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We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we await for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. (Rom 8: 22-23)

**Our Lady of Medjugorje's
Monthly Message of
June 25th, 2023:**

Dear children! The Most High permits me to be among you -- to pray for you, to be a Mother to you and to be your refuge. Little children, I am calling you: return to God and to prayer and God will bless you abundantly. 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

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The Testimony of Ann Vucic on the Early Days

from spiritofmedjugorje.org

I want to share with you a little bit about my own background and my own connection to Medjugorje and how it changed my life and why I'm so passionate about helping other people come to know about it, because I know that, through Medjugorje, God changes people's hearts, changes their lives, brings about healings, brings about conversion, as He did in my life. So, a little bit about my background. I am Croatian and I was born in a village just two miles away from Medjugorje. At the time, it was the communist country of Yugoslavia. Today it's present-day Bosnia-Herzegovina. But at the time it was a very oppressive communist country, and my parents did not want to raise their family in that kind of a system. And so, my family left the country when I was two years old, and we moved to the United States.

In the summer of 1981, when I was 15 years old, my parents decided that we were going to go back to our homeland for summer vacation. And for those of you who know the history of Medjugorje, you'll recall that the apparitions of Our Lady in Medjugorje began on June 24, 1981. Well, my family arrived to the country, to our little village, which as I said is two miles away from Medjugorje, two weeks before the apparitions began. So, we got there before any of these incredible events began. We were going to spend the summer with our family, just enjoying our time in our homeland.

Well, I could never have imagined when we went there that a world-changing event would begin just a few miles from our family home. The apparitions began on June 24. It was a Wednesday night. I didn't hear about the events of Medjugorje that day, but four days later on Saturday, June 27, 1981. I was in an outdoor café with my father and my sister and a cousin of my father's, and the cousin leaned across the table to my father and he started whispering something to him. Well, after a few minutes of this hushed conversation, my father turned to my sister and I, and he leaned across the table to us, and he said, "This cousin has just told me that the Gospa, the word in Croatian for Our Lady, has just appeared in Medjugorje." And I can tell you – in that moment, when I heard those words, when those words penetrated my heart, pierced my ear drums, entered into my heart and soul, my life changed instantly! In that instant, when I heard the words, "Our Lady has appeared in Medjugorje," something happened which, at the time, as a 15 year-old kid, I didn't understand. I didn't know what was happening. I just knew that all of that anger that I had felt, all of the bad pain that I had experienced, all of those emotions, the experiences of those previous three or four or five years, whatever it had been, it was like it all melted away around me. It was gone. It was absolutely gone. And it was replaced with this most incredible peace, joy, essence of a presence. And I use that term today as an adult who's walked with the Lord for 41 years since then. At the time, I didn't understand what was happening. I just knew something deeply profound happened. And the way that I kind of explain it is – it's as if my heart was being filled with something that my chest could not contain. It was like my heart was being blown up like a balloon and my chest just couldn't contain it.

When we got home from that café later on that morning, my father told my mother about what happened, that these rumors

were spreading like wildfire throughout the countryside, that the Virgin Mary, the Gospa, had appeared over in the nearby village of Medjugorje, and my parents decided that they were going to go there.

Several of my father's female relatives are Franciscan sisters, and two of them at the time were serving in the parish of St. James in Medjugorje. So, my parents said, "Why don't we go there and talk to these two cousins and maybe we can talk to some priests there. Let's see if we can find out from them what's going on." So, that Saturday afternoon, June 27, 1981, my parents went to Medjugorje. I begged to go with them, but they said, "No, you stay home. We'll tell you when we get home. We'll tell you everything that happened."



When they got there that afternoon to the church, they went to the rectory and they spent that time with my dad's cousins and some of the priests. They all said to my parents, "We don't know what to tell you. These children, they're claiming that they see the Blessed Virgin Mary, and She's been supposedly appearing the last three nights. Apparently, She's going to be coming again tonight. Why don't you go to the hill yourself to see for yourselves?"

