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*If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (Js 24: 15)*

## Our Lady of Medjugorje's Monthly Message of July 25th, 2021:

*Dear children! I am calling you to be prayer for all those who do not pray. Little children, witness with your lives the joy that you are mine and God will heed your prayers and give you peace in this peaceless world where pride and selfishness reign. Little children, you be generous and be the love of my love, so that pagans can feel that you are mine and convert to my Immaculate Heart. Thank you for having responded to my call.*

On the 25th of each month, Our Lady gives a message through the visionary Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti for the villagers in the parish of Medjugorje and for all those who choose to follow her on the path to holiness.



## The Assumption

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## Testimony of Marija Pavlovic Lunetti: What does Our Lady ask of us?

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The Blessed Mother chose us in 1981 and started giving us the messages. At first we did not believe that something like that could ever happen to us. Why me? I am not the best, the most faithful. I did not go much to church, just like all other children. Never the less our Lady chose us. She came to the hill which until then was just a hill. Today it is called the Apparition Hill. Our Lady came here with the name of the Queen of Peace. When we asked her who she was, she said I am the Mother of God. On the third day of the apparitions in a special way, when we were coming down the hill, after the apparition, Our Lady appeared to me one more time, and said, **"Peace, peace, peace. Peace must reign between men and God and among men. Peace in the hearts of men."**



I recall those days that we did not sleep much. We prayed rosaries after rosary. We did not understand much. We did not even think much because it was all so much bigger than us. So what did we do? We prayed. As I recall sometimes we did not even know exactly where Our Lady appeared. It was pitch dark. One could not see anything at all. We were tired. But we felt the need after the evening program in the church as Our Lady wanted it, after cleaning the church around 11:30pm, around midnight, we did not feel the need to go to sleep, although we were tired, we felt the need to go up the apparition hill to thank the Blessed Mother for everything she had given us.

When Our Lady first appeared, we were living under the communist regime. The living was hard. One could not be a teacher, professor, or doctor, or get any important position if one was declared Catholic. We visionaries were taken to hospitals, they were trying to convince us we were suffering from delusions, that we were psychologically sick. Our Lady was giving us hope little by little. She told us think of God and the things of God. Do not think of other things. You just pray. And so we started to pray.

We felt chosen. Our Lady's presence first caused us fear. Later on, little by little, she brought us joy. Because to be with the Blessed Virgin means to experience Heaven here on earth. Her apparition, her presence, when she comes to us, it is always Heaven among us. Just think, Heaven opens up for all of us who want to accept the messages. This is why I am inviting all of you to listen to the messages Our Lady has been telling us from the beginning, calling us to peace. The most important message is the message from God. Peace. Peace means an encounter with God. It means conversion.



The Blessed Mother came for the first time to the apparition hill carrying the baby Jesus in her arms. We like to say that the most important and the most beautiful image is of her with the baby Jesus in her arms. She was calling

us with her hand. We were at the foot of the hill and she was calling us to come. We did not dare. None of us. The following day, there was such a desire, a need in our hearts to go up the hill and to come close to the Blessed Mother and certainly Our Lady's presence turned from fear into joy for us. That is, something that was boundless to us, somewhat distant, all of a sudden came close to us. God, who until then was just in heaven became God with us, God who walks with us, who inspires us to conversion, God who is calling us to return to Him, telling us there is no future for you without God, no eternal life without God. This is why Our Lady inspires and asks of us to be joyful carriers of her message. What does Our Lady's message mean? It means joy, joy for being Christians, joy for having been called to conversion, joy for everyday being more open to the will of God.



On the 25th of the past month I had to cry after the apparition just like you saw on some occasions the visionary Mirjana cry after the apparition. We all try to restrain ourselves but it does not mean we are crying out of sorrow. No, it means joy. It means to experience Heaven. When Our Lady comes she is always joyful, even when serious, she's beautiful. She inspires us to holiness, she comes on a cloud in a gray gown with a white veil. She has a crown of stars but all this description is insufficient. This is why many times I do not even speak of it, simply because we cannot even describe what we experience in earthly words.

