



The time is now to present a spiritual bouquet to Our Lady of Fatima

Catholic organizations call for the prayer of five million rosaries for our families, life and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, Feb. 18, 2020 – The International World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF), its Children of the Eucharist program, Fatima Family Apostolate and other Catholic organizations are gathering prayers — rosaries, Divine Mercy Chaplets, morning offerings, etc. — from Catholics worldwide, including Catholic schoolchildren and the youth, for a Global Spiritual Bouquet, with the goal of protecting families, upholding the sanctity and dignity of all human lives and securing the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Fr. Carlos Cabecinhas, rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary, will present the bouquet in a solemn and beautiful ceremony on May 13 and October 13, 2020, in the Chapel of Apparitions in Fatima, Portugal.

A counter has been created for Catholics who want to contribute to the spiritual bouquet: <https://worldrosary2020.org/spiritual-bouquet-offering/>. It's a simple process. Just enter your prayer commitments, click "submit" and the balance grows.

Father Chris Alar, MIC, director of the Association of Marian Helpers, sent a clarion call for the spiritual bouquet, urging Catholics to commit to praying five million rosaries: <https://youtu.be/owBIQMTtRAU>.

"We are living in times of great suffering where many have lost hope," said Fr. Alar. "Evil abounds and families are struggling. But this is not the time to give up!"

"In HOPE, let us follow the request of Our Lady to 'continue to pray the Rosary every day because only she can help us,'" said Connie Schneider, president of Children of the Eucharist.

The International WAF is releasing information about the Global Spiritual Bouquet via the websites www.worldfatima.com and www.WorldRosary2020.org in seven languages to more than 130 member nations.

Prof. Américo López, international president of the WAF, encourages all Spanish-speaking Fatima devotees “to pray for mercy and in reparation for the offenses committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary”: <https://youtu.be/btL2eNu3ksk> and <https://youtu.be/2bSo7pX7Sc8>.

Log into www.worldrosary2020.org to add your rosaries and sacrifices to the current count.

Meanwhile, you can learn about the remarkable true story of the Marian apparitions that occurred in Fatima, Portugal, in [*Fatima*](#), a movie that will be released in theaters throughout North America on Friday, April 24. The International World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) is one of the partners of *Fatima*, which has been endorsed by Fr. Carlos Cabecinhas and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima in Portugal.

“I encourage all Catholics to contribute their prayers to the Global Spiritual Bouquet and see the movie *Fatima*,” said Natasha Howes, producer of *Fatima*. “It’s an incredibly edifying movie that portrays the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith on the big screen, and will encourage Catholics to turn to our Blessed Mother to intercede for us in these difficult times.”

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