## <u>United Nations International</u> <u>Pilgrim Virgin Statue</u>

## Visitation Sunday, August 20, 2017

This is one of the four famous status sculpted according to the specifications of Sister Lucia, seer of Fatima, by Jose Thedein, the Michelangelo of Portugal. All four statues were blest by Pope Pius XII on May 13, 1947. The Bishop of Fatima then sent them out into the world to proclaim the message of Fatima.

This particular statue was brought to the United States from Fatima on December 8, 1952 specifically for the United Nations. Msgr. Harold Colgon, who founded the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, placed this statue in the United Nations Meditation Room and there led the recitation of the rosary. For this reason she is known as the United Nations International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.



The custodian of this statue, Judith Studer, who was diagnosed with terminal colon cancer, was healed through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima while this statue was visiting her diocese. In thanksgiving for this great healing and grace, she promised Our Lady to promote devotion to Jesus through Mary. She was later asked to be the custodian of this famous image of Our Lady. She has traveled the United States and other countries promoting the Fatima message of prayer (the rosary), penance and reparation.

As we welcome into our area this famous image of the Mother of God under her title of Our lady of Fatima, let us respond in imitation of St. Elizabeth at the Visitation: "Blessed art thou among women, and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb – But who are we that the Mother of Our Lord should come to us?" So come, pray, venerate and ask for the many graces and blessings you need from Our Heavenly Mother, who is waiting patiently to shower us with an abundance of the graces we need in our earthly sojourn to heaven. Let us welcome the Queen of Heaven by way of her image as Our Lady of Fatima and in the words of St. Louis de Montefort "To Jesus through Mary."

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