly message revealed at these great Marian Shrines is an echo

the Gospel to repent and convert and will lead us into the start of the Holy Season of Lent.

The First Saturday of February is of course the great feast of Candle —the 40th day after Christmas when we celebrate the Presentation of Lord in the Temple.

As we take part in the blessing of candles that day at Holy Mass we are called to be living candles, giving freely of ourselves to be lights for others. In the homily of the beatification of the little shepherds Pope St. John Paul said, Church wishes to put on the candelabrum these two candles which God will illumine humanity in its dark and anxious hours.”

When we live out the Fatima message and be that “sign of contradiction to the world, then we will be united to the pierced heart of Our Lady, which was prophesied by Simeon and revealed at Fatima, and which we have a desire to comfort and make reparation to.

May St Francisco and St Jacinta pray for us and inspire us this new month ahead.

Be assured of my prayers for all your intentions in my daily rosary at the Altar of God at Holy Mass.

Canon Jason Jones

National Spiritual Director WAF England and Wales

p.s. Please consider joining us on our National Pilgrimage to Fatima in June so deepen your awareness of her message. We will use the time for prayer.

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WAF National Pilgrimage 2019

The WAF England and Wales National pilgrimage this year is from June 10th-16th. The flights are via Air Portugal TAP, and the Pilgrimage operator is Tangney Tours.

Pilgrims will stay at Domus Pacis hotel, at a cost of £632 per person sharing. The single supplement is £120, and Insurance is from £33.

Accommodation is half board, with 2 half-day excursions included in the price.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to come on this pilgrimage, then please book up as soon as possible.

You can see details about the pilgrimage here:

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/waf-england-and-wales-national-pilgrimage/>

Message from Padre Hector in Fatima

**Message from Padre Hector Alfonso Ramírez Sanz Cerrada
Chaplain at the Shrine of Fatima for Spanish speaking Pilgrims.**

To commemorate the Feast Day and centenary of the death of the Little Shepherd, Saint Francisco Marto, 4 April 2019, an invitation is being made to the world to join in prayer, on this date, and also next year on the feast/centenary of St Jacinta Marto, 20 February 2020, in an initiative entitled "FATIMA FOR THE WORLD, Rosary for Peace".

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conversion of poor sinners, in reparation of the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences against the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, of the offences against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the salvation of the blessed souls of purgatory.

This Rosary will be prayed on 4 April 2019 and 20 February 2020 at the parish church in Fatima between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., Portuguese time (which is the same as British time).

This church is the place where the shepherd children were baptized, and St Francisco Marto, in particular, spent hours consoling the 'Hidden Jesus'.

These events will be broadcast live worldwide through social media and streaming networks.

The programme will include:

1. Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament
2. Recitation of the Holy Rosary (in several languages)
3. Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Please let other people know about this initiative, and if possible join in with praying the Rosary on those dates/times.

If you would like more details please contact the organisers through this email address:

info@fatimaparamundo.com

There is also a website associated with this appeal:

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(You might have to click on the US flag to get the English version.)

Five First Saturdays devotion

Saturday 2nd February is the first Saturday of the month, so you can participate in the Fatima Five First Saturdays devotion on that day either in your local parish, or at home.

You can see details of churches around the country where the Five First Saturdays devotion is kept, here:

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/the-first-saturdays-devotion-in-england-wales/>

You can check for churches by diocese.

At the moment we only have notice of First Saturday devotions in about half the dioceses in England and Wales - so please consider trying to start the devotion in your local church.

All you need is a few like-minded people, and it is very important that the First Saturdays starts in as many parishes as possible, since it is linked with the conversion of Russia and thus with the promised era of peace for the world.

Please visit this page to check for your nearest church and contact them directly before travelling to check that the times etc., as advertised, are correct for the coming month.

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promoting Fatima in England and Wales, they can do so by visiting the home page of our website at: <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/>

This is important, because even if you can't help in a practical way, your financial assistance will be very helpful in expanding WAF England and Wales. We need, and appreciate, any donation you can make.

The yellow PayPal donation button is about half way down on the right, and you can donate either via a credit card or your Paypal account.

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Or equally, if you would like to make a regular monthly donation to WAF, then we can let you have the details of how to do this.

God bless and Ave Maria!

Donal

on behalf of WAF England and Wales Committee

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