



Mafra | Pontifical Coronation of "Our Lady of Solitude" in the Basilica of Mafra



The IV Pan-European Forum of Brotherhoods, entities linked to the Catholic Church, takes place this weekend in Mafra. The event ends with the canonical coronation of the image of Our Lady of Solitude in the Basilica of the National Palace of Mafra, in charge of Pope Francis' envoy, Cardinal Portuguese, José Tolentino Mendonça ([learn more](#)).

The ceremonies include two religious moments, the "solemn vespers" and the coronation mass.

The "solemn vespers" are scheduled for Saturday, September 16, at 6:45 p.m., with the musical component of the event, in charge of the "Chapel of St. Vincent", involving the six organs of the basilica and the carillon.

The Royal and Venerable Brotherhood of the Blessed Sacrament of Mafra" says that the musical part will include, in addition to Gregorian chant and liturgical chants in Portuguese, *"the first modern performance of the Magnificat by Marcos Portugal, until now unpublished in the library of the National Palace of Mafra, and the world premiere of the Deo Gratias by João Vaz"*. Adding that *"all the faithful and devotees of Our Lady of Solitude are invited to attend this ceremony that precedes the papal coronation and the 6 organs of the basilica will be heard, singers, carillon, bugles of the Army Fanfare, music that has not been heard since the time of D. João VI, a unique and unrepeatabe celebration"*.

The next day, September 17, at 11:00 a.m., the coronation mass will take place, which will be presided over by Cardinal José Tolentino Mendonça.

The pontifical coronation ceremony will be attended by five pieces that have undergone conservation and restoration intervention, 2 chasubles, 2 cushions and a baldachin ([learn more](#)).

Access is free of charge, but limited to the capacity of the space and without prior reservation.

Pope Francis granted, by decree, to the Brotherhood of the Blessed Sacrament of Mafra, the canonical coronation of its image of Our Lady of Solitude" in December 2020 ([learn more](#)).

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