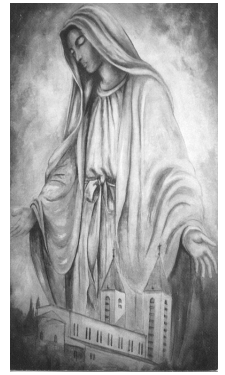


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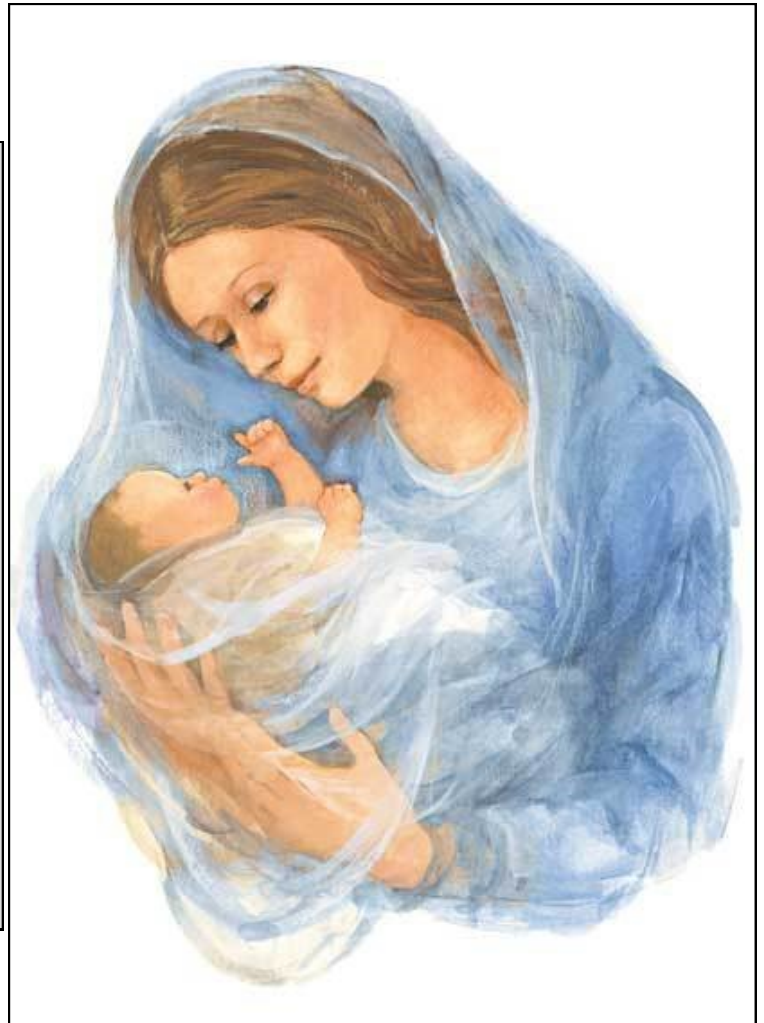
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While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Lk 2: 5-7)

Our Lady of Medjugorje's Monthly Message of November 25th, 2020:

Dear children! This is a time of love, warmth, prayer and joy. Pray, little children, for little Jesus to be born in your hearts. Open your hearts to Jesus who gives Himself to each of you. God sent me to be joy and hope in this time, and I am saying to you: Without little Jesus you do not have the tenderness or the feeling of Heaven which is hidden in the Newborn. Therefore, little children, work on yourselves. By reading the Sacred Scripture you will discover Jesus' birth and joy, as in the first days which Medjugorje gave to humanity. History will be truth which, also today, is being repeated in you and around you. Work on and build peace through the Sacrament of Confession. Reconcile with God, little children, and you will see miracles around you. 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.



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Protestant Pastor Becomes Catholic After Medjugorje

from imedjugorje.com

Keith: In 2001, I was a Protestant pastor. We had a huge youth group. 300 kids every week would come to our youth group, which is a big deal in our town. One of our friends invited us to lunch, and we went to this Chinese restaurant. I met this guy, and he says, "My daughter goes to your youth group." And I thought I was in trouble because I'm like, "Oh no. He's Catholic. He probably thinks I'm like trying to convert his daughter."

