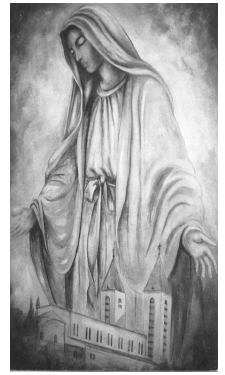


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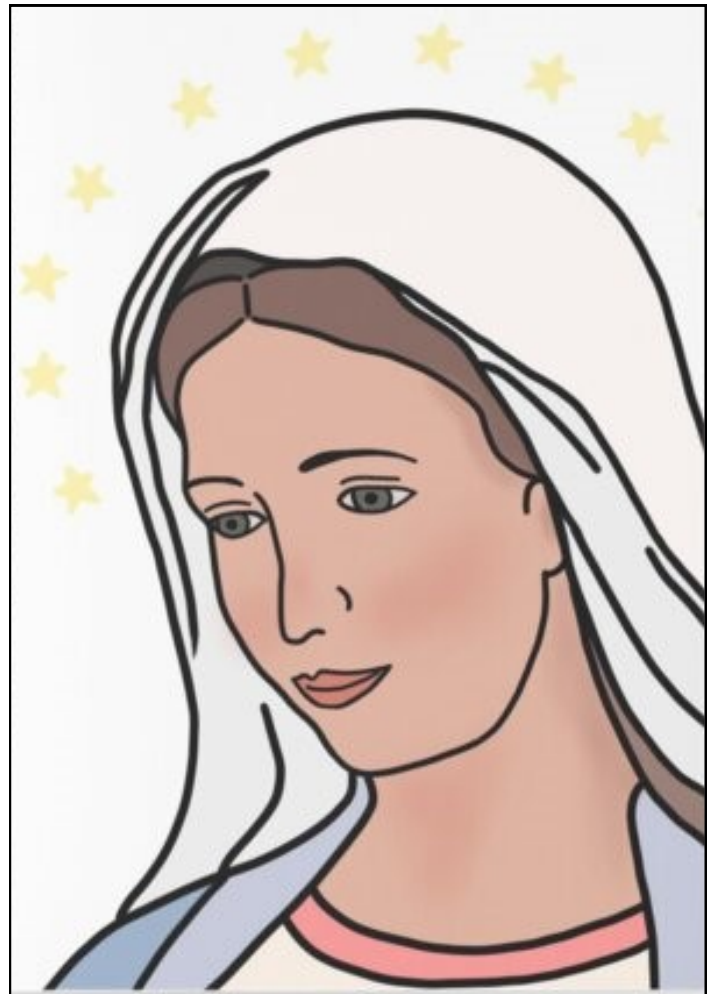
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Urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility, and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace...(Eph 4: 1-3)

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

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.

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.



Queen of Peace
40th Anniversary

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Interview with Apostolic Visitor on the 40th Anniversary

from *Medjugorje.hr*



Fr. Łukasz: I greet Archbishop Msgr. Henryk Hoser on this important day, on the 40th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Medjugorje, June 24-25. This is a very important anniversary, important in Medjugorje, but I think it is important all over the world too.

Archbishop Henryk Hoser: Undoubtedly, this is a great anniversary for all the pilgrims who come to Medjugorje from all over the world in great numbers, but this joy expands internationally too. I would like to draw your attention: the number 40 has a biblical meaning, it is a time when something important takes place. Indeed, something happened in this place, still goes on, and it is developing furthermore.

I can say that everything started with the testimony of six young people, teenagers, who claimed that they had seen Our Lady on the hill called Apparition Hill today: Our Lady introduced herself as the Queen of Peace. She invited us to conversion, penance, life in harmony with God and spreading of peace in the world. The visionaries initially met as a group. Later, as time passed, they had different, individual experiences, encounters with Our Lady, as they call it. Some experiences referred only to them. That is the basic theme, while the apparitions as such were not recognized by the Church. These apparitions have a completely different character than "classic" apparitions that took place in Lourdes or in Fátima. This is one of the reasons why the Church is not rushing with its judgment. But the messages of Our Lady are nothing new. She invites to conversion all the time, to prayer, fasting, penance, life according to the sacraments, so that we may discover Jesus Christ in our lives. When she speaks about unbelievers, she does not use that word, but she says those people who have not yet known the love of God.