Sometimes I feel like stopping people from coming to the apparition. I would like to tell them to remain in prayer and fasting for three days first and then to come for the apparition, three days of prayer and fasting and then we shall see whether you will experience God and the Blessed Mother or not. There are some who come to say Blessed Mother, come and heal me, I am here. You must heal me, but Our Lady says return to God and pray. I think who prays everyday will understand things all the more and better. Our Lady gives us hope with her presence. She said many times. over and over again, be not afraid. Bear witness. Pray, return to God and prayer. She told us that even wars can be stopped with prayer and fasting. God gave us ten commandments and told us if you want to walk along the right path, return, live the ten commandments and you will be fine here on earth.

What is Our Lady asking of us in our walk in this world? To leave sin behind. Convert ourselves and start living on the path of holiness. Our Lady has called us all to holiness. It does not matter who we are or where we are from nor from what school did we finish. Our Lady says that holiness is calling directly to all of us, an inspiration for all of us every day to start a new life and through us, all of mankind. Our Lady is concerned about just one thing, our souls and she says that we are all torn apart by so many material earthly things and we think of our souls far too little. This is why she continues to inspire us and to call us to return to God, to prayer and to fasting. Wars can be stopped with prayer and fasting she said. That means that we ought to return to all that God is inspiring us to do.

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## From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On June 25th, for the 40th Anniversary of the Apparitions, the visionary Marija received this message:

***“Dear children! My heart is joyful because through these years I see your love and openness to my call. Today I am calling all of you: pray with me for peace and freedom, because Satan is strong and by his deception, wants to lead away all the more hearts from my motherly heart. That is why decide for God so that it may be good for you on the earth which God gave you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”***

### The 40th Anniversary



The 40th Anniversary brought an explosion of joy amongst us! A huge crowd came, a similar size to the Youth Festival, something we had not seen in a long time! The record was beaten for the number of concelebrants for the Anniversary, 358 priests around the altar, not counting those who were hearing confession. Clothed in her golden dress, like at Christmas, the Blessed Mother was radiating an indescribable joy.

On the evening of the message, Marija is often interviewed on Radio Maria Italy by Father Livio, on a program that has many listeners. Here are some excerpts from the interview broadcast during the evening of June 25th. For the first time in 40 years, Our Lady is inviting us to pray for freedom. Father Livio asked Marija how she sees this new request from Mary, because in the past she often asked us to pray for peace.

Marija: "I experienced communism. In these times of the pandemic, reading the newspapers and looking at the news, I



Sister Emmanuel

have the feeling that a dictatorship is taking hold in many countries. In Argentina, for instance, no one can enter or leave. There is an evil dictatorship.

Our Lady tells us, ***“Pray with me for peace and freedom, for Satan is strong, and with his deceptions he wants to lead away all the more hearts from my motherly heart.”*** I believe that in this moment, they want to take away our freedom through these satanic plans. Under the pretext of not offending the sensibilities of others,

we are forbidden to talk about our religion and to bear witness to our faith. Under the pretext of not offending...

That is why I believe that the Madonna is building a new world. It is wonderful to see so many hands outstretched out of love and so many people who have changed their lives, having been touched in their hearts by the Blessed Mother and by God. Many people got lost, but many others have found themselves.

For us in Medjugorje, this period amounted to a pause, a moment of rest and prayer. I believe that Medjugorje will now come back to life, and become stronger than before, because here Our Lady is still appearing, calling us, rejoicing with us. She is preparing a major plan, much bigger than we think.

Tonight, the Madonna prayed in Aramaic, her mother tongue, and we know that every time she prays, that prayer is really intense. We felt like we were in Heaven. And this Paradise is what we want to pass on to all of you as well. By her presence, the Madonna carries us up to Heaven. She looks at us with the eyes of Heaven, a gaze of eternity, where she desires to take us all. Despite the suffering, we are inhabited by great joy. This morning I spoke with Vicka, who is not well. Mirjana is not doing well either. Tonight, we were overwhelmed with emotion when we saw so many people, so many hearts singing and praying on their knees. I felt like I had gone back to the beginning days of the apparitions, but with a larger number of people. No one expected to see so many pilgrims.

