

# INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE TO VISIT OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue which has been traveling globally since 1947 is coming to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church on Friday, August 6th.

It was sculpted in 1947 by the famous Portuguese artist Jose Ferreira Thedim (1892-1971) to reflect the precise instructions of Sister Lucia. The sculpture's image is based off of Our Lady's position when she revealed herself as the Immaculate Heart of the Shepherds in 1917.

Prior to its first pilgrimage of May 13, 1947, Pope Pius XII blessed the statue. The pilgrimage was made to celebrate and commemorate the 30th anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Mother.

In the spring of 1947, the statue toured for the first time in Europe. After this tour, it was retired and put on display at the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, where it still resides today.

On October 13, 1947, a "twin" statue was blessed by the Bishop of Liera, Fatima, and commissioned to serve as the Pilgrim Virgin, touring and bringing the blessings of Fatima to the world.

After the blessing in October, John Haffert, co-founder of The Blue Army, was entrusted to bring the statue to the United States with the Bishop's prayer that Mary herself accompany the statue wherever it goes. With the counsel and aid of Sister Lucia, Haffert composed the

Blue Army Pledge, and went on to spread the Message of Fatima worldwide, largely through the Pilgrim Virgin Statue tours.

In 1950, the first U.S tour of the statue took place, covering more than 50 dioceses in the United States. On October 24, 1952, Pope Pius XII blessed the statue and imparted a special blessing on the work of the Fatima Pilgrim Tours.

The statue has since visited more than 100 countries, including Russia and China, with numerous miracles and graces reported wherever the statue has visited.

The purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue tours is to bring the graces of Fatima and Our Lady's message of hope, peace and salvation to the millions of people who may never have an opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Fatima itself.

## ITINERARY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6	8:00 am	Procession of Pilgrim Virgin Statue Holy Mass Brief talk by the Custodian of Pilgrim Virgin Statue Prayer of Consecration Scapular Enrollment & Confession Veneration of the Statue throughout the day
	10:00 am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary by the Catholic Daughters
	12:00 pm	Recitation of the Holy Rosary by CAST Men
	2:00 pm	Recitation of the Holy Rosary by CAST Men
	4:00 pm	Recitation of the Holy Rosary by Madelyn Maragos
	6:00 pm	First Friday/Saturday All Night Eucharistic Adoration in Church
	SATURDAY, AUGUST 7	8:00 am