So, the phenomenon of Medjugorje began 40 years ago. This spirituality and this place was first discovered by the people who lived here in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and then this spirituality expanded to the rest of the world. Around 2 million people were coming to Medjugorje each year before the pandemic. This is a very famous place that attracts many pilgrims from all over the world. It is a very important place for Southeast Balkans, just like Częstochowa is famous in Poland. People come to Medjugorje to confess, they come here on major feast days. Even in the time of pandemic, local pilgrims were here at Holy Masses and celebrations. Thanks to all this, Medjugorje radiates a unique and special atmosphere.

Forty years have passed and these were forty years of maturing and growth. There were three different periods. The first period, the time of the former Yugoslavia, the reign of communism, somehow can be compared to Fátima, for the regime persecuted the visionaries and priests who took care of them. The priest at that time was sentenced to two years of prison just because he protected, defended Medjugorje and refused to declare all as a lie, but claimed it was the truth. So, this was a quite difficult period, similar to Fátima, where police and state, led by masons, persecuted the children there, while the persecution here was initiated by the communists. The second period was the period of the war. Despite war, Medjugorje itself remained peaceful. And Medjugorje was the source of strength for the people and it was also the source of material help, because the humanitarian aid came from Medjugorje, much from Italy. This aid was then given to the places that needed it the most.

After the war, a young state of Bosnia and Herzegovina was developed as a result of Dayton Peace Accord. This was the state made of three religious entities, Muslims, who are most numerous, Orthodox and Roman Catholics at the south of the country. The geographic context of Medjugorje is such, that Medjugorje invites to peace, to unity. In any case, this place is modest when it comes to architecture, it is far more modest than Lourdes or Fátima, if we take into consideration when the apparitions took place in those places. Here we have a terrain of a simple triangle, on one corner we have the parish church, second is Apparition Hill and the third one is Cross Mountain, a place where an 8 meters cross was erected in 1933, on the occasion of the Jubilee 1900th Anniversary of the Passion of our Lord. Due to pandemic, the number of pilgrims has been reduced, but they kept on coming, of course from the neighboring countries. The number of pilgrims is increasing now and for the 40th Anniversary many of them are here, with at least 50 buses from Poland, 30 buses from Ukraine. So pilgrims are coming back again to this place.

What is typical of Medjugorje is the longing to return again and again. Those who came once, keep coming back. Indeed, many are returning multiple times here. I know one man from the Archdiocese of Warsaw, who was coming to Medjugorje at least once a month. This is a true phenomenon for me. For me, that is the most appropriate expression – phenomenon. Why? First of all, because the apparitions are not recognized yet, and then because Medjugorje does not have any official status. This is just a parish, nothing more. It does not have the status of a shrine, not even a destination of pilgrims, but this place has been de facto recognized by the Church. Thanks to Pope Francis, we have decrees that have given a certain legal status to Medjugorje: the Apostolic Visitor with a special role for the Medjugorje parish has been appointed, and then the decision was made that all restrictions on organization of pilgrimages were removed and the coming of bishops and cardinals was allowed, all of them including priests can officially organize pilgrimages and celebrate the liturgy in this place. Therefore, we have de facto those elements that function and enable pilgrims to come in an easier way. However their arrival is a bit different now. This year we are also planning the Youth Festival to be held, it would be more modest than before. I need to express my gratitude to the local community of Franciscans. Their role is much like those of the Pauline Fathers in Częstochowa. Thanks to them and their perseverance, Medjugorje is still developing and growing.

Fr. Łukasz: On June 24 and 25, there would be many people in Medjugorje. Do you have a message for them.