There was this group of young people, and not so young people, in love with Our Lady, who, every morning at 5 o'clock, and for a year, went to pray on Apparition Hill in the rain, the cold, the frost, the wind. This morning, they decided that as of tomorrow and for the whole year, they would keep going up to pray on the Hill. This makes me deeply happy, because I know that when we pray for the intentions of Our Lady, she gives it back to us a hundredfold. Tonight, the Madonna had such joy in her eyes, in her mouth, in her expression! Such tenderness! The veil that covered her head was so royal, so beautiful: such dignity! And her sweetness! There are no words to describe it. We can never forget her presence in our midst.

### Living well on this earth?

It's still possible! Mary is a Jewish woman, soaked in the Bible. This part of the message that may surprise people refers to an excerpt from Deuteronomy (4:39-40), and it is important to quote it in order to fully understand our Mother's thinking:

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If we fast, this pandemic which frightens us all will return to where it belongs, to hell. It does not come from God. What about the pandemic of restlessness in our hearts, the pandemic of restlessness in our families. Our Lady tells us to take the Holy Family as an example to us and to learn from the Holy Family. Our Lady inspires us to return to faith to God and prayer, return to fasting, return to the commandments of God. Many young people say that they are not interested in God. God does not interest me they say. They have thousands of different gods: a god of sports, god of dieting, god of business, advancement etc. My children were born after I had already had apparitions for years. So it is somewhat normal for them. One of my sons told me Mom, please recommend me, pray for me, I have exams coming up or something else. It is so sweet. They know when they need me, I am here for them.

We prayed the rosary with our children as a family since they were little. One would walk away and play after which he would pray his decade and then he says, I have prayed my decade and off he goes. It is an inspiration to pray not in a fanatic way but rather may our prayer be the expression of our love for God. For example, we are still in the month of May, to offer a little flower to the Blessed Mother. My children used to say, Mommy you are placing a little flower before the Blessed mother as if you were a little girl. Then I see them too at the same time walking in the meadow picking up flowers bringing them to the Blessed Mother. It is one little sign of love for Our Lady which is intimate, which grew within them in their hearts perhaps because they saw me do the same when they were little, a little flower literally or perhaps a flower of a little sacrifice or a flower of our devotion to Our Lady.

Each one of us has to decide that for oneself. We are just passing by here on earth. All who are born have to die. But Our Lady wants us all to leave a sign, a sign of our presence. So many times I have thought of people who come to Medjugorje with a desire to talk to us, to touch us, but we always say that we are not important, that only God is important. Convert yourselves, listen to Our Lady's messages, put them into practice. Our Lady has taught us that we all go through her to Jesus. Fall in love with the Blessed Mother. She is so in love with God that you too will fall in love with Him and follow Him. That is when the new world will start, the world of Our Lady's dreams, of our dreams, the world of peace.

In her last message once again Our Lady told us that Satan wants war and restlessness in the hearts of men. But Our Lady is here. She is fighting for our peace, peace in our hearts, peace in our families and peace in the world. Therefore, all who are called, all people of good will should be the man of peace. Without peace, we have no future. With all my heart I would like to tell you once more, return to God. Without God there is no future. Return to prayer. Return to the Sacraments. All of you who are baptized, return to confession. Let us abandon sin and start living the conversion, living the path of holiness as Our Lady says.

For my own good, for the good of my family my community, for the good of my parish and the whole world. This is why Our Lady is always asking of us to put God in the first place, in a special way in the Eucharist. On different occasions she said, the Almighty allowed me to be with you and to guide you. We are a chosen people just like the chosen people in the bible. Forty years, out of our gratitude to her. It does not matter whether you are in Medjugorje, America, Australia, Africa, Latin America,

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## Ivan's Urgent Plea for Youth Festival

from *lalucidi maria.it* (translated from Italian)



Dear priests, dear friends in Christ, and especially you young people who are so dear to my heart. I greet you in a special way during this different Youthfest, in which we pray and celebrate the love of Jesus and Mary. Our Lady says: ***“Those who pray are not afraid of the future”***. You don't have to be afraid. My dear young people, you must not fear the future. All events are in the hands of God. Jesus invites you to trust in him and to pray, to speak to him and to live it in your heart.