And he said, "I just wanted to tell you I appreciate your ministry and what you're doing. She comes home every Wednesday night and she's excited about her faith. I would like to invite you to go to this place called Medjugorje. I'll pay for your trip." He had a huge conversion experience over there. He's explaining this place to me, and I said, "Okay I don't really know about this."

Well our fortune cookies came. My fortune said, "You are about to go on an amazing journey." I didn't know anything about it. I was not at all interested in Catholicism really, but I was invited to go, so I thought I would go.

I went on this trip, and it was a really amazing experience. That was the first time that I ever saw Catholics worshipping Jesus with the Virgin Mary – that part of their faith helping them grow closer to Christ. It really had an impact on me.

Then years later, 2016, I was serving as an associate pastor in a Methodist church. I'd been a minister 22 years. A friend of mine came to me, and he said, "Hey, I want to take you and your wife to go see this movie, *Apparition Hill*." He goes to Medjugorje. He's probably been 70 times. He takes people over there all the time. So we went to see the movie. When I watched the movie, all this stuff got churned back up from 15 years earlier. I remember just feeling like, "Wow this is just incredible."

Long story short, about a year later, I quit my job and converted to Catholicism. I went back to Medjugorje with my wife, now as a Catholic in 2018. My one year anniversary of coming into the Church was the first day that we got to Medjugorje. It was incredible.

"This picture was taken at the same spot where I had a very loud argument with my friend Devin who first spoke to me



about Catholicism back in 2001. We were arguing about the canon of scripture or something. The police thought we were going to fight. I sent him this photo with the simple message 'You win.'"

While we were there, my wife had an unbelievable experience in confession. Then the next day, we were on our way back to Split, Croatia. I think it was 5:25 when the Blessed Mother appeared in Medjugorje. We all stopped to pray. While we were praying, this lightning bolt out of nowhere just hit me.

I grabbed my phone and I started typing out this thing. I said to my wife, "This is the book that I have to write." It's called *The Convert's Guide to Roman Catholicism: Your First Year in the Church*. It was like our Blessed Mother just gave me this entire book instantly. So I wrote it, and it's out. Now I'm back doing ministry full-time as a Catholic. I have a podcast, a YouTube channel, I travel and speak. God's just done amazing things.

And I point back to going to see that film *Apparition Hill* as a huge piece of that. As a matter of fact, we just watched it maybe two weeks ago again. And I just loved it.

Estelle: I was raised Catholic. But when Keith was a pastor, you know, I was a pastor's wife. I didn't have a desire to become Catholic again. I was very happy being the pastor's wife. But when he was going through all of this, I thought, "I'm going to follow him into the Church."

Actually, when I went to Medjugorje, I kind of had a little attitude about it, because I was like, "We became Catholic. He quit his job. Why aren't things happening God?" We didn't know how we were going to financially live. We were kind of in a rough time. So I thought, "Well, this is my last chance. God's going to talk to me here." And the last night, He still hadn't said anything to me. Nothing major happened, and I was so upset. I went and had this amazing confession experience with a priest there, and it opened my eyes. Things didn't really take off right away, but I feel like I needed that priest. I feel like God was speaking right through him, and he just said everything I needed to hear.

Keith: Our Lady got me when I was still a pastor. I was starting to open my mind to Her after we saw the movie *Apparition Hill* and I was thinking about Her more. Then I preached a sermon in my Protestant church about the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel came to Her. When I was preparing
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On October 25th, 2020, the visionary Marija Pavlovic received the following monthly message:

"Dear children! at this time, I am calling you to return to God and to prayer. Invoke the help of all the saints, for them to be an example and a help to you. Satan is strong and is fighting to draw all the more hearts to himself. He wants war and hatred. That is why I am with you for this long, to lead you to the way of salvation, to Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Little children, return to the love for God and He will be your strength and refuge. Thank you for having responded to my call."



