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**Fatima Message: Daily Rosary, Penance, Sacrifice, Reparation and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

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Dear Fatima Family,

## **CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCISCO AND ST. JACINTA**

I wish to remind you that on February 20, the liturgical Feast of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto, the two little shepherd children of Fatima to whom with Lucia (their elder cousin) Our Lady appeared in 1917, is celebrated.

It is mandatory for all members of the World Apostolate of Fatima to observe the feast day, thanking God for the life of these two little shepherds who are models of sanctity for us and intercessors in heaven for our intentions.

Novena to the saints starts on February 11. **Our intentions for the novena should include:**

- End of the War in Ukraine;
- The Prevention of a Nuclear War in Europe and a Third World War;
- Peace in the whole world;
- The Conversion of Russia;
- Beatification of Sr. Lucia;
- Successful Propagation and Acceptance of the Message of Fatima throughout the world; and
- The final Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in our days.

We must promote devotion to the canonised little shepherds, Francisco and Jacinta for their great importance in the history of the Church to make possible the acceptance of the Message of Fatima around the world. As in past years, this feast must be celebrated as a day of prayer and recollection in every WAF nation, having a special programme.

## **SUGGESTED PROGRAMME**

The Feast should be celebrated at personal and public levels.

### **(a) At Personal Level**

Usually, this day is celebrated at personal level by our WAF members, through the practice of their own devotions (Mass, Holy Rosary, Adoration, Meditation on the Life of the Saints, etc.)

### **(b) At Public Level**

1. The programme should begin with a Vigil of Adoration and Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament in the company of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

on the eve, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of February, 2023 offered for the intention listed above. (Praying of the Rosary with Meditation on the Mysteries, Procession with Candles where possible, Veneration of the Relics of the Saints, if possible, Fatima Prayers, Prayers of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Blessing of the Faithful).

2. On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, we offer in our places at the most convenient time:
  - (i) A solemn meditated Rosary (for the same intentions listed above);
  - (ii) Procession with the icons or statues of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Jacinta and St. Francisco (for the families, the youth and children of the world);
  - (iii) Holy Votive Mass of the Little Shepherds (**for Beatification of Sr. Lucia and for the unity and strength of the Church**);
  - (iv) **Talk on the Children of Fatima.** The Saints of Fatima must be made known throughout the universal Church as models for holiness and missionaries of evangelisation.
  - (v) Events should be organised for children and youngsters to honour the Little Shepherds of Fatima after knowing about their lives as presented in the talk with participants of the Sunday School or Catechetical group or Catholic association of children and youngsters or Children of the Eucharist.
  - (vi) Vespers (to reject consumerism and accept in our lives that GOD IS FIRST)

The prayers at the Little Chapel of the Apparitions may be followed by internet: <http://live.worldfatima.com/en/> This is through our WAF International webpage. The programme at the Shrine of Fatima will be as follows:

#### **February 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday**

**21:30** – Prayer Vigil, with Rosary Prayer, Procession and Veneration of the tombs of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco Marto (Chapel of the Apparitions and Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary)

#### **February 20<sup>th</sup>, Monday**

**10:00** – Solemn Rosary Prayer (Chapel of the Apparitions)

**10:45** – Procession with the Icons of St. Francisco and St. Jacinta Marto

**11:00** – Holy Mass (Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity)

**17:30** – Solemn Vespers (Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary)

**18:30** – Rosary Prayer (Chapel of the Apparitions)

**21:30** – Rosary Prayer (Chapel of the Apparitions)

*(The hours above are those of Portugal time zone).*

In attach is the Novena Prayer to Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary, through the intercession of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco be our fortress and refuge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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