

What is a Fatima visit like?

The Home Visitation Apostolate is a project of the **South Africa Needs Our Lady** Campaign. The project aims at bringing Our Lady of Fatima and her message of conversion, prayer and penance into every home in South Africa.

Custodians travel all over the country with a 1.2m replica of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The original Pilgrim Virgin statue was made in 1947 under the direction of Sister Lucia dos Santos, the oldest of the seers to whom Our Lady appeared. The custodians take the statues to homes, schools and nursing homes to offer people a few hours of prayer and devotion in the presence of the beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima.



At the beginning of the Fatima Home Visit Presentation, the hosts are invited to crown the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and to place the Rosary on her hands.

Throughout South Africa Needs Our Lady's history of bringing the statue of Our Lady of Fatima into homes, Custodians have personally witnessed the profound effect Our Lady's visit has had on souls.

What happens during a Fatima Home Visit?

Our Lady is crowned: First and foremost, the statue of Our Lady is ceremoniously crowned by the host as Queen of the home as everyone sings hymns in Her honour.

- **The Fatima Message is shown:** The custodian then introduces the **South Africa Needs Our Lady** campaign to the audience. He begins by giving a short history of the origin of the statue before showing a powerful, 20-minute video on the story of Fatima and how Our Lady's message is applied to our days and each one of us.

The video shows how the importance of the message of Fatima is for our times and how all of Our Lady's prophecies have been fulfilled and continues to be most relevant for us today.

- **Fatima Petitions are taken:** After this, the custodian distributes a special envelope on which the guests can write petitions. These petitions are later taken to Fatima, Portugal, and placed at the exact spot where Our Lady appeared.



At Fatima Home Visits, custodians begin with a short, introductory talk then show a powerful 20-minute video of the story and message of Fatima as applied to our days and our lives.

- **The Rosary and Reception:** Lastly, the rosary is recited together and a small reception is usually offered to give those present the chance to visit with friends and make new acquaintances and allow the custodian to personally visit with the guests. During this time, everyone is invited to browse the line of beautiful religious materials and take pictures with the statue of Our Lady.
- **The Certificate is presented:** Before the presentation draws to a close, a beautiful certificate is presented to the host. When 13 or more attend a Fatima visit, the host receives a large poster of Our Lady of Fatima as a gift. The number 13 was chosen to honour the date in which Our Lady appeared - the 13th of each month from May to October 1917.



Guests at Home Fatima Visits can browse a wide selection of beautiful statues, books and religious material.

We look forward to meeting you at a Fatima Home Visit soon!