Sister Emmanuel

Jesus. We say to him with faith: "Lord, this is YOUR problem, it is too much for me, I'm too small, it's beyond me, you take care of it!" We do what little is in our power (that does not mean being lazy!) and we let him handle the rest for us, with infinite trust. We then act like true children of God and not like orphans who react on impulse. Of course, trials can affect us, but they will not annihilate us! Reading the lives of the Saints shows us how surrendering our lives into the hands of our Father is a fast lane for reaching the heights of holiness, and experiencing heavenly joy while on earth. Many miracles happen by his grave near Naples. I cannot resist quoting this inspired text by Don Dolindo:

Jesus to souls: "Why do you trouble yourself by becoming so agitated? Give me your problems and everything will calm down. In truth, I tell you, every act of true, trusting and total abandonment to me produces the effect you desire and resolves thorny situations."

"Surrendering to me does not mean torment, worry and despair, sending me a restless prayer for me to act according to your wishes; but it is to change the agitation into prayer. To surrender means to calmly close the eyes of the soul, to divert your mind from all tribulation, and to defer to me so that I alone may work, saying to me, " O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, You take care of it!"

"Concern, agitation and concern for consequences are the opposite of abandonment. Close your eyes and allow yourself to be carried by the current of my grace. Close your eyes and let me do it. Close your eyes and think of the present moment, diverting your thoughts from the future as a temptation. Rest in me, believing in my Goodness, and I assure you by my Love that by saying to me with your heart thus disposed: "Take care of this for me". I will comfort you, I will free you, and I will guide you. And when I have to guide your steps away from the path you are thinking of taking, I will carry you in my arms, and you will find yourself as children asleep in their mother's arms, walking on the right path".

"What disturbs you and causes you immense pain is your reasoning, your thinking, your obsession, and the fact that you want to resolve your affliction yourself at all costs. O How many things I am able to accomplish when the soul, both in its spiritual and material necessities, turns to me and says, "You take care of this!", and then closes its eyes and rests!"

"In your pain, you pray for me to do work. But you pray that I will work in the way you wish. You are not deferring to me, you want me to adapt to your own ideas. You are not cripples asking the doctor for treatment, you are suggesting the treatment. Do not do so, but instead pray as I have taught you in the Our Father: "Hallowed be Thy Name", that is, may it be glorified in this, my need; "Thy Kingdom come", that is, may everything that happens to me contribute to your reign, within us and in the world; "Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven", that is, dispose of everything as you wish for our eternal and temporal life".

"If you really say to me, "Thy will be done," that is, "You take care of it," I intervene with all my Power, and resolve the most

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The saint from Naples had a secret!

Don Dolindo Ruotolo (1882-1970) knew how to move God's heart with powerful prayer and to assist the faithful to remain peaceful in very challenging situations. This is his famous "Surrender prayer", as short as it is powerful:

"O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of this!"

With this new lockdown, fear has returned for most of us, with its harmful fruits of agitation, sleepless nights, discouragement, feelings of helplessness, bitterness, revolt, withdrawal, thoughts of death, temptations to inflict verbal violence and others... In addition, it is easier to be manipulated when one is afraid; totalitarian regimes of the past have shown this clearly! It is precisely what they want! Yes, from a human standpoint, the situation may be a source of anxiety and drive us to make bad choices.

Who can thwart the plan of the Nations? The Blessed Mother invites us to call on all the Saints for their help and to seek their assistance. Don Dolindo "is our man", waiting to help us fight against the harmful fruit of fear, and root us firmly in the power of the One who reigns forever and who alone can thwart the plan of the Nations (Ps 33:10). It is a matter of entrenching ourselves in Christ's victory over all evil. Is a particular evil troubling us? Is it overwhelming us? We must surrender it to



Interview with Bishop Hoser, Apostolic Visitor to Medjugorje

From Mysticpost.com



Alina Petrowa-Wasilewicz: You are the Apostolic Visitor Archbishop with a special task, that is, you are the special envoy of the Holy Father to Medjugorje. How did it all start?

Mons. Henryk Hoser: In 2017 the Holy See asked me to investigate what was happening in Medjugorje. I came here between March and April. I wrote an introductory report in May. Then the full text in the fall. It weighed five pounds with additions and attachments. Later on I was summoned to the Vatican, I spoke with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See. And he made me a proposal that I could not refuse ...

