



World Apostolate of Fatima

More than 20 million members in 110 countries



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PERMANENT APPROVAL OF THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA AS A
PUBLIC ASSOCIATION OF THE FAITHFUL OF PONTIFICAL RIGHT FOR THE
UNIVERSAL CHURCH

On November 19, 2010, Feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence, Patroness of Puerto Rico, the Pontifical Council for the Laity communicated to the International President of the World Apostolate of Fatima, Professor Américo Pablo López Ortiz, a native of Puerto Rico, that the formal decree of PERMANENT APPROVAL of the World Apostolate of Fatima has been issued and sent to the Vatican's Secretariat of State to be handed to the President through the Apostolic Delegation in Puerto Rico.

On December 24, 2010, Christmas' Eve, the Decree 1289/10/AIC-76 was received. A public ceremony will be held in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Purification at Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, on February 2, 2011, Solemnity of Our Lady of Purification, Patroness of the city of Mayagüez, during a Pontifical Mass to make known to the faithful the great news of the permanent approval of the World Apostolate of Fatima as an international public association of the faithful of pontifical right for the Universal Church.

The Holy See, through its Pontificium Consilium Pro Laicis, decreed on October 7, 2010, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, that the World Apostolate of Fatima has been erected as a public association of the faithful, with a juridical personality, and its Statutes have been confirmed definitely approved. After a minimum term of five years of approval "ad experimentum", the World Apostolate of Fatima complied with excellence all requirements to be confirmed as definitely approved.

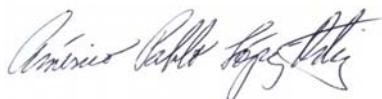
As Bishop Josef Clemens, Secretary of the Pontificium Consilium Pro Laicis stated: "This definitive approval of the Statutes marks a new moment for the World Apostolate of Fatima and it is our hope that it brings a new evangelization enthusiasm in your endeavours. We trust that all members will devote themselves wholeheartedly and with ecclesial maturity in serving the mission of the Church. May Mary, the bright star of the new evangelization, guide you always."

Only a public association of the faithful can receive a mission to teach Catholic doctrine in the name of the Church, promote public worship or pursue a purpose which by nature is reserved to the ecclesiastical authority. As a public association, the members of the World Apostolate of Fatima act in the name of the Church when fulfilling the purpose of the association. Our mission is the formation of lay people, the formation of families, by spreading the Good News of Salvation through the authentic Message of Fatima, a message of conversion, prayer, penance in reparation of sins and for the conversion of poor sinners, together with a more genuine devotion to the Eucharist, the Communion of Reparation of the Five First Saturday's of the Month, the devotion to the Holy Rosary and the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. World peace, the sanctification of the adherents, the conversion of those nations in most need of God's mercy and the common good of humanity are the great objectives to be obtained from God's grace and mercy.

Through the religious experience of Fatima our societies can find again the true path to Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. As Pope Benedict XVI said last May at Fatima: "We would be mistaken to think that Fatima's prophetic mission is complete." Our Blessed Mother came to Fatima as a teacher to introduce the three little shepherds to the intimate knowledge of the Trinitarian Love, making them flavour His grace and mercy, "a grace experience that made them enamoured of God in Jesus." The World Apostolate of Fatima, present in 110 countries of the world, exists for that purpose.

It is a time of great spiritual joy and motivation to carry on our responsibilities with the confirmation of the Successor of Peter as we approach the period of preparation of seven years for the great celebration of the centennial of the Fatima Apparitions, a great sign of the developing triumph of the Woman dressed in sun as was prophesied in Fatima.

In Christ and Mary Queen,



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