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Dear Fatima Family,

OFFERING OF MASSES FOR LATE POPE BENEDICT XVI

Happy New Year.

At the passing of our beloved Pope Benedict XVI, let us (the World Apostolate of Fatima) offer Masses at the local, national, and regional levels of our Apostolate for the eternal repose of his soul and to celebrate his life of brilliant service to the Church, as a brilliant theologian and defender of the faith, as a reformer and holy Pastor of the flock, guiding the Universal Church in times of turmoil and confusion. Let us be grateful for his approval and encouragement of the WAF INTERNATIONAL, in which he received three times in audience Prof. Américo Pablo López Ortiz, my predecessor as International President of the WAF.

As Pope, he was very interested in the development and growth of Fatima Apostolate as he was very conscious of the importance of the Message of Fatima in our times, visiting as Pope the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal in 2010, where he offered a profound interpretation of its spirituality.

As Cardinal, he (Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger) visited Sister Lucia many times in Coimbra and at the request of St. John Paul II offered a magnificent interpretation of the third part of the secret of Fatima, calling for more works to unveil its full meaning. A great Marian Pope, he was born on a Holy Saturday and died on a Saturday as well, reminding us of the Sabatine Privilege and the use of the Brown Scapular as sign of the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, that he superbly performed on his visit to Fatima, where he consecrated all the priests of the world, praying for their sanctity.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to this servant of Christ and all Christians who embodied so well the virtues of humility and obedience to God's will. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

In Jesus and Mary,

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