ALINA: So you archbishop, you are the special ambassador of the Holy Father ...

MONS. HOSER: Yes, and not only to investigate, but also to improve the situation and develop pastoral activity in this place. This is a great responsibility and a great task. I was given written instructions that covered four pages.

ALINA: What is really happening in Medjugorje? Is three years enough to know in detail the phenomenon of this place?

MONS. HOSER: Pilgrims from all over the world, many Poles come. There are around two million pilgrims every year. Confessors say that when someone confesses for a long time, it almost always happens because there is a radical conversion. Someone comes, for example, he is sixty years old, the last time he went to confession was before receiving his First Communion. He's lived all his life outside the Church with a twisted destiny. And these confessions are very exhausting. Recently I was told that there are more and more bioethical problems in people's lives. They make choices that they will regret later and in the end they don't see a way out ...

Priests must be prepared so that they know how to respond to these situations. Suppose a woman arrives, she has had an in vitro fertilization. Then she aborted several times after these fertilizations, and there are still 6-9 embryos in the laboratory. These are problems, and one must know what to advise such penitents. And this appears more and more often, because in vitro fertilization techniques are used everywhere. And the people who participated in it find out after the fact that it wasn't the right way.

Pastors also pay close attention to people addicted to drugs, alcohol and criminal activities. After all, many who have been away are not altar boys or choir members.

ALINA: Medjugorje seems to be the world capital of the "prodigal sons". But I also mean young people, for example the English with three or four children who come here ...

MONS. HOSER: And here they discover a spirituality that they do not have at home and in local churches. They go to confession, which they do not have, because priests in the West have stopped confessing. And I say this with direct knowledge, since I worked seven years in Paris and three years in Brussels. Priests no longer confess the faithful because they believe that confession is "guilt". That is, if people are told they are guilty, that's bad for their well-being. Rather they are told they should go to a psychiatrist, and then be treated so that they don't feel guilty. And here in Medjugorje people recognize that not everything in their life has gone well, they ask for forgiveness and discover spirituality. It is very simple and at the same time, very great. Thanks to it, great things happen. Spectacular conversions take place here.

Once I was crossing the courtyard in front of the church, a priest, forty or perhaps forty-five, approaches me. From Australia. And he says he converted here. "I was an alcoholic and a drug addict. I came here and here I was healed. And now I'm a happy priest and I work joyfully at home." And we have many of these cases. Which means that there is extraordinary grace at work here, because it is not naturally human for people to convert, to turn in that way.

Among the conversions many well-known personalities, even entertainment people, celebrities... When we held the Youth Festival a few years ago in July, a Croatian, Blanka Vlasici, the world champion in high jump, came from Split. And she saw how, as an athlete, she converted here and regained the meaning of life, action and prayer.

She talked about it in front of thousands of people and made a big impression. Extraordinary wonders are not offered to people here. Rather, the rosary is said, the Eucharist is celebrated, that is, the daily bread is offered, the one that the Church has given to people for centuries. After the Eucharist there is a prayer for healing, but it is an ordinary prayer.

ALINA: There are no emotional "departures", no oddities, just listen to the Gospa's appeal to the visionaries: go back to the bread you threw away. Can you confirm this?

MONS. HOSER: Yes. Here people discover an adoration that they never knew about. After all, routinely people worship for an hour, people sit, no one leaves, and there is complete silence. When it ends, people cheer. Italians like to applaud and here everyone applauds. After the adoration of the cross, people applaud. And these are the things Westerners lack. Our churches are often a spiritual desert, especially in the West.