Archbishop Henryk Hoser: The first thing that Our Lady said in Medjugorje – the invitation to penance, conversion, peace and discovering of Jesus Christ in our lives. The second very important aspect that functions in Medjugorje is a life according to the sacraments. Often, our daily life is deprived of the sacraments. We could say our lives are over-humanistic and not so religious, particularly in the terms of faith and Christianity. This place reminds us how important the relationship of man and God is. We have different horizontal relations with other people, relations that are more developed or perhaps not so much, but this relationship with God has been very much neglected. It is made of the immediate contact between God and man, expressed in daily prayer and the appropriate way of life. We need to give witness in our Christian culture, in our behavior, our individual and social morality. This was emphasized already in apostolic times. I think these elements are very much present in the Medjugorje message and people always gladly return to their daily lives carrying in their hearts the fruits they received in the course of their pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On May 25, 2021, the visionary Marija Pavlovic received the monthly message:

"Dear children! Today I am looking at you and calling: return to God because He is love and out of love has sent me to you to lead you on the way of conversion. Leave sin and evil, decide for holiness and joy will begin to reign; and you will be my extended hands in this lost world. I desire that you be prayer and hope to those who have not come to know the God of love. Thank you for having responded to my call."

The 40th Anniversary of the Apparitions

With just a few days until the 40th anniversary of the apparitions, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude to the Blessed Mother who, for 40 years, has not ceased to bless us, encourage us, console us, teach us, stimulate us... Imagine the world if Medjugorje had not existed! O dear Mother, how can we repay you for all the graces that you have given us?

Before this Anniversary, I was asked about how I see these daily visits from Mary. Here is my little personal testimony: After my first pilgrimage in June 1984, I moved to Medjugorje in December 1989, following a very strong call that was confirmed by my superiors. With a Sister from my community, we came here in freezing cold weather, with no money, no accommodation, and without knowing what Heaven had in store for us. Our only possession was the joy of being invited by Mary to dwell in her grace filled home where she is Queen.

The most powerful experience for me was her extraordinary maternal welcome. During those first 2 years, I sensed that I was being molded in the bosom of the Mother of God. An indescribable inner experience! Like a child huddled at her mother's breast, I greedily absorbed everything she communicated to me about herself, and I felt that this intimacy with her was vital for me. I couldn't imagine interrupting this, and I couldn't even stand the idea of moving away from Medjugorje, not even being called somewhere else, because I saw that as a premature birth, almost a spiritual abortion. A holy lady who was receiving insights from God and whose charity was exemplary, said to me one day: "Sister Emmanuel, you will see, one day you will take your pilgrim's staff and you will go on mission. You will carry Mary's messages



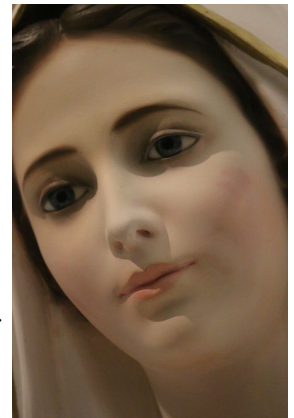
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all over the world." I confess that on that day, I called her a false prophet and shouted at her: "Out of the question, you're talking rubbish!"

And yet she was right! After the 1992 war in Bosnia, my missions abroad began, but I believe that the Blessed Mother had finished the first part of her work within me, because she had secured Medjugorje in my heart, so that I no longer needed to be physically present in the village. I departed and returned to Medjugorje in peace, while begging Heaven to stay with me so that I could give the people who were

waiting for me the best of messages. One day, I sort of provoked the visionary, Mirjana, a bit by asking her: "But all these messages, are they only for this village and for those who come here on pilgrimage?" She cried out, with tears in her eyes, "No! The Gospa wants her messages to reach all her children, in every country in the world!"

This remains our Mother's strong desire. And yet we are still a long way from achieving this! Vicka told me that Our Lady had expected a much bigger response from us. That is why, on this Anniversary, we should deeply console the Blessed Mother by taking her messages to heart as never before and witness to them, first through our life, and also through our words when we are given an opportunity to speak to open hearts. ***"If you are not afraid and if you testify with courage, the truth will miraculously triumph."*** (June 2, 2015)



A new Bethlehem!

