Hunger for Spiritual Material

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Daily during the conference, I was reminded of just how much we have here in North America. Usually we think of our excess in terms of our physical well being and comfort.

But during our week in India, that thought regarding our excess in North America pertained to how much we have in terms of our spiritual well being, at least as far as access to Sacramentals and religious literature.

In preparing for this conference, we anticipated there might be more of a demand for literature and Sacramentals than we usually encounter and sent much larger quantities than we normally do. However, we did not even come close to the quantities needed to fill the requests of the priests and bishops who attended.

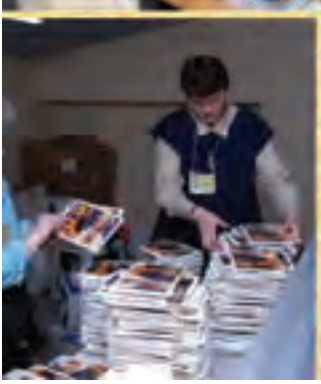
Overwhelming Need for Fatima Materials

By the end of the first day, our supply of Sacramentals was entirely depleted. Our supply of books, booklets and tens of thousands of prayer cards and devotional leaflets were also given away and the supplies had diminished to almost nothing.

Thousands more materials were obtained from our India office in an attempt to keep up with the growing number of requests from the conference attendees. Additional Rosaries were ordered and thousands more Brown Scapulars were rushed in from our Scapular factory. The demand was so great, that by the last day of the conference, the India office supply of devotional literature and Sacramentals that had been set aside for India-wide distribution was almost depleted. By the end of the Conference we had distributed:

67,900 Scapulars,
13,000 Miraculous Medals,
16,080 Rosaries,
1,869 Fatima Water,
419,917 Fatima Books and Leaflets

Many more thousands could have been distributed if we had the supply. We returned home with folders full of written requests from bishops and priests for more literature and Sacramentals, which we are now attempting to fill.

We are counting on friends of Our Lady, like you, to assist us with the cost to purchase and mail the critically needed spiritual literature and Sacramentals overseas. FC

518,766 Fatima Books, Leaflets and Sacramentals Distributed