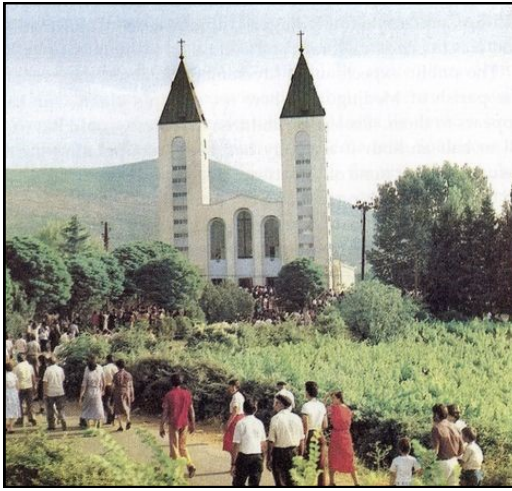
ALINA: What is the future of such a Church?

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Thanksgiving in Medjugorje in 1986

by Kay Mule from: the *Medjugorje Star*



As Thanksgiving Day approaches in this very Covid environment, I reflect on the first pilgrimage our family made to Medjugorje during Thanksgiving week in 1986. My husband had read a book about six children who had apparitions of the Blessed Mother and was determined to go to "the place where Our

Lady appears." I was a very reluctant traveler that year. After all, at the time Medjugorje was behind the "Iron Curtain." I remember telling him that I would rather stay home. He replied, "You can stay home, but I am taking our three children with me." I decided that I did not want to stay home and eat turkey alone, so the five of us joined a group of 48 pilgrims and trekked across the Atlantic in what seemed like an endless journey to the village between the hills. There were very few pilgrims there except for a group of Italians.

I barely knew the story of Medjugorje. On the plane, I hurriedly read about the apparitions to get some background about our destination. I remember being so tired as we ended the long bus ride at night. Our pilgrims were housed in homes of villagers along a dirt road that was about a half mile from the Church of St. James. It was well into the night, yet the family had a wonderful meal prepared for us. They could not speak a word of English, yet they communicated their sincere love to us. That dinner was just the beginning of their hospitality.

There were 14 of us in this not-too-big house. One day I was walking to the dining room, and as I passed one of the bedrooms, eight family members walked out of that room. With that brief glimpse into the room, I realized that all of them slept in one room, most of them on the floor, so that we could be comfortable.

At the dinner table one day, I could see the mother in the adjacent kitchen throwing something over and over again. After a dinner of soup, stuffed peppers, pork chops, cabbage and cake, I decided to see what she was throwing. She was feeding a small wood burning stove with sticks and small pieces of wood. The women cooked all that food on this small stove.



Maria during an apparition in August of 1987



Primitive stone house in Medjugorje in the early days.

Our dinners were usually late at night because we attended the evening Mass and healing service. After dinner we sat around the table and talked about our day. Little did we know that they did not eat until we were finished. They ate what was left.

We did not have turkey that Thanksgiving but we received many reasons to be thankful. These villagers were very poor by American standards, yet they shared their home with total strangers. They were not ashamed to have us see how they lived. They laughed with us as we tried to pronounce their names that had too many consonants for us. One evening after dinner, Bosa, the mother of the house, stood up with her rosary in her hand and led the first decade in Croatian. Then she pointed to our priest, Fr. Ron Matthews, to lead the next decade. She and her family responded in Croatian. I will never forget that shared experience. It was a very difficult Thanksgiving, but one that made a lasting impression and is still remembered with warmth and affection all these years later.

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that sermon in my office, as I'm writing and thinking of Her, I start to cry. I've never experienced that before. I'm like, "What is going on with me?" I'm looking into this. I'm reading about Her. I'm thinking about Her. And I start to well up and get emotional with this. So I preach this sermon to my non-Catholic congregation about how Mary is the new Eve. She's the new Ark of the Covenant. She's full of grace. As I'm preaching this, I feel the Holy Spirit and I feel Her with me. And my church just flipped out. They thought it was incredible. They loved it. They were like, "That was amazing. We've never heard of that before. We'd never thought of it. We had no idea what it was all about." So what happened with the Blessed Mother and me then was I had all of these intellectual objections to Catholicism, and She just went around all of that and got me right here (Keith points to his heart). For me, that was huge.

But I really feel like it all started there in Medjugorje. That was the first time I saw people in their devotion to Mary being drawn closer to Jesus. As a Protestant, that's what I was always afraid of, that drawing closer to the Blessed Mother is gonna take you away from Christ. I had to be here to see it in person to see how it was the opposite. What I saw here, I was just like, "I want all of that. That is amazing."

