

PILGRIM STATUE HOME VISITATION



WELCOME MARY INTO YOUR HOME!

At Fatima, the Blessed Mother exhorted us to pray the Rosary daily and to offer sacrifices to obtain peace for the world.

Our parish is now offering home visitation of a special Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This is a gift to all our parishioners to help honor Mary's requests, to help bring peace to your home, hear your special intentions and peace for the world. If you're someone who doesn't pray or pray the rosary, this is a great opportunity to open your heart and home and have our Lady of Fatima visit you. Our lady of Fatima wants to bless you, your home, family and friends with her special graces.

During the pilgrimage, you can talk, stay quiet, share your special intentions, pray the rosary alone or with family and friends to our Lady.

Many families have reported blessings following Mary's visit to their homes! Mary wants to be our friend, Mother, someone we lean on when we need her guidance or help with certain life events. Remember her Son Jesus always listens to his mother and our intentions are presented to Jesus through Mary.

For this visitation, the Pilgrim Statue will be brought to your home by two members of St. Mary's Home Visitation Team. These two members will help you set up the statue and will pray welcoming prayers with you. The statue will stay in your home for one week. During this time, you are encouraged to pray the Rosary, or a decade of the Rosary as well as other prayers to Our Lady which will be provided for you. You are also encouraged to invite neighbors, relatives and friends to your home, especially as you

first welcome Mary upon her arrival, but even during the week that the Pilgrim Statue is in your home.

Venerating the statue of Mary helps to lead us to Christ. To venerate means to give honor to, to show respect for. When we venerate the statue of Mary, it is as if we are venerating Mary herself. As we are led closer to Mary through her pilgrim statue, she in turn leads us to her son. (CCC 2131, 2132, 2618). Mary is... *Our mother: we can entrust all our cares and petitions to her.* (CCC 2677)

What follows are some examples of families who have received blessings after the home visitation:

- "Three days after the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima graced our home, we heard from our daughter after more than two years of searching and praying for her. I continue to say the daily Rosary in thanksgiving for this blessing and the many graces that continue to follow."
- "Thank you for spreading the great message of Fatima at our home. One of our guests left the visit and went straight to confession. She hadn't gone in years."
- "I recently had the honor of a home visitation by our wonderful Mother and her kind and loving custodians. It was such a wonderful and happy occasion. We had about 50 people present, and many had not been to Mass or said the Rosary in many years. After our mother's visit, they started going back to Mass and saying the rosary! I can't thank you enough for bringing our mother to our home. She was truly needed by all present."

If you would like to have the Pilgrim Statue in your home, please sign up at the rectory.