That late afternoon, my parents went to Apparition Hill, which is what they call the hill where Our Lady first appeared. Before I tell you what happened when they got to the hill, let me just put this in context. This was 1981. It was a communist country. This was a very small rural village in the middle of nowhere, a farming community. There were very, very few people in the region who had cars, very few people who had telephones or anything like that. And of course, this was long before the time of any kind of social media or anything like that. So, the means of communication were pretty limited. Because most people didn't have telephones, it's not like you could just call your neighbor and tell them what was going on. Most of the way news traveled was by word of mouth.

When my parents got to Apparition Hill, there were thousands and thousands and thousands of people at the base of the hill. The later accounts that came out of the communist archives actually state that they guessed the number of people on that fourth day at Apparition Hill to be about 10,000. So, think about how 10,000 people who couldn't all call their friends, but somehow 10,000 people, by the fourth day of the apparitions, had already heard about what had happened and had flocked there!

My parents happened to be right behind one of the visionaries, Marija, who was at the base of the hill, and at one point, she started screaming in Croatian "Eno je! Eno je," which in Croatian means "There She is! There She is!" And so, Marija started running up the hill – and for those of you who have been to Medjugorje, you know, when I say, "running up that hill," you know what that means. That was a hill that even today it's not easy to climb, and today, 40-50 million feet have created a path on that hill. But this was before there was any kind of path created. And so, these hills of Bosnia-Herzegovina, they're filled with rocks and boulders and stones and thorn bushes all over. So,

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From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On May 25th, 2023, the visionary Marija received the following monthly message from Our Lady:

“Dear children! I am calling you to go into nature and to pray for the Most High to speak to your heart and that you may feel the power of the Holy Spirit so as to witness the love which God has for every creature. I am with you and intercede for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Prophecies questioned!

Because of the insecurity that is being felt everywhere these days, many people are looking for inspired words. And yet, Jesus warned us, “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them.” (Matt 7:15-26) And so, it is good to turn to those where we can see their holiness shining out in their personal life and by their charity. Some are beatified or have been canonized. Let us opt for safety to avoid falling into subtle snares by those who spread false prophecies. Faced with this search which is often filled with anguish, Mary invites us not to lose sight of the purpose of our life on earth, namely our salvation in her Son Jesus, to reach Heaven! When traveling, if you know your destination, you feel better prepared to overcome the obstacles and other trials scattered along the path. Here are a few points that corroborate the Gospel, through the voice of Mary and some Saints:



At Fatima, Mary said to the little shepherds: ***“In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.”*** At the end of what? She did not say, but one thing is obvious: you don’t triumph over peace. Therefore, it is clear that this triumph will be preceded by a difficult time, and we are already there! This difficult time will not last, thank God, it is a kind of interlude before this “New Time” of which Mary speaks about in her messages.

Venerable Marthe Robin (1902-1981) stated that God is preparing for the world a New Pentecost of love. But before that, the world will fall to a very low point, especially France...

At Medjugorje, visionary Vicka clearly states that Our Lady will carry out her plan! Anything that does not come from God will disappear. She also adds that “the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is very close.” Vicka is the seer to whom Our Lady revealed her life on earth. She wrote it down in two notebooks that will be published as soon as the Blessed Mother gives her the green light.



Sister Emmanuel

gift that had no equal in the life of mystics: She could see slightly above her, like a very bright sun. In that sun, she could very clearly read words that were often prophetic, and which she wrote down carefully. These words had to do with people or situations in her day, but also with future events, some even in the distant future. That is how she was able to help five consecutive Popes, revealing to them things they needed to know for their pastoral duties.



Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich (1774-1824), on December 30th, 1819, received the vision of a spiritual battle that culminated in the victory of the Church. God showed her that the Church would be rescued especially by the Archangel St. Michael who would deliver her from terrible tribulations. This long vision of Blessed Anne Catherine is very encouraging.