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difficult situations. Are you seeing misfortune become more pressing, instead of disappearing? Do not become agitated, close your eyes and tell me in trust: "Thy will be done. You take care of this for me."

"I am telling you, I think about it, I act like a doctor and I perform a miracle if I have to. Are you seeing the situation getting worse? Do not be troubled, close your eyes and say, "O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, You take care of this!" I tell you, I think about it, and there is no treatment more powerful than my loving intervention. I only think about it when you close your eyes. When you see things become more complicated, close the eyes of your soul and say: "O Jesus, you take care of this for me. Do this for every necessity. Do this, all of you, and you will see great, unceasing and silent miracles. I assure you of this by my Love. Amen"

Fr. Slavko died on the top of cross mountain 20 years ago



The anniversary of Fr Slavko's death! 20 years ago, on 24 November 2000, Father Slavko Barbaric made his way to the Heavenly Father. On the next day, November 25th, Our Lady spoke of him in her message: **"Rejoice with me, for your brother Slavko was born in heaven and he is interceding for you!"** I have the privilege of living near the graveyard where he rests, so I am taking advantage of not yet being in lockdown to go and pray to him and ask him to extend his powerful intercession on each of you.

Shepherds without sheep?

Jesus expressed His sorrow at seeing so many of his children wandering, like sheep without a shepherd: "When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." (Mat 9:36). What would He say today seeing the desolation of our empty churches, hearing the cry of his children deprived of liturgical celebrations and the indispensable sacraments? Would he not look at the plight of his shepherds without sheep?

Dear friends, our priests are in danger today! They need us! The struggles they are going through because of their isolation can help them grow into a very deep intimacy with God, but, conversely, may subject them to immense discouragement. Some are tempted to make choices that would take them away from God and their magnificent priestly vocation. Our Lady tells us that the "priests are bridges." However, in order to move from this time of great trial to the "New Time of Peace" that she has announced, we must pass over these bridges. But if we let these bridges fall apart, how can we pass over to the other side?

Mary said to us, **"With them, I will triumph!"** Not without them! They are our precious pearls. Let us pray for them and, through our sacrifices offered on their behalf, let us form a wall of fire to protect them from evil and help them live their priesthood in holiness! It is vital for them. Then we will no longer be

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MONS. HOSER: There will only be tufts of grass. Because at the moment the last generation of priests working there, in the West, are dying. That's why I don't see many prospects. Yes, there are elites, there are zealous communities, but these are fragments. France is a special country in this respect. But the Medjugorje movement is developing in Germany, even in Spain, which is extremely secularized. And in Portugal, which is also very secularized. And they are starting to recover, but at the same time we have an unprecedented influx of Islam.

ALINA: What are your experiences as Archbishop with the visionaries?

MONS. HOSER: These are adults. They have created families, they have children, some of them have grandchildren. First of all, they are normal people. I don't get the feeling that they are mentally disturbed, with psychotic or neurotic symptoms. These people walk with their feet on the ground, they have their families, jobs and other responsibilities.

And they speak in a way that isn't exalted at all. But they speak with such confidence that it's hard to deny their experience. The first time I spoke to them, one of them stated that it had been thirty-seven years since the Podbrdo apparitions in 1981, "and they continue to accuse us of being cheaters, of being manipulators".

There are various things to do here, everyone has noticed that the infrastructure in Medjugorje is modest, and for such a number of pilgrims, the Church of St. James is too small. Too small in summer and winter. And the retreat and catechetical structures are very weak, very poor. I deal with these types of issues, also whether the liturgy is appropriate or something needs to be changed.

I believe the liturgy is generally correct, except for a few minor details. What makes me happy is the fact that, as it is with St. Louis de Montfort, the local Marian cult is Christocentric. Mary always refers us to Jesus, as she did at Cana in Galilee. And so it is here: at the center is the Word of God, there is the Eucharist, there is the Via Crucis, the Rosary, there are the mysteries of Jesus Christ and the Mother of God. It attracts people.

