

Our Lady is so good! It's hard to believe that a year has passed since Archbishop Vigneron designated our little Fatima chapel to the status of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. We are now one of *only* four official Shrines in the Archdiocese of Detroit and the *only* Shrine completely staffed by volunteers.

We have prayed and talked with many pilgrims (priests and lay people) who have visited the Shrine this past year. They tell us that that they feel at home and at peace here. I am especially moved that they are impressed by the Shrine's beauty but most importantly by our devotion to Jesus and Our Lady. And I can't forget that they love our Shrine's Rector Father John Hedges!

I want to thank our small and dedicated band of volunteers who have

renewed their efforts to live, learn and teach the Fatima messages. Due to their efforts the Shrine and the St Joseph Bookstore will now add an additional day for your convenience and will be open Monday's, Wednesday's and Saturday's 11am-4pm. Come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and visit our improved bookstore. I am also extremely grateful for those of you who continue to support us financially and who are generously sacrificing to help us with our goal of \$60,000 to beautify our chapel ceiling. If you wish to join those who have already given visit fatimashrinedetroit.org and give now. St Joseph is the patron of this campaign and he will bless your generosity!

I'm grateful to everyone involved in creating our new Marian Messenger e-newsletter. I think our very first edition looks great and I hope you are

enjoying reading it as much as we are happy to create the new version for you! If you know of family and friends who wish to receive our new e-newsletter, please have them sign up for it on our website fatimashrinedetroit.org

We have a wonderful volunteer family at the Shrine who could use your help. If you wish to join us, we are in need of help with indoor cleaning, grounds clean up, office work and staffing in the bookstore. You may work as many or as few days each month as you wish. No experience needed! Our volunteers tell me that they feel real purpose and joy in volunteering so please consider joining our family of volunteers. Contact me at (313) 320-7887 or email me at bluearmy18637@gmail.com

Let us pray together thru the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima and good St Joseph as we continue on our earthly journey to our heavenly home.

Our Lady of Fatima...pray for us!

Leonard St. Pierre