I have noticed that for many pilgrims, Mary touches the depths of their hearts and nourishes them with her "maternal milk", so much so that they see Medjugorje as their place of birth, the place where they were able to be reborn to life. A vital encounter that transforms their existence! Father Daniel-Ange rightly said: "Medjugorje is the Bethlehem of the 3rd Millennium." Yes, a place where we are born, a place where we let ourselves be borne by the Mother of God. My natural mother Odile (God bless her!) gave birth to me for an earthly life that will come to an end. But the Mother of God is giving birth to me for a life in the Spirit, the life of Heaven which begins on earth, which will flourish in eternity and will have no end.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux said that "when we are on earth, we are not born yet. We are born when we enter Heaven. As long as we are on earth, we are borne in the bosom of the Mother of God." How beautiful it is to be able to surrender entirely to Mary now, by consecrating ourselves to Her Immaculate Heart! Because then, if we really belong to her, she too really belongs to us, with all her riches, all her beauties! Little Thérèse of the Child Jesus understood this well, saying: "The treasure of the Mother belongs to the child!"

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A Family's Journey: Chiara and Her Healing from Leukemia

By Costanza Signorelli from *Papaboys.org* (translated and edited from Italian)

Simona has a dramatic family history. The leukemia that affected her youngest daughter Chiara and the anger Simona directed towards Heaven came to nothing in front of the Heavenly Mother who chose her daughter to lead her and her family on the path of love of Her Son Jesus. It is the story of a real triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for a simple Roman family, but they passed through a very precise path: the way of the Cross. Simona had to walk the way of the cross to the end before seeing the light and being born to a new life.

It was June 2014. One afternoon I picked up my daughter Chiara from school and the teacher told me that she had a severe pain in her foot. She had complained of the pain all day. Initially I thought it was a sprain or a contusion. However, once back home, I notice that Chiara's pain was increasing. In the evening she crouched down and asked me to hold her foot hard and the next morning she woke up screaming and crying: "Help me! Take me to a doctor!"

We immediately went to the Umberto I hospital in Rome and the doctors began to make a series of tests on Chiara. But they could not make a diagnosis. Meanwhile Chiara was getting worse and worse and over time she had lost the mobility of her lower limbs. They dangled limply like they were dead.

After about five days in hospital, her doctor called us and said, "I think your daughter has leukemia. If so, I know how to proceed. If not, with the analysis in my hand, I should dismiss you and send you in the middle of a street, because I have never seen anything like this". In a few moments, my life was completely turned upside down: I was on a hospital bed hoping that my three-year-old daughter, who I thought was perfectly healthy, might have leukemia.

Although we were faced with the possibility of leukemia that had spread quickly and without showing symptoms, so much so that it was not detected in the earlier blood tests, it was found that vital organs had not yet been compromised. The oncologist told us that if we showed up even a month later, the situation would have been disastrous. From that moment we entered a trial that lasted two years.

My initial reaction was one of rebellion and total anger. The pain was really too great. It was made worse because I had just come through a very difficult situation that had involved my family that had psychologically destroyed me. I got angry with God and stayed angry for a long time.

Meanwhile, one thing has to be said: as soon as Chiara fell ill, I learned that a lot of people had started praying, offering Masses, fasting for her. However, at that moment, I was far away from a life of faith.

A close friend of my husband, who was part of a Marian prayer group, learning the news, had started to encourage everyone to pray for our daughter. It didn't particularly affect me: if they wanted to pray, let them pray, I would tell myself. But I didn't know that this was just the beginning...

After some time my husband began to tell me that, as soon as the doctors had given us permission, we would go to Medjugorje: the prayer group, in fact, wanted to bring Chiara to Mt. Krizevac, the mountain in Medjugorje where there is the White Cross. At that time, if I heard about places like Lourdes, Fatima or, indeed, Medjugorje it made me angry, agitated. Also, Chiara was still doing the rounds of chemotherapy, so for me the problem didn't even arise: we would never go there, period.

When they opened the sign up for a pilgrimage, these people began to insist that Chiara go. They even paid us, for the entire pilgrimage, including travel. I picked up the phone and called this man, who was living in a distant country at the time. I told him directly that we would never go on the pilgrimage. Impossible.

With a disarming peace and kindness, he said to me: "Simona, but it is not I who invite you, it is Our Lady. See you in Medjugorje." Then he hung up the phone. At that point I couldn't even see I was so angry. I told my husband that only irresponsible people can even think of bringing a three and a half year old girl with leukemia to a remote land, with the treatments that needed to be administered and the serious risk of infections etc. I even went to the oncologist to have her help me with her medical advice to forbid going but instead the oncologist gave her approval: the little girl - she said - could leave for the pilgrimage to Medjugorje. I couldn't believe it. I didn't want to go but we went to Medjugorje...

