

# The Legion of Mary invites you to the

### MOTHER MARY

### THE PILGRIM VIRGIN

Most people are unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima. Our Lady, with characteristic humility and love, overcomes this difficulty by reversing the process. She becomes the Pilgrim. Instead of making a pilgrimage to her home in Fatima, she makes a pilgrimage to your home. This is the heart of the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program.

Inviting a statue of our Blessed Mother, decorating a pedestal to place her statue, and praying as a family at her feet are all part of a time-honored tradition being practiced by countless Catholics around the world.



"Because I want My whole Church to acknowledge that consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that it may extend its homage later on, and put the devotion to This Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to My Sacred Heart."

Jesus Christ to Sister Lucy

### ARRANGE FOR THIS BLESSING TO COME TO YOU!

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## PILGRIM VIRGIN Home Visitation Program

Bringing graces of Fatima and Our Lady's message of hope, peace, and salvation to families' homes.



### When was the program started?

In 1947 when the Bishop blessed two statues of Our Lady of Fatima sending one to the Far East and one to the West, the Ambassadors of Mary was founded and in 1954 began bringing Pilgrim Statues to homes in Chicago. As of 1987, there were 190 statues on pilgrimage in our country. This was the birth of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue program.

### Who runs the program?

Locally, the program is facilitated by the Legion of Mary Mother of Good Counsel and Mary Help of Christians praesidia at St. Michael Catholic Church, Livermore, CA. The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization that evangelizes men, women, and children to promote their prayerful participation in Marian prayers and rituals, spread the knowledge of Catholic faith, history, and practices, and actively work as disciples of the Word of God under the banner and mantel of protection of Our Blessed Mother Mary.

#### How does it work?

At the pre-arranged time, Legion of Mary members go to the home where the "Pilgrim Virgin" will be enthroned. Attendees recite the Rosary and the Prayers to the Mother of God. The family receiving the "Pilgrim Virgin" must prepare a suitable pedestal or table for Our Mother and commit to praying and seeking her during her visit. At the end of the visitation, which typically lasts a week, Legion of Mary members visit the home again to do a farewell ceremony and take the statue to the next home.



The overall message of Our Lady of Fatima is to engage in prayer, reparation, repentance, and sacrifice, and the abandonment of sin. Before Our Lady appeared to the three shepherd children, Lucy, Francisco, and Jacinta, the Angel of Peace visited them in order to prepare them to receive Our Lady, demonstrating the fervent, attentive, and composed manner in which we should all pray, and the reverence we should show toward God in prayer. The Angel also told the children to "make of everything you can a sacrifice and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication, for the conversion of sinners."

In each of her apparitions, Our Lady implored the children to pray the Rosary every day for peace. She also showed her heart, surrounded by piercing thorns representing the sins against Her Immaculate Heart, to the children, who understood that their sacrifices could help to console Her. Our Lady's Immaculate Heart is terribly outraged and offended by the sins of humanity, and we are lovingly urged to console Her by making reparation. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart is central to the Fatima Message

Our Lady definitively said that sin is the root of all the troubles in the world, the one that causes world wars and such terrible sufferings. She gave a solution for individuals, and then to the Church's leaders. God asks each one of us to stop offending Him. We must pray, especially the Rosary. By this frequent prayer of the Rosary, we will get the graces we need to overcome sin. God also wants us to have devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to work to spread this devotion throughout the world. Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." If we wish to go to God, we have a sure way to Him through true devotion to the Immaculate Heart of His Mother.

The message of Our Lady of Fatima applies to everyone. She wants every soul to turn to the loving embrace of her Son. Thus, every Catholic family is invited to welcome and receive her in their homes.

No matter what your circumstance is, inviting the Blessed Mother to your home and participating in daily prayers will provide joy and peace to your home.



Participation to the program does not require any memberships or any specific commitments of time or money.

Please be sure to share your experiences, answered prayers, and miracles during and after the Pilgrim Virgin's visit with the Legion of Mary members!