

Requirements for earning Our Lady of Fatima, 100 Years of Grace badge for Behold Christ Clubs

Knowing: Do at least three:

1. Learn the story of Our Lady of Fatima either orally, by book or by movie. Good movies include *The Day the Sun Danced* (CCC of America animated movie – 30 minutes. Appropriate for all ages) Or *Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima* (1952. Appropriate for ages 8 and up.) or *The 13th Day* (2015. Appropriate for ages 10 and up.)
2. Make a timeline of events of 1916-1917 beginning with the first time the angel appeared to the children through the time of the Miracle of the Sun. Look at a timeline of other things that were going on in the world at the same time (Timelines of History is a good resource). Compare the two timelines.
3. What were some of the messages that Our Lady gave the children? Write some of them down and see how many you can apply today.
4. Why was the government trying to stop people from going to the Cova and why? Why do you think the people kept coming even though they knew the government didn't want them to?
5. Find out about communism and how it got started in Russia. Why would communism threaten people's faith? What message did Mary bring to fight communism? Present what you found out.
6. What happened on the anniversary of the first appearance of Mary (May 13) in 1981? What was the effect of this event?

Calling: Do at least two:

1. Our Lady showed the children the suffering souls in Purgatory and asked them to offer prayers and sacrifices for them. Pick one day a week for four weeks to specifically offer your day, your prayers and your sacrifices for the suffering souls in Purgatory.
2. Our Lady asked the children to say many rosaries. The Rosary is a prayer of Mary and Jesus' life. Do you know all the mysteries of the Rosary? If so, pray an extra set of mysteries for the Holy Father's intention. If not, see if you can learn at least one set of mysteries of the Rosary.
3. Prayers and sacrifices are supposed to open us to God's grace working within us. When we have that love in us, it overflows into those around us. Show someone the love of Christ today by doing an extra chore without being asked, being extra kind to your brother or sister, or writing a card to an elderly relative or neighbor.
4. Imagine what it would have been like to be at the Cova on October 13, 1917 and witnessing the Miracle of the Sun. Would you have been frightened? Would you have been surprised? How do you think your life may have changed after that event? Make a commitment to change your life as if you had already witnessed a miracle...which, of course, you do every time you go to Mass.

Immersion: Do at least three:

1. Our Lady appeared in Fatima, Portugal. Locate Fatima on a map. What ocean borders Portugal? Do some research on how Portugal colonized other countries. Make a list of countries that used to be Portuguese colonies. How many of them still speak Portuguese?
2. Find the story about the Pilgrim who was saved by hanging by a rooster in Barcelo, in Northwest Portugal. The rooster is a national symbol in Portugal and is seen on many items made in the country.
3. Listen to the Portuguese music called "fado." Do you like it? Even if you don't know what the singers are saying, how does the music make you feel?
4. Find some images of traditional Portuguese dress. What do they look like? Find some videos of Portuguese folk dancers in traditional dress. Do you know which of the three Fatima visionaries liked to dance?
5. What does the Portuguese flag look like? Draw a picture of the flag. What do the symbols and colors mean? What year was the flag adopted?
6. Explore Portuguese food and see if you can find a recipe for Portuguese bread or other dish and make it to share.