



**Vox Populi**  
**11 August 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters,

I am reflecting on our pilgrimage and our World Youth Day experience in Lisbon, Portugal, as I make my way to the airport and our pilgrims also prepare for their return journey.

What an amazing time it has been for our young people to be present with the Holy Father and 1.5 million young people from all around the world. They came together to express their faith in Jesus Christ and stand united in solidarity as members of the Church who are venturing out into the world to proclaim the Good News.

We have just concluded a three-day retreat at Fatima. It was such a wonderful time for our students, young adults, teachers, seminarians, priests, and religious as we gathered together in prayer.

We have been accompanied by Mary, walking together and being led more deeply and lovingly into Jesus Christ, her Son - which is the heart of our mission.

It has been a fantastic time that has had a profound effect on everyone, and I am really confident the Lord is doing good things in them through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I know they will bring life to our Church and advance the mission as we proclaim Jesus Christ to the World.

My prayers and blessings,

+Bishop Anthony