



World Apostolate of Fatima

More than 20 million members in 110 countries



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May I take this opportunity to introduce you to my book: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN TODAY'S CHURCH. This book has three parts. The first part is devoted to the role of our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary, in today's Church. The Second Vatican Council will guide us in our formation. The second part focuses on the New Evangelization and the Message of Fatima, the great sign given by heaven to overcome the present spiritual, moral and religious crisis. The third part provides for the first time an account of the apostolic work of the International World Apostolate of Fatima as a public association of the faithful of pontifical right, present in 110 countries.

By this book you will be introduced in a simple but profound way to the religious experience of Fatima, where you will discover God's primacy in your life as you will be able to contemplate the mystery of God, the Trinitarian love that will transform your life forever as the three children-shepherds of Fatima were transformed: Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco.

I hope and pray that this book will also serve as a handbook for all WAF members and leaders in their spiritual and doctrinal formation so as to serve the Church in the New Evangelization, using the Message of Fatima as the ideal instrument for this most important task of the Church in the third millennium of Christianity. The WAF is present in 110 countries having millions of members among its ranks.

Again, I am most grateful for all you can do to spread the good news about this book. Thanks again to dear Dr. Celcio Dias, the International Secretary of the WAF, for all his support and hard work in making possible the publication of my book. Thanks to the sponsors that made it a reality. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Woman dressed in sun, show you her joyful smile and serve you as refuge, fortress and sweet maternal home in our needy times.

In Christ and Mary Queen,

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