



Our Lady would like to visit your family!

Saint Philip School is blessed to have a statue of Our Lady of Fatima which travels from home to home throughout the school year. The Saint Philip School Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be available for home visitations beginning in October, the month of the Holy Rosary. As you spend time with Our Lady, your prayers will be united with those of all Saint Philip school families who are praying for our school and for their own special intentions.

What is the Pilgrim Virgin Visitation Program?



The *Pilgrim Virgin Visitation Program* began in 1946 when Portuguese youth carried the original Fatima statue from town to town, where people gathered to pray and many miracles occurred. These events inspired increased devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, and the response was so great that two large official statues were blessed and began traveling throughout the world; they are still visiting among the faithful today. The Pilgrim Virgin Program for Youth is an offshoot of the original program and helps us to teach our children about the Miracle of Fatima, the three shepherd children to whom she appeared, and the continued intercession of our Blessed Mother.

Families have borne witness to an outpouring of grace when the statue visits their homes. Pope Pius XII proclaimed, *"In 1946 we crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World, and the following year, through her pilgrim image, she set forth as though to claim*

her dominion. The favors and miracles she performs along the way are such that we can scarcely believe what we are seeing with our eyes."

This program for youth consists of a Pilgrim Virgin statue, family videos about the message of Fatima, the scapular, and the rosary; and literature to help you learn more. Ordinarily, families are given a week with the statue, but this depends on the number of families who request visitation time. We ask that Mary be placed in a position of prominence in your home, and that your family offer prayers (especially the Holy Rosary), light candles, or place flowers in her honor. You may also enter your family prayer intentions into a special book of intentions which will travel with the statue. You are invited to view the enclosed videos to learn more about Mary's apparition at Fatima and of her special requests to the world. Students who receive permission from their parents to bring the statue of Our Lady of Fatima into their home should return the form below to the school office. Feel free to list a specific date you may wish to host the statue; we will try to accommodate your request as much as possible. Families receiving the statue will take everything needed directly from the office, and return the statue to the school on the date assigned. We do not permit children to take the statue on the bus, as the box is fairly large and the contents are fragile. Once a schedule has been completed, you will be notified of the dates to which your family has been assigned.

PILGRIM VIRGIN VISITATION SIGN-UP

Name of Student: _____

Grade: _____ Visitation Date Preference? _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

