

**VIRGIN CELEBRATED IN LOURDES**

Positive developed: 18 meters - 60 ft  
No competition known.

August 15th. Commemoration of the Holy Virgin, was widely celebrated in the high Roman Catholic pilgrimage center of Lourdes where thousands and thousands of French and foreign pilgrims flocked for the Day in endless procession to the large Basilica, the Holy grotte where the Virgin appeared to Bernadette Soubirous nearly a hundred years ago.

On the occasion of the centenary of these apparitions of the Holy Virgin to the young shepherdess Bernadette Soubirous, next year will be inaugurated a new giant basilica which is being built underground, underneath the large square in front of the old Church. This new basilica will hold 20 thousand pilgrims for celebrations.

The Holy Virgin Day ended by an endless procession in the night where torches were held by the pilgrims going along the way towards the basilica, and the Holy Grotte.