Don Dolindo Ruotolo (1882 - 1970), called the Padre Pio of Naples, repeatedly proved his charism of prophecy, because he saw not only souls, but also certain events to come, especially for the Church. He too saw the future restoration of the Church after a great purification. Here are some words he received from the Virgin Mary:

“Only great mercy can enable the world to overcome the disaster into which it has fallen. The world has become a field of death, no voice awakens it, unless great mercy lifts it up. What do you think mercy is? It is not only indulgence, but also remedy, medicine, surgery. The first mercy that this poor earth must receive, and the Church first and foremost, must be purification... The Church will seem almost abandoned... It will even be necessary for some churches to be closed down! By His power, the Lord will break all the bonds that now bind her to the earth and paralyze her. Then we will see how it was better to rely on Jesus who is the true Life of the Church. All this is mercy and not evil. Jesus wanted to reign by pouring out His Love. He will therefore discard all that is not of Him.”

Don Dolindo is currently restoring inner peace to thousands of people through his writings on surrender to God, and his famous prayer: “Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of it.” Today, these privileged souls help us raise our gaze to the One who alone can save us, and this is out of love and not by force. Let us also remember that with God, there is no such thing as fate. All prophecy remains imperfect, for God can change His plans by listening to the prayers of His children, as seen in the Bible.

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Fr. Michael's Call to the Priesthood, a Love Affair with God

From imedjugorje.com

The first time I felt the call to the priesthood, I was about nine, but I kept resisting it. I went out and got caught up in a partying lifestyle. Then I came into the seminary later after getting clean and sober and coming back to the church. I came into the seminary when I was about 42.

My father, every five years or so over the course of about 20 years, he would say, "You know, there's always the priesthood." He had been in the seminary for a semester and then left. He had met my mom before that. He was apparently writing love letters to her the whole time he was in seminary. He was one of the people I talked to when I was thinking about it. He said, "If this is what you're supposed to be doing, there's always going to be something in the back of your head, a voice saying you should be doing this. I didn't have that after I married your mom."

I resisted the call. I think I always knew it was there, but I just pushed back on it. I've done many, many things. I was a landscaper. I worked in factories. I worked doing medical billing. The last couple years before I was a priest, I was a teacher. Since I've been a priest, I know that this is what I'm supposed to be doing. Right before I went into seminary, I was unemployed. I was going to graduate school, and my plan had been to get my master's degree and then my PhD in English Lit and teach English at a college level. I'm glad it didn't happen. I don't think I would have flourished there. I did eventually get my master's degree in English. I was happy to do that, but this is where I'm meant to be.

I just celebrated five years in July. I'm in my sixth year. It's been a learning curve. There's only so much they can teach you in seminary about dealing with people. In my mind, the priesthood is really being with people. That's been reinforced since I've been here in Medjugorje. I heard one priest say that coming here will refresh or renew your priesthood. It's because of all the people who are here and all the people who want the grace that comes through the sacraments.

We're just instruments. We're the spatula. God makes the whole omelet. We only serve that purpose, nothing more. It's Christ who does everything. That's also been reinforced since I've been here. It's through Christ and His Blessed Mother that the graces come to us. We're conduits, but maybe more just instruments.

In a parish, a priest is the hub and the spokes are all the groups and ministries that they're involved in but other people are making them happen. The priest is the one who is supposed to be there to keep them in communication with each other and keep them on track with their primary purpose, to bring people to Christ.

I'm going home with an excitement about the faith. It's something I've known but kind of lost over the last couple years, especially since the lockdown. Something happened to a lot of priests, myself especially. I switched parishes in the middle of it so for a year and a half, I couldn't get to know any of my parishioners. Suddenly our whole ministry, our whole priesthood, was essentially shut down as well. I did some things to try to make things better. I started doing Compline

night prayer online as a way to be with my parishioners without being able to be with them. I still do it a couple days a week.

Coming here reminded me that our faith is really supposed to be a love affair with God. I've heard a lot in confessions today and over the last couple of days. People talk about, "I did what the church tells me," but when you're in love, you don't think about the rules. Even if there are guidelines—you don't mess around with somebody else, you're not rude—but you don't think about it, you just do them. It's not something you dwell on because when you're in love, you want to please the other person. You want to shout it from the roofs.

