Two of the three Fatima visionaries, this sister and brother along with their cousin, Lucia dos Santos, had monthly visions of Mary at Fatima, Portugal, from May to October 1917. Mary asked the shepherd children to promote devotion to her Immaculate Heart and pray the rosary daily. Both Martos died of influenza, Francisco at age 10 in 1919, and Jacinta at age 9 in 1920. Their cousin, who became a Carmelite nun, died in 2005 at age 97. Fatima is among the world’s great Marian shrines and pilgrimage sites. On May 13, 2000, both Francisco and Jacinta were beatified. Pope Francis canonized the siblings and on May 13, 2017, on the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. Francisco and Jacinta are the first child saints who are not martyrs in the history of the church.

“One night his father heard him sobbing and asked him why he was crying; his son answered: "I was thinking of Jesus who is so sad because of the sins that are committed against him". He was motivated by one desire - so expressive of how children think - "to console Jesus and make him happy".

Our Lady needs you all to console Jesus, who is sad because of the bad things done to him; he needs your prayers and your sacrifices for sinners.” –Saint John Paul II, on his apostolic journey to Fatima, May 2000