

Our Mother's messages delivered at Fátima

ur Bishop Barry C. Knestout visited Fátima, Portugal, before going to World Youth Day in Lisbon. Our bishop is our shepherd, and he led a "flock" of faithful people from our diocese in this pilgrimage!



Today, many people travel to Fátima because that's where Our Lady appeared to three little shepherd children more than 100 years ago.

Jesus loves his mother and he loves us – that's why he shares his perfect mother with the world. He sometimes sends her to us with important messages.

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We can talk to Our Lady, trust her, and ask her for help. We know she listens to kids, no matter how old. She visited the children of Fátima several times and told them important things to help us get to heaven. The children were probably the same ages as you or your siblings. Lucia and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta, were all ten and younger – and saw the Blessed Virgin Mary!

At Fátima, Our Mother told the children she is the **Lady of the Rosary**. She asked them to pray the rosary every day, and wants us to do that, too. She also said she wants us to think about her Immaculate Heart, because it will help us love God with our whole hearts!

This month is devoted to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**.

The children of Fátima learned five new prayers. Here is one of the prayers that you can say, even if you haven't received your first Holy Communion yet.



The Eucharistic Prayer

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.



• What is your favorite place to travel to?

-Mia Grace Cordovana, 9, Blessed Sacrament, Norfolk

• I'm on the road a lot because of my duties as bishop, but I don't travel very much just for fun. I do enjoy seeing and visiting new places. Just in the last few months, I have been to Oklahoma, California, Florida, and Italy. I really enjoyed visiting all those places, but I still consider it work-related.

When I'm not working, I actually like to

stay close to home. I enjoy walking along the James River, visiting my family, and going to the beach.

• What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

-Jane Pugh, 3,

St. Bede, Williamsburg

• I don't eat a lot of ice cream, but when I do – you can't go wrong with chocolate!

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