

April 2018

The International Leading Team (ERI) met from last April 5th-9th in Fatima.

The Portugal Super-Region welcomed and looked after the ERI with great kindness, friendliness...and efficiency. We warmly congratulate them and thank here!



The ERI in front of the Esplanade of the Fatima Sanctuary

The ERI's visit to the site enabled them to see just how well suited Fatima is to host the exceptional Gathering of Team members, from all over the world, who will be coming on pilgrimage to this sanctuary where the Virgin Mary appeared a century ago to three little shepherds ...





Samuel Sanches, Leader of the Committee Organising the Gathering and his assistant Nuno Vieira

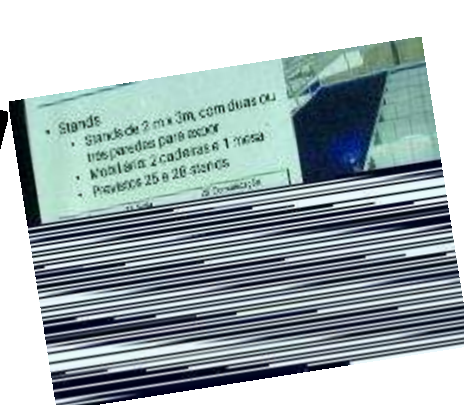
The visit enabled the ERI to meet those in charge of the organisation of such an important event and to be able to ask them all the essential questions.

The ERI came away from this meeting certain that the organisation and implementation of the Gathering is in capable and highly skilled hands...



Sister Angela Coelho who will run an activity related to the Sanctuary

A very detailed slideshow enabled everyone to better understand the organisational details and to see how everything has been carefully thought out, worked upon and prepared. Any questions that you might have will be answered on www.endfatima2018.pt ...



This Gathering will provide the opportunity to present the future ERI who is to succeed the current one. Here are the names of those called upon to make up the new team:

	ERI Responsible Couple	Spiritual Counsellor	Satellite Teams	Communication
Outgoing	<i>To & Zé Moura Soares</i>	<i>Fr. Jacinto Farias</i>	<i>Clarita & Edgardo Bernal</i>	<i>Françoise & Rémi Gaussel</i>
Incoming	<i>Clarita & Edgardo Bernal</i>	<i>Fr. Ricardo Londoño</i>	<i>Mariola & Elizeu Calsing</i>	<i>Dora & João-Pedro Sousa</i>

	Americas Zone	Eurafrica Zone	Central Europe Zone
Outgoing	<i>Graça & Roberto Rocha</i>	<i>Amaya & Jose-Antonio Marcen</i>	<i>Mahassen & Georges Khoury</i>
Incoming	<i>Hermelinda & Arturo Zamperlini</i>	<i>Bernadette & Sylvestre Minlekibe</i>	<i>Thérèse & Antoine Leclerc</i>

For the Eurasia Zone, Helena & Paul McCloskey will continue their service for one more year.

Latest News: *Paola & Giovanni Cecchini Manara* will take over from *Beca & Pedro Bobone* in the ERI secretariat...

Life of the Movement

The assessment of the **International Colloquium on Father Caffarel** held in the Collège des Bernardins in Paris last December is excellent: there were numerous and moving testimonials expressing their satisfaction. Father Paleri, Postulator of the Cause of Canonisation at the Holy See, assured us that this event will constitute an important stage in the process of canonisation of Father Caffarel.

Information about how to participate in the Fatima International Gathering:

Registration is closed, although a few cases remain to be finalised definitively. So, more than 8500 participants are expected next 16th-21st July in Fatima and 79 countries will be represented...

The participants will be welcomed on the morning of July 16th. Each person will receive precise information about their welcome and departure. Information will be on www.endfatima2018.pt

All the necessary documents are in the process of being finalised, translated and formatted.

International College and Gathering, July 2018 in Fatima

1. **During the International College**, the following documents will be distributed to the Responsible Couples present:

1. **The Guide to Teams of Our Lady**: a new edition completely re-drafted. This is the fruit of tremendous work by the ERI, who have produced a modern and up-to-date document.

2. **The Guide to the Pilot Couple**, written along the same lines as the previous guides (Responsible Couple, Information Couple and Liaison Couple), is easy to read, well documented and illustrated, accessible to all and will be easy to reproduce and circulate.

3. **The Study Topic for Long Standing Teams** is being finished in the 5 languages and will be circulated at the Fatima International College in paper format and also digitally so that it can easily be reproduced and circulated by the SR/RRs.

4. **The International Gathering** will provide the opportunity to present the fundamental documents and make them available to the participants. These will help them better understand and experience the Movement today and in the years to come:

5. **The Great Historic Events** of Teams of Our Lady.

6. **Teams of Our Lady Today** in the world.

7. **“The Vocation and Mission of Teams of Our Lady at the Dawn of the Third Millennium,”** is a document that presents an analysis of the challenges that confront the Movement today and the perspectives to be considered for the years to come.

8. The **“Letter from Fatima,”** co-written by the outgoing Responsible Couple, To & Zé, and the incoming one, Clarita & Edgardo, will specify the Movement’s orientations for the next six years.

9. **An International Training and Formation Session** will take place after the Gathering. Spread over 3 days, it is intended to form and train couples and Spiritual Counsellors, who are preparing to take on responsibilities in the Movement. It was devised by Clarita & Edgardo Bernal.

A high participation level is expected with 54 couples and 24 Spiritual Counsellors, who will represent 45 countries ...

Update on On-going Work

- **Study Topic for 2018-2019:** *“Reconciliation, a Sign of Love,”* a continuation of the theme for the Gathering. It is being prepared by a Team from Ecuador and will be finished in time for Fatima.

- The **Satellite Teams’** work is finished and the written documents have already been distributed at the previous Colleges. Concerning the **Database**, please remind the SR & RR Responsible Couples to keep in regular contact with the Paris Secretariat (Guénola) so that the database is up-to-date. This **Database** as well as the **Platform for Christian Formation** will be managed by the future Responsible Couple for Communication in the ERI, working closely with the Paris Secretariat.

Diary – Upcoming Events

The next ERI meeting will be held in Fatima on 7th-11th July, the days preceding the College and Gathering.

The holding of following (Autumn) ERI meeting in Paris is under consideration. A pilgrimage/retreat will be organised at Massabielle to enable the new ERI to get to know each other better and to be gathered together in prayer before starting out on their work together.