So my anger grew even more: wherever I went there was always talk of the Cross, of how to accept the Cross, of how to love the Cross. Chiara, on the other hand, I couldn't believe it: she took the chemo as if she drank fresh water and climbed the mountains in Medjugorje like an ibex. She was really happy and often sang. Only a short time later, I realized that, even in me, a seed had been sown. Today I can say that from that pilgrimage Our Lady worked slowly and tirelessly within me, without ever making a mistake. In fact, since then, Medjugorje has become like a second home to us. We go there every year. Our Lady has become the true Queen of our family.

Our Lady had a lot of patience with me. It has been a journey of small steps, which still continues today. However, there have been two decisive facts. The first happened a few months after our return from Medjugorje, when Chiara arrived one step away from death.

After the first year of hospital, Chiara began a second year of chemotherapy at home. One day, despite looking okay, I realized she had a high fever. I called the oncologist right away, who told me to take her to the hospital. Here, however, we need to take a step back and relate an important fact, which happened in Medjugorje.

During the pilgrimage, Chiara and my husband Ambrose went with a small group of people to the statue of the Risen Christ. That same evening, as we all looked at the photos taken that day, a lady in the group said to me, "Wow! Did you see what's on your daughter's picture?" Well, on Chiara's photo, and only on hers, appeared the silhouette of an Angel with open wings, praying above her head. Its not on any of the other photos taken that day.

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Messages and Meaning: Blessed Virgin Warns Again that Satan is Strong

By Michael Brown from *SpiritDaily.com*

You can make any number of things out of the anniversary message — the words spoken by the Blessed Virgin Mary last week on the fortieth anniversary of her appearances in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina. No “alleged” needed here, at least not for the first days in June of 1981 upon which the commemoration is based — for a Vatican Commission, after years-long, painstaking investigation, determined that the first seven days at least were indeed authentic visitations by the Mother of Jesus.

Back in those early days, the Virgin warned that *“darkness reigns over the whole world,” “a great struggle is about to unfold, a struggle between my Son and Satan,” “this is the hour of the power of darkness,”* and *“the hour has come when the demon is authorized to act with all his force and power.”*

She emphasized that with God, there is no fear. That we should go forward with all confidence in the Lord, that especially with prayer and fasting, we win. But she also added: *“Satan is strong and is waiting to test each one of you.”*

That was four decades ago and now on June 25, 2021 came a monthly message of similar gravity: *“Dear children!” she said Friday, as thousands returned to the apparition site. 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.”*

There it was again: *“Satan is strong”* — a precise iteration of what she said in 1981. What did she mean by *“the earth which God gave you”*? Was she again alluding to preservation of His Creation, of nature, of the environment?

In 1991 she gave a very similar message. *“Satan is strong and desires to destroy not only human life, but also nature and the planet on which you live.”* Said the seer Vicka Ivankovic years ago, in an interview, “Satan is actively trying to destroy this planet, the environment, and even nature. These actions of Satan bring great suffering and hardship. Only through prayer and fasting can he be stopped.”

On March 25, 1990, the Blessed Mother had also said, *“God wants to save you and sends you messages through men, nature, and so many things which can only help you to understand that you must change the direction of your life.”*

There was that word “nature” again, but in this instance, as a means of signs. Indeed, since 1981, year after year, week after week, we have witnessed the intensification of portents, too many to summarize.

In the current moment, there is heat, Oregon and the state of Washington recording the hottest temperatures ever there, up to 115 degrees Fahrenheit. On a Soviet slice of the Arctic, meanwhile, a “ground temperature” of more than 110 degrees was registered (actual air temperature in the eighties). Precisely one year ago, on June 20, 2020, the same region of Siberia recorded the first 100 degree air temperature — another record. The water in Lake Mead in Nevada is diminishing precipitously — heralding what many climatologists increasingly believe is a historic mega-drought (much larger and longer, if so, than the Dust Bowl a century ago).