ALINA: Respecting Vatican secrets: what is the possibility that the Church will officially speak of the apparitions? The position until now was and still is skeptical.

MONS. HOSER: In evaluating the apparitions, it is important to know their content. A special commission of Cardinal Camillo Ruini, appointed by Benedict XVI presented his research through 2014 together with all the documents, There were already many medical teams who evaluated the visionaries, even during the apparitions, and found no pathologies.

Ms Prof. Alina Midro, a member of the bioethics team of the Polish Bishops' Conference, has a friend here in Mostar, a professor of medicine. And he said they were taking these young people to the Mostar hospital for examinations, and there they found no pathologies, neither physical nor psychological. And it was during the communist era. And here communism was very hard, much more so than in Poland.

This professor from Mostar was an atheist, although she was baptized, she belonged to the communist youth, she was an activist. And out of curiosity, she came to Medjugorje during the apparitions on Podbrdo, and there was Vicka, one of the visionaries. She asked Vicka if she can get close. So Vicka

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asked the Mother of God, and the Mother of God said the teacher can come. And when she came close, she asked if she could touch the Mother of God, and again Vicka said she will ask the Mother of God if she could touch her. And the answer was 'yes'. And she stretched out her arms, and touched something indescribable, and after that, she changed completely. From that point on, she became a believer. I heard this story in Bialystok, during a bioethics seminar with the participation of the professor from Mostar.

ALINA: A few years ago a Polish documentary was made: *The Last Challenge*. The film ends with a scene in which Vicka during the Holy Mass reads an excerpt from the Apocalypse of St. John. The Madonna gave to Mirjana ten secrets and after having revealed them to a priest he must announce in advance the content of these secrets to the world. Believing in the truthfulness of these revelations is not necessary for salvation, but are unusual things happening and how do we deal with them?

MONS. HOSER: The Marian apparitions of the twentieth century are apocalyptic. Remember Fatima, and Kibeho in Rwanda. At both sites, there was a vision of hell. In Rwanda, the children had seen hell. This is a kind of wake-up call for humanity's poor condition. As for the Apocalypse, it is not that it will take place only at the end of the world, because it is already taking place in various episodes even now. In the twentieth century, there were two world wars: these were apocalyptic experiences, millions of innocent people died, unheard of and incredible crimes have happened.

This continues even today. I see these revelations from an eschatological perspective. Our Lady calls us first of all to conversion to God. The situation in the world is getting worse. There will be no winners of a third world war. All will be defeated. The world would be a desert. The superpowers don't want to use nuclear weapons, but they are starting to think about it again. And so the whole world hangs in the balance. Also, the decay, the degradation of human relationships, is getting worse. For example, marriages are falling apart. I was approached by a Spanish girl in her 20s from Barcelona. She spoke of a new category of young people marked for life, stigmatized by their parents' divorce. It hurts them so deeply, so upsets their life prospects that they are no longer able to establish permanent families because they don't believe it is possible. The Mother of God, the mother of Jesus is our mother also. One of the oldest names for Mary is *Ecclesia Mater* – Mother of the Church. We must not lose hope. God is greater than any thing, any problem. His mercy is greater than any sin. God is much bigger and can handle everything. We are waiting for God's initiative. Now the various prophecies have multiplied, they are numerous about the three days of darkness that will envelop the earth. For us believers it means mobilization. We cannot look at evil passively, we must react, pray, prepare. This is what Our Lady is doing in Medjugorje.

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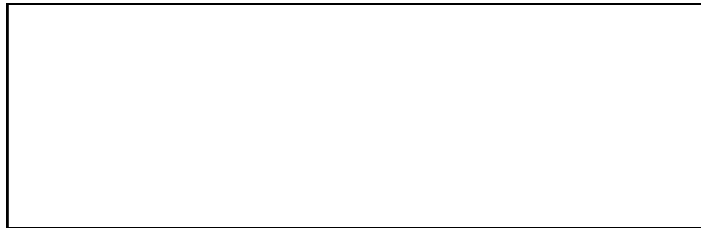
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