We have entered a difficult period in the Church and in the world. But remember that during this trial period, we are regenerated by the wisdom of God. Our Lady continues saying: ***“Children, I need you to help me realize my plans”***. This call is for you too! Our Lady cares for young people in a special way, they are the pupil of her eyes. She loves you with tender love. It is very difficult to describe the love she has for you and how she looks at you, one by one. It is an indescribable love, so beautiful, so tender, so sublime.

Our Mother needs you. First open your heart with prayer. Pray more from the heart. In one of her messages, Our Lady said: ***“... Especially the young people of this parish be more active in their prayers”***. She also said on another occasion: ***“Above all I want to tell young people to be more open to the Holy Spirit, because God wants to draw you to Himself in these days when Satan is at work”***. Our Lady constantly watches over you, guides you constantly, more than ever in these turbulent times.

### Medjugorje: the importance of the sacraments and the Rosary

Today, my dear young people, live this message of peace and hope, for everyone, in your families, with friends, in your environment, in the world. Dear young people, you often receive the sacraments, in particular confession and the Eucharist. The sacraments are your renewal and your strength. Constantly pray the Rosary. With the Rosary you will overcome all the misfortunes that Satan is trying to inflict on each of you and the world. Respond daily to her call, to the prayer of the Rosary. The Rosary brings you peace. Pray the Rosary daily.

### Medjugorje: you are the future of the Church and the world

Our Lady comes in a special way to invite the young people of the world to pray for Peace. She needs you. You are the future of the Church. You are the future of the world. And a world of peace is possible. It is possible through you. Don't wait for someone else to start, it will be a waste of time. Start today and follow the call of Our Lady and live her messages with more commitment.

## A First Person Account of the 40th Anniversary

By Dr. Anthony Lilles, Academic Dean of St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, CA

In a tiny village, in a humble valley surrounded by steep desolate hills, there are signs that the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Queen of Peace, will triumph. Over thirty five thousand pilgrims gathered with more than 350 priests and bishops from around the world in Herzegovina for the 40th anniversary mass of the apparitions of Our Lady of Medjugorje. A beautiful entrance procession with Our Lady Queen of Peace left many of the priests in tears as the large outdoor church resonated with beautiful heartfelt music and hymns. The atmosphere was filled with a renewed sense of purpose, solidarity and hope. Conversations with individual pilgrims unveiled a deep conviction that Our Lady had called them to join this celebration. Indeed, many went to extraordinary lengths to make the journey. Besides additional testing protocols for travel and wearing face masks for hours long flights, some countries had very restrictive laws regarding travel. Still, they found a way, and they came.



English speakers, largely from America, but also from Ireland, England and Australia, already had been gathering for daily mass and catechetical sessions. Father Leon Pereira OP, an English Dominican who was first a medical doctor before his own conversion in Medjugorje, provided excellent teachings calling pilgrims back to the basics of the messages: Eucharist, Confession, Prayer, Fasting and Reading Scripture. There was also encouragement to have confidence in what God is accomplishing in the world today and not to allow oneself to be subject to fear and anxiety. Instead, it is a time for Catholics to trust in God and to love one another. Pilgrims also spoke about the gratitude expressed by Our Lady for responding to her call. There was a shared conviction that the prayers and fasting that Medjugorje has renewed in the life of the Church has resulted in many conversions, vocations and has turned back wars and natural disasters. Indeed, many of the pilgrims I was blessed to speak with reminisced about how their earlier experiences of the Queen of Peace in Medjugorje helped them discern their vocations and begin a life of service in the Church.

A gift of prayer and conversion helped pilgrims maintain an intensity of devotion throughout the eight days of my own pilgrimage. Perhaps the most beautiful moments of the pilgrimage were the evenings of all night adoration. The anniversary was spread over two days because the visions began over two days. The first day the children saw our Lady, they were not sure how to respond. It was on the second day that they began to listen to her appeal and the work of the Queen of Peace began. Accordingly, on the evenings of June 24 and 25, after Mass, Eucharistic adoration was observed through the night. Confessions went past midnight and even at 3 o'clock in the morning, hundreds of adorers knelt or were prostrate in St. James parish. In the midst of all the chaos and confusion of our times, our Lady is pointing the way. As news media and political leaders spout fear and anxiety, the Queen of Peace has given us a reason to find hope and to renew again our devotion to Her Son.

The Apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Medjugorje have been important for my spiritual life. While we are still waiting a definite judgment by the Church, the small town in Bosnia and Herzegovina is an approved place for pilgrimage. My first pilgrimage was in 1986 and I am here now for the 40th Anniversary of the Apparitions. What most impresses me about the visionaries is

their piety and hospitality. They are well formed in the faith - as if they had the best of teachers. That the piety and the hospitality of the whole village should extend to so many pilgrims over so many years under such trying circumstances as Communism, persecution, civil war and the rebuilding of a country is remarkable. It is difficult not to see the grace of Christ at work in the kindness shown from one generation to the next in a people who are very much God's "little ones"- that is a people poor enough to need to rely on the Lord in the midst of all kinds of trials and hardships. Somehow Mary is magnified in this and somehow her song sings in these lives lived by faith: Holy is his Name.

Forty years ago, I stayed in a farm house where the mother and grandmother would walk with the children to daily mass. It was at least a mile away and when we arrived at the parish church of St. James, I was edified to see a whole contingent of farming families who had made a similar trek by foot. The simplification of making one's way with one's own two legs slows down life and inclines to prayer. This is especially true in climbing Cross Mountain. These paths were not then and are not now smooth. They remain rugged and serve as a reminder that we follow in the footsteps of a crucified God.

The Holy Spirit moves over the chaotic forces of this world to communicate the Word of the Father - and He does so always through the Fiat of Mary. This Eternal Meaning that she bears always brings order and peace so that the mystery of love might unfold. Friendship and fullness, joy and communion overflow wherever this creative power is unleashed. Even His first movement in her womb brings into darkness: light; and into emptiness: life. If He has chosen to be unleashed through the voice of the Virgin Mother, the Holy Spirit never comes the same way twice and to miss the Breathe of God is to miss all that makes life worth living. If this Spirit is ever grieved, Our Lady's intercession for us sees that His mercy is only increased until all hostility is humbled. Through Mary, the Spirit of Truth breathes the Word into this passing world with ever new and astonishing effect. No matter the evil, Mary's role in Christ's work of redemption reminds us that God's purpose holds - the glory of the Trinity is given to us even in the most difficult and unlikely moment.

Throughout the celebration of the 40th anniversary, on both Apparition Hill and Mt. Krizevac, many young (and not so young) pilgrims from all over the world ascended and descended barefoot in deep prayer from the earliest hours of the morning. Their devotion and the deep sense of Our Lady's holiness inspired a few lines of verse with which I will conclude this brief reflection:

A burning draws barefoot pilgrims to  
A bush aflame but unconsumed.  
In deepest center, in central height,  
Away from earthly cares, out of empty voids:  
Only unshod do steps off inadequacy's edge  
Lead into those whispers of silent stillnesses,  
Where Meaning freely searches the heart.  
An ache compels them down closer.

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"Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other. Keep his decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long in the land the Lord your God gives you for all time."

This is something to ponder, in these times when humanity desires happiness more than ever, but when the commandments of God are so often trampled upon! Just before the 3rd millennium, Mary invited us to make this century a time of peace and prosperity, IF we say yes to peace and decide for God. (Dec. 25th, 1999). It is never too late!

### ***To protect us from evil***

To protect ourselves from evil in its various forms, the Church has given us Sacramentals, let us not ignore them. From the beginning of the apparitions, Our Lady recommended that we carry on ourselves objects blessed by a priest (but definitely not the signs of the Zodiac!). She asked that we renew the use of holy and exorcised water. Saint Teresa of Avila wasn't the only person who drove Satan out with holy water! Here is a recent example from Canada.

An exorcist priest was praying for a person infested by impure spirits. He called in a young priest to team up with him during the exorcism, because it is good not to be alone for such prayers. Then the person said, "I'm thirsty, give me a glass of water." The young priest brought a glass of water, and the exorcist asks him if he had already blessed this water. "No," he replied. "So please bless the water before giving it to her!" The water was then blessed and given to the woman who began to drink it. But very quickly she cried out: "I asked you for water, not for fire!"