Tornadoes are ripping through European villages unaccustomed to such winds. There is heavy hail in Munich. The heat-wave in the U.S. West is competing with one on the East Coast as summer unfolds — and sizzles. Some are even wondering if the collapse of the 12-story condo building in the Miami area might be at least in part from the erosion of seawater intrusion as fresh groundwater is depleted and oceans rise.

We know we are in a different time — not only by the weather, but the bizarre way folks on all sides are comporting themselves: the anger, the divisiveness, the moral disorientation. And so Satan is strong, when we let him be strong, and “signs of the times” continue to unfold.

Reported *Bloomberg* last week: “Unstoppable drought is rolling over California and the Western U.S. once again, as it has with little interruption since the new century began. Nearly 98% of land across 11 Western states is abnormally dry, and more than 90% is covered by some category of drought—the worst levels in the U.S. Drought Monitor’s 21-year history. Reservoirs have drained to their bottoms, leaving bath-tub rings on their shorelines. Rivers reduced to trickles are setting off conflicts for dwindling water rights. Millions of acres of trees and shrubs have turned from shade to fuel for the out-of-control blazes everyone predicts will come.

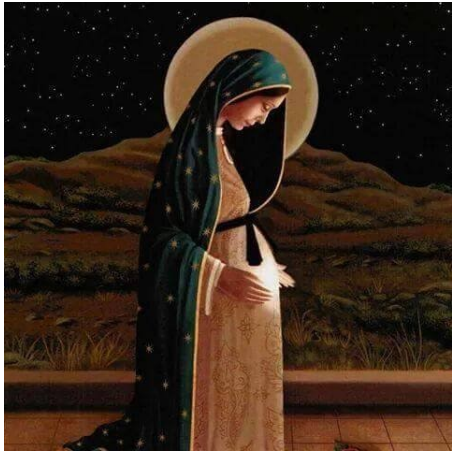
“As far as drought goes, this is the big one, especially if we are talking about the broader drought across the whole Southwest,” says Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at the University of California Los Angeles. “By a lot of metrics, it is the most severe drought on record.”

And comets? “A comet unlike any other in recorded history is on a trajectory to zip through the inner solar system in less than a decade, but like most space rocks that make the news, it isn’t anything to lose sleep over,” reports *Accuweather*. “Comet 2014 UN271 was observed during a mission called the Dark Energy Survey back in 2014, but sky watchers didn’t realize that the data gathered was showing a comet until mid-June of this year. It is estimated to be between 60 and 230 miles wide, which could make it the largest comet ever discovered, *EarthSky* said.”



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A genuine Mom!



Today, when motherhood is being undermined in so many ways, Mary's tender love is an extraordinary balm and an incentive to move forward. In these 40 years, we have lost count of all the words of tenderness that she expressed. They take us beyond the daily turpitudes that hurt us. Let's try to read these few messages very slowly, with our heart:

“Dear children, I love each one of you as much as I love my Son Jesus.” (Amazing indeed!)

“I love you with a tender love.”

“If you knew how much I love you, you would weep for joy!”

“I want to take you in my embrace.... But you don't wish it.”

“As I carried my Son Jesus in my bosom, so do I want to carry each one of you on the path of holiness.”

“I am your mother and I love you all. In every difficult moment, do not be afraid because I love you even when you are far away from me and my Son. Please do not make me cry tears of blood because of souls who are lost in sin.”

“My love for you is boundless!”

“Give me your feelings and problems, I want to console you in your trials. I want to fill you with peace, joy and divine love.”

“My children, my joy will be great when I see that you accept my words and that you desire to follow me. Do not be afraid, you are not alone! Give me your hands and I will guide you.” (April 2, 2012)

“I, as a mother, want to save you from lack of peace, from despair, and from eternal exile.” (May 2, 2012)

“My children, as my eyes look at you, my soul is seeking those souls which desire to be ONE with mine - the souls that have understood the importance of prayer for those of my children who have not known the love of the Heavenly Father. I am calling on you because I need you... I will fill you with my graces and protect you from the evil spirit. I will be with you. By my presence, I will console you in difficult times...” (Sept. 2nd, 2012)

Year of St. Joseph



Hail Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted
His only Son;

In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became a man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy
and courage,

and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Prayer given in Rome on Dec 8th, 2020 By Pope Francis

A word of inner healing!

