



MEDIA ADVISORY—FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thousands to Walk in Candlelight Procession for 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

CHICAGO—This **Saturday, May 13th**, thousands will peacefully walk in the streets of Chicago praying for an end to violence.

The candlelight procession marks the **100th anniversary** of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, who asked prayers for peace, forgiveness, and conversion for our world.

After the **7:00 pm** presentation by **Rev. James Presta**, Professor of Mariology in the Archdiocese of Chicago, the faithful will process along Milwaukee Avenue led by **Rev. Anthony Bus, C.R.**, and members of the local law enforcement community as they escort a statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

The procession will move along Milwaukee Avenue passing **Holy Trinity Polish Mission** and will arrive at **St. Stanislaus Kostka Church** for a concluding prayer service.

“We hope that this peaceful candlelight procession will be a striking counterpoint to the violence so often seen in our streets,” say organizers, “Far from being any sort of protest, this is a procession invoking divine aid, shining light in the darkness too often experienced in our city.”

Pope Francis who will be in Fatima Portugal, this May 13th, has granted to the faithful a special Plenary Indulgence for taking part in the Centennial Celebrations around the globe. The events are being sponsored by the **World Apostolate of Fatima, USA** and **Relevant Radio**

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QUICK FACTS

Saturday, May 13th, 7:00 pm

- Organizers anticipate **at least 2,000 people** will walk in procession.
- The procession will cover a **distance of 1 mile**, departing from St. John Cantius Church (825 N Carpenter St) and concluding at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church (1327 N Noble St).
- Photojournalists and live-broadcast media personnel are welcome to follow the procession.
- The statement made by those attending the event is first and foremost a prayer for peace amid times of violence in our city and nation.
- The Chicago Police Department along with the Chicago Fire Department will assist with any temporary street closures along the procession route (see map).
- Officer Nick Chapello, is logistics coordinator and police liaison (mobile: 773-742-2972).
- Individual members of the Chicago Police Department will carry the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.



ROUTE MAP & ITINERARY

7:00 PM – Program begins at St. John Cantius Church (825 N Carpenter St) with a sermon by Rev. James Presta, Archdiocese of Chicago

7:40 PM – Departure of procession from St. John Cantius Church

8:00 PM – Procession crosses over Kennedy Expressway on Milwaukee Avenue

8:20 PM – Procession passes Holy Trinity Church (1118 N Noble St)

8:30 PM – Procession arrives at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church (1327 N Noble St)

8:40 PM – Concluding prayer service