In the Bible, in the Church, and in Mary's messages, we have everything we need to live and move forward in the peace of God, even in the midst of the turbulence of this world so shaken by fear and confusion. The time has truly come to answer the call of the one who loves us immensely as a Mother: ***"Decide for God! Without Jesus, dear children, you have no joy, no peace, no future, and no eternal life. With Jesus, in prayer, you will experience the greatest joy."***

### ***The Precious blood of Jesus***

July is the month dedicated to the Blood of Christ, so let's seize this great opportunity to invoke it and be strengthened in our faith, our hope and our charity. Pray with us the Litanies of the Precious Blood! The blood of Jesus is the terror of demons, for it was by shedding His Blood that Jesus defeated the enemy of our souls and saved us. Invoking it is a very effective and powerful weapon in the many battles we face today! I really like what some saints said about the Blood of the Savior.

"The blood of Christ is a deep voice which departs from earth to reach Heaven." (St Ambrose).

Yes indeed, blood is also a voice, like that of Abel who cried out to God after his brother Cain killed him. The blood shed by the righteous is as strong as a prayer, it is a cry that strikes through Heaven. How can we not think of the blood of the innocents shed every day in our world? During Mass, we can and must offer God this blood so that, mixed with that of Christ, it will be transformed into glory.

"Lord, you shed the blood of your entire Body, and I offer it for all your body, namely the Church." (St. Madeleine de Pazzi).

"If Jesus gave me His love, I myself must give Him my love. If He has shed His Blood for me, I too must shed my blood for Him." (Saint Mario Borzoga, martyr, Oblate of Mary).

### ***The desire to worship***

Here is an excerpt from the book *In Sinu Jesu*, by an Irish Benedictine who wrote his dialogs with Jesus. "If you cannot come before My Eucharistic Face, you can be transported there spiritually by an act of desire coming from the depths of the soul. Ask Me to transport you before those tabernacles of the world where I am most forgotten, neglected, and even despised. I will transport your souls into My presence and receive from your adoration and from your love the consolation that I await from My friends." But Jesus is not only present in the tabernacles. Because of the theft of hosts, Jesus is also among his enemies, like a prisoner abandoned by his own, in the agonizing expectation of sacrileges and desecration. But who worships Jesus in these stolen hosts? We can make an adoration of reparation full of love, remaining with Him spiritually through the desire of our hearts. Spending this time with Him will greatly console His heart. In the Garden of Gethsemane, did He not ask His apostles to pray and watch with Him?"

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Held to breast the Word moves and  
Rests that knowing twinkle in searching glance  
With mixed sorrow, sweetness, and dancing joy  
At the sight, hoping to catch the attention,  
If for a fleeting moment,  
Of the pilgrims plodding down the rocky fastness.  
Under the canticles of maternal counsels, visions, dreams;  
He babbles eternity in frail finitudes, a stammering brook  
Of Divine Fingertip touched signs and symbols.  
This yet unrecognized love  
vindicates, rebuilds what men destroyed.  
The further down a disciple falls, the nearer he dares -

His own stumbled steps  
Broke on rocky circumstance,  
Lost in anxiety's labyrinthian slopes, crash  
On anger's jaggedness, striking  
Untested feet, bare where even  
An outburst's pebble blisters, cuts,  
On steep pride breaking marble slides.  
Soundings beyond adversary, obstacle, threat -  
Fathom mysterious sin bearing pain,  
Peace, peace, peace, she cries!  
Nearer down he must.

Below bottom of those anguished depths,  
Where beyond self-occupation's living death,  
Where discipline's tedium tunes taught that suffering string,  
Where mysterious melodies melt away mediocrity's weight,  
Where alone a sobered inebriation whelms euphorias,  
Where shook darkness dispels spiritual enchantment,  
Where divine deluge drowns distracted delusions,  
Where intoxicating torrents still lesser love's disharmony,  
Where lonely, where broken, buried, laid bare  
Draws Christ's aching prayer, aches the pilgrims feet,  
towards the aching Queen of Peace.  
So close, he dares down nearer still.

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Into such shell shocked emptiness, entombed  
All else in His unrequited love for me, for man, for you pilgrim  
- Eternal Word ablaze in Uncreated Fire. Enfleshed -  
Who has born such separation of body and soul?  
Drawing, bellowing, moving deeper still  
Into what Life harrowed Hell  
A pilgrim has yet to know - His Crucified love  
In him flies, races, walks, falls, crawls and he crawls  
He slides down further.

