



Honoring Our Lady of Fatima

I was on vacation the first week of August and missed the parish celebrations in honor of the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima in The Dalles, Redmond, and Klamath Falls. From what I've heard and from what you can see in this issue of the Chronicle, these were events not to be missed. People came in great numbers to pay homage to our Mother in beautiful processions and reverent prayer. And they were not quick to leave, many remaining for hours during the night for Eucharistic Adoration. Such faith-filled dedication on the part of so many of her children cannot fail to be pleasing to Our Lady. I have no doubt it will bear much spiritual fruit throughout the diocese in this hundredth anniversary of the Fatima apparitions.

I want to express my particular personal gratitude to key people who coordinated the passage of the statue from parish to parish: Judy Newport (organizer in chief), Dennis Dempsey, and Terri Isom on the diocesan level and the host of parish volunteers who made everything go so smoothly on the ground. From all who drew inspiration and grace from your efforts, many, many thanks!