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Your Eminence Dominik Cardinal Duka
Archbishop Emeritus of Prague
Czech Republic

Dearest Cardinal Duka:

It is my pleasure to greet you on the occasion of your visit to Koclířov, National Center of the World Apostolate of Fátima in the Czech Republic and WAF Regional Centre for Eastern Europe. I am very happy to know of your visitation to get acquainted with the exact Replica of the Chapel of Apparitions for Central and Eastern Europe, inaugurated last October 1st, 2022, by the Apostolic Nuncio to the Czech Republic, Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo and the Diocesan Bishop Jan Vokál, of the Diocese of Hradec Králové.

1. As International President of the World Apostolate of Fátima, I was delighted to witness the completion of the exact replicas of the Chapel of Apparitions in four countries so far, to serve as a sacred place for pilgrimages to encounter Mother Mary, her Immaculate Heart, as in Fátima, Portugal, that same place where heaven and earth meet together to be embraced by God's Grace and Mercy.
2. It is important to reflect on the joyful occasion of the 1st of October, 2022, the momentous blessing and dedication of the exact replica of the Capelinha for the Czech Republic, first one on Central and Eastern Europe and the concept of "the exact replica of the Chapel of the Apparitions". This concept was developed by me as a pastoral plan of the World Apostolate of Fatima International, in coordination with the Rector of the Shrine of Fatima and the Bishop of Leiria-Fátima, whereas every WAF Region of the world, should have a Fatima Centre and Shrine where pilgrims from these regions can come to Our Lady of Fatima House close to their homes, to promote true devotion to Our Lady of Fatima and Her Immaculate Heart and receive formation about Her authentic Message, "a true echo of the Gospel of Jesus Christ", to make possible the conversion of many and the salvation of souls.
3. The exact Replica of the Capelinha is a sacred place that by authority of the Church provides the faithful with a site for pilgrimages to offer the cult of unique veneration She deserves and to gain the same GRACE AND MERCY bestowed at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. Every Region of the World Apostolate of Fatima should have the exact Replica to expand the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary around the world, one of the conditions stated by Our Lady of Fatima to obtain world peace.
4. The WAF Regions are: (1) Latin America and the Caribbean; (2) North America; (3) Europe; (4) Africa; (5) Asia and (6) Oceania.
 - A. The first exact Replica of the Capelinha in the world was built by the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima and the Portuguese Community in Puerto Rico with my assistance and that of the WAF Puerto Rico, in the grounds of the Generalship House for the Congregation, in Guánica, Puerto Rico (Region of Latin America and the Caribbean).

I had the honor of asking the permission to His Excellency, Bishop Seraphim Ferreira of Leiria-Fatima and the architectural plans to build the replica, which were given to the Honorable Consul of Portugal in Puerto Rico by the Rector of the Shrine of Fatima, Monsignor Luciano Guerra. It was my dream, as well as that of Mother Dominga Guzmán Florit, Founder of the Congregation and now in the process of beatification. So, the first exact Replica of the Capelinha is that of Puerto Rico, Diocese of Ponce, inaugurated, blessed and dedicated on the 13th of October, 1997. In its message for the occasion, Bishop Seraphim stated: "This Shrine, the Capelinha in Puerto Rico, will be a fountain of grace and mercy for Latin America and the Caribbean."

- B. On the 28th of May, 2011, a second exact replica was blessed and dedicated in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, by Archbishop Oraini João Tempesta, of Rio de Janeiro. The Capelinha was built by the initiative of Berthaldo Soares and the Portuguese Community.
- C. The third exact Replica in the world was built in San Remigio, Cebu, in the Philippines, for the Region of Asia, through the joint efforts of the Archdiocese of Cebu, the World Apostolate of Fatima-Philippines and the Foundation of "Tres Pastorinhos de Fatima," inaugurated, blessed and consecrated on April 3-4, 2022.
- D. The fourth exact Replica in the world was built in Koclírov, Diocese of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic, for Central and Eastern Europe, blessed and dedicated on the 1st of October, 2022 by Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Papal Nuncio to the Czech Republic and H.E. Jan Vokál, diocesan bishop. This is where the National Centre for the WAF in the Czech Republic and Eastern Europe is located.
- E. I am delighted to inform you that at this moment, there are exact Replicas been built in the Republic of Samoa (WAF Oceania Region, Archdiocese of Apia at the Fatima Centre for Oceania) and the Republic of Panamá (Central America). Also, for Africa, the Republic of Ghana is requesting permission to build an exact Replica in the Archdiocese of Kumasi, for the WAF National Shrine.