For failure, void, catastrophe do not exhaust  
Mercy's unsounded depths. Buried there,  
A pilgrim dares drink to the dregs  
His unquenchable thirst,  
And hears echoed in his own heart that virginal "Fiat",  
And welcomes anew that maternal question,  
And makes his own that irresistible Magnificat,  
And tastes the very substance of hope.  
A burning heart compels him deeper.

Heart-pierced with her, compelled, finally free  
Traversing, flying, running, walking, falling, crawling  
That royal highway unknown to unaided eye  
To chance upon, to stumble into, to discover  
that wall, that rampart, that impenetrable frontier  
that no evil passes beyond - but wherein lies  
The homeland of his heart, that sacred ground,  
That fertile soil smiling on us even in death -  
To gain for his brothers, his sisters, his friends,  
For you, for Him whose suffering love  
Even at this late hour rushes in us  
Towards yet unexplored and endless seas.  
Farther, higher, deeper, nearer!

In this hidden mountain, in secret garden's center  
Eternally begotten Meaning  
Begets in him life not his own.  
Womb conceiving and conceived Word  
Conceives in his heart words not his own.  
Words not of sounds and syllable, but purpose and resolve.  
God's body, the birth of Un-circumscribed Truth  
Embodies faith's sojourner and his body is not his own:

Does Life's wounded hand wave him still closer?  
Is it instead the discrete and urgent hand of a mother?  
Still the disciple's heart aches to be nearer.

Humbled in the mud  
Of blood and water, knees fasting find  
The blue Portal in which misery meets its limit,  
A still point in the cycle of human affairs,  
A sin bearing boundary.  
Bitterness passes away but the Gate of Heaven remains -  
Suffering souls into the Heart of the Father  
By love refined, in love alive, in love to die -  
Surrendering to such Uncreated Love  
Who cannot release a heart's  
Scorned captives and bitter debts?  
Though we die a thousand deaths, Love's ache beckons  
Near beyond all nearness.

O Dawning Horizon of New Life  
Whose glance of goodness makes all things new!  
Such splendors as evoke awe spill through your windows,  
In radiant songs and dancing hues, crystal clear torrents  
Of tears and joy, reflecting flashes of terrible tendernesses  
By which alone history's true currents shine  
With thundering tapestries of life and love,  
Sprung from yet deeper down bottomlessness,  
No one knew moved with such un-vanquished force,  
In that Father's Heart at journey's end.

*(Marija's testimony continued from page 4)*

Kenya, you are called to conversion. Our Lady says convert yourselves and believe in a better future. She comes from Heaven and she knows best what our hearts need. Let us pray together that the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Mother reigns in us and through us.. She is calling us to be her extended hands. In one message she said I want to give you my love so you can share it with others. May the love of Our Lady and the love of God flow through us to the entire world. That is what I want to share with you with my testimony. Not just through me and you but may we truly be carriers of light in this dark world without hope. Our Lady came to us with hope and she inspires us with her messages. Return to God because God is our hope, God is our light, God is our way, truth and life. May Almighty God and the Blessed Mother bless you.

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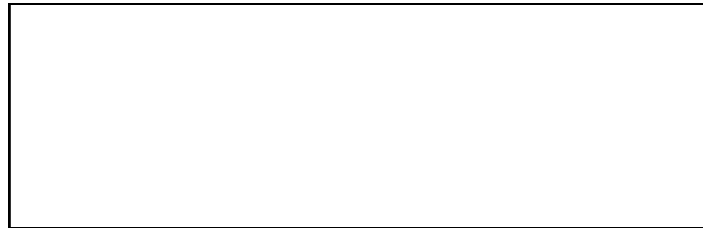
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# August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St. Francis				
1	2	3 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	4	5	6 <b>The Transfiguration</b>	7
8	9	10 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	11	12	13	14
15 <b>The Assumption</b>	16	17 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	18	19	20	21
22 <b>The Queenship of Mary</b>	23	24 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St Francis	25	26	27	28

## Upcoming events:

- + *The Transfiguration, August 6th*
- + *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15th*
- + *The Queenship of Mary, August 22nd*



Our Lady's Five-Point Program  
 \*Conversion  
 \*Prayer  
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