This Anniversary finds us in a very troubled world situation, so I wish to highlight this message which is often repeated by Our Gospa: Do not be afraid! These words are repeated 365 times in the Bible, words of creation by the Creator himself, words that we can receive as words of inner healing, always renewed. Reflecting on Vicka's words, her husband Mario, said this about the virus: “They want to fill us with fear, but we must not allow them to do so!” In this month dedicated to His Sacred Heart, Jesus wants to envelop us with His love and consolation. The foundation of our peace, Mary tells us, is prayer. ***“He who prays is not afraid of the future! If you are mine, you will win, for your refuge will be the Heart of my Son Jesus!”*** At the beginning of the apparitions, the Blessed Mother shared her plan:

“I have come to bring humanity close to the Heart of God.”

But two years ago she said, sadly:

“Humanity is moving farther and farther away from the Heart of God.”

She never abandoned us, let us not abandon her! May this 40th Anniversary find us ready to achieve her dream! May all her children know the God of love in order to heal ***‘this lost world’!***

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Now with this fever, after a whole day of exams, the oncologist told me that we must stay for the night as well. I tried to explain to her that we live nearby and that we are used to going back and forth from the hospital. But the oncologist immediately said: "No, Simona, this time you won't have time to come back." I insisted on going home, but at that point the doctor stopped me: "Simona, your daughter is dying! The tests I have in front of me are a disaster, all the values of white blood cells, red blood cells and platelets are almost zero and the little girl could have a hemorrhage at any moment". The tests seem to indicate unequivocally that the leukemia had reached a very serious and irreversible stage. I felt the world collapsing on me and for the first time I burst out crying in front of Chiara. At that point I did something that I had never done before. I called "the group" and begged them for prayers for our daughter.

The next morning, despite it being her day off, the oncologist returned to the hospital to give Chiara a bone marrow test. Meanwhile, Chiara had started a treatment of immunoglobulins that made her feel terrible: she could not stand up. She vomited all the time and looked like a shriveled larva in her cot. Well, after the marrow test, I hear the doctor in the hallway shouting, "Simona! The Angel saved your daughter!". At first I did not understand. Indeed, the doctor never spoke to me like that. Then I learned that my husband, some time ago, had shown her a picture of Medjugorje, and so the doctor explained to me: "Simona, believe me, the Angel in that photo saved your daughter because her bone marrow exams are perfect". In fact, there was no fatal worsening of the leukemia. She improved from that point on.

Chiara has now been in remission for three years. She continues to do well. But one day I went to the pharmacy because she had a sore throat. There I met a doctor who, after explaining to me what medicines to give the child, told me: "Finally, I recommend that you do the most important thing! Do we understand each other?" I was confused. Then he pulled a rosary from his coat and, as he continued speaking, I discovered his conversion took place in Medjugorje, several years ago. He was encouraging me to pray and, in prayer, to rely completely on God's will. That doctor looked at me and without knowing anything about me, about my family, about my life, he said to me: "Your little daughter was gravely ill. She is the altar, she is the doorway to your conversion. What has happened to you is a grace, it is a gift for your salvation". These words were like a slap in the face to me. For a whole day I was stunned, and at the same time I felt that these words deeply touched my heart. It was as if my soul was waiting for exactly those words. Believe me, I can't explain why, but for the first time in my life, since then, I began to see differently, to feel a deep gratitude within me for everything that had happened to us, for our whole life and for Chiara's recovery.

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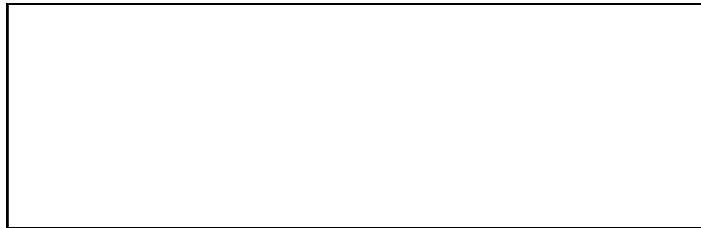
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- + Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16th
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- + The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15th
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