THEOLOGICAL SUMMARY

1. The building of exact Replicas of the Capelinha around the world announces the coming of the definitive triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary promised at Fátima, Portugal, by making possible the increase of true devotion to Her Heart.
2. The expansion of the true devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, alongside the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, announces to all the coming of the Reign of the Twin Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a new springtime for the Universal Church, a new civilization of love, a new Marian Pentecost.
3. An era of peace; the conversion of poor sinners in great numbers; the conversion of those nations in most need of God's mercy; the unity and strength of the Universal Church against inner dissensions opposing the Magisterium of Peter; all are connected with the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary prophesied at Fátima.

IMPORTANCE OF MARIAN SHRINES DEVOTED TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND HER IMMACULATE HEART

The devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, stressed in the complimentary Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Pontevedra and Tuy, Galicia, Spain, is wanted by God to be practiced along with the cult of Adoration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is necessary, by God's plans, for the conversion of sinners, the conversion of Russia and the coming of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary announced at Fatima, which is the definitive triumph of the Universal Church.

The New Evangelization to make possible a civilization of love, a true springtime for the Church and the world, a new Marian Pentecost bringing in our days a triumph of good over evil, are all related to the expansion of the true devotion of the Immaculate heart of Mary around the whole world.

Special instruments to achieve these goals are the exact replicas of the Little Chapel of Apparitions. These places must be kept under the zealous supervision of their respective diocesan bishops and respective foundations to preserve them in the most pristine way to serve God and Mother Mary.

The special mission they have:

1. To be a place of Reconciliation between God and humanity, where sinners can come to repent and do penance for their own salvation and the conversion of many;
2. This is a special place for families to come and consecrate themselves to God through the Mother's Immaculate Heart, to strengthen them in their Christian life, moral and values, overcoming "the spirit of the world" that pretends to separate them from God;
3. To be a place where children and youngsters can acquire the faith of their parents, the love towards the heavenly Mother instilled by their community and by their family;
4. A place where the liturgy excels in devotion and correction, of great Marian celebrations and reception of the sacraments;
5. A place of recollection, reflection, inner silence, meditation of the Holy Rosary and the Way of the Cross, true Marian devotional prayers attached to the ecclesial work of spreading the Good News of salvation, consoling the sick, assisting the poor, excelling in the works of mercy and charity;
6. A place to discern vocation for the young ones, where the calls from God and Mother Mary may be understood and appreciated;
7. A bridge for those outside the Catholic Church, to come in an ecumenical spirit and discover the marvels of the "Lady in white", the maternal love of the Blessed Mother, that can bring them to Jesus.

OUR DAYS ARE THOSE DAYS WERE FATIMA PROPHECIES ARE FULFILLED, WERE HUMANITY MUST ACCEPT THE TIME OF GRACE AND MERCY FOR CONVERSION "BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE", AS SISTER LUCIA SAID: "WERE THERE IS STILL TIME".

On the 25th of March, 2022, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and His Incarnation, on the 38th Anniversary of the collegial consecration of St. John Paul II, of March 25, 1984 (that brought the collapse of the Berlin Wall, the reunification of Germany, the collapse of the Iron Curtain and its countries of Eastern Europe, and finally the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, all without bloodshed) the Holy Father Pope Francis, judging that there are perils of a war in Europe, a nuclear war, that may develop into a Third World War, and conscious of the spiritual and moral crisis of our times, the culture of death and the social sins destroying our Christian civilization, and following the calls of Mother Mary in Fatima and the requests of the Bishops of Ukraine and such institutions as the WAF International (letter of the International President of the WAF of 28th of March, 2022), granted the petitions as requested, and announced the collegial renewal of the collegial consecration of St. John Paul II, a consecration of the world, of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for their conversion and salvation, to bring peace and stop the menace of a nuclear war of auto-destruction for humanity. The Pope requested all bishops to join him, the bishops in union with all their priests, and the people of God, in a day of Reparation, Penance, Fast and Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The fruits of this collegial consecration of 2022 will be magnificent, provided that all of us will follow the petitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Her Message:

1. Meditate the Holy Rosary daily, at least 5 Mysteries;
2. Sanctify our daily duties, accepting suffering as our share in Christ Passion, bearing our own Cross as true disciples of the Master;
3. Personal and family consecration to God through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, using the Brown Scapular as the sign of that consecration;
4. Practicing the Communion of Reparation of the Five First Saturdays with monthly confession, Communion of Reparation, reciting the Holy Rosary (at least five mysteries) and accompanying Mother Mary in Her solitude for fifteen minutes of meditation; all with the intention of giving satisfaction to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
5. The internal will to embrace God's love and mercy and to live a Christian life away from the "spirit of the world."

Orbis Unus Orans. Ave Maria. Praise the Lord!


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