An Irish Dominican preached the other day about evangelizing, about not being afraid to preach the Gospel. For many priests, especially in the generation of priests before me, they seemed almost embarrassed of their priesthood, and definitely seemed embarrassed by their Catholicism. We have nothing to be embarrassed about. There are individual priests and individual Catholics who have done embarrassing and shameful things, but our faith is not something to be ashamed of. We have a 2,000 year old faith given to us by Christ Himself. Our Blessed Mother really wants us to know that. We're not to be proud of ourselves, but we can be proud of our faith.

I was shocked when the visionary Mirjana was serving us lunch. I read her book on the way over here. She talked about as a teenager, the police harassing her and all the things that happened to her. I'm just a little bit younger than her, and when she was going through that, I was busy being self-indulgent and partying and being rebellious against my parents, being a poor son and really a poor Catholic. Here is this young woman, only a couple years older than me, who was taking such risks for the faith, for Christ, and for Our Blessed Mother. That has been a real example to me, the willingness to be a servant leader.

Our Lady is the Mother of our mothers. It's not like we're taking something away from our biological mothers. Our Lady really kicks it into high gear, knowing that I always have a mom, a mom who will look out for me and who really does love me in a way that my mother loved me. My mom was there in some of the worst, most heart-breaking moments of my life. I know now that Mary was there with both of us. When I was in my twenties, I struggled a lot. I was moving in and out of the house. Part of my mom's motherhood and part of my dad's fatherhood was a willingness to draw a line. I see a lot of parents now who want to be their kid's friend. I didn't need a buddy. I needed a parent, and they were willing to do that. When I was about 23, I'd hit the skids again and was moving back into my house, and my mom said to me, "This is the last time." About a year later, I got into some trouble and had to go to court. I was angry. I remember my mom turned to me and said, "How much longer are you going to sabotage yourself?" She was crying when she said that. That stuck in my heart. I think the Blessed Mother was speaking through her in that moment. I knew it broke her heart. That was a watershed moment. I was already sober at that time, but I knew I had to change the way I lived my life. My mom died on the 100th anniversary of Fatima.



From an Interview with Fr Petar, the Priest Chosen to Reveal Secrets

medjugorje.com

Fr. Petar: From the very beginning, I have been following what is happening in Medjugorje. For me, they are a great gift from Heaven now, in our difficult times. I know thousands of people who found God there and who have converted. And about some examples of conversions I have written in some of my books. I do agree with those that say that Medjugorje is truly a miraculous spot. The atmosphere of prayer is so potent there. The grace is so pervasive, and it's manifested in healings and also in conversions.

Question: *Fr. Petar, your future is connected to Medjugorje Can you explain a little bit about that?*

Fr. Petar: You are talking about one of the visionaries that has chosen me to reveal the secrets. Mirjana – she is a visionary. We don't know when that will take place. She received from Our Lady ten secrets. She has also received a parchment that is not from this world, but something Our Lady gave her and on it are the ten secrets. They are written right there. When the time comes for the first secret to be released, ten days before, she will give me this parchment and then I will then be able to read the first secret and then, along with her, I will fast for seven days and pray. Then I would be able to reveal it to the world what will take place: where, how, and how long. That is before every secret. The first two secrets are warnings; especially they are for the people of Medjugorje because Our Lady first appeared there. When that takes place, the first two secrets, then it will be clear to everyone that Our Lady was truly there. The third secret will be an indestructible sign that will take place on the Mountain of Apparitions, in the place where Our Lady first appeared. That sign will be a great joy for all those who have believed that She is there all along. And it will be a last call to those who have not converted, and did not hear Her messages. But it is not wise to wait for that sign. This is a moment of conversion. This is a time for prayer. This is the time for our spiritual cleansing. This is the time to decide to live for God, for Jesus Christ. Therefore, we call this time, a time of grace. That is what I can say about the secrets. Therefore we need to take advantage of this time in order to be ready to meet Our Lady with Her secrets. That is my duty to tell people, that they should not be surprised over anything.

This is the time of grace and the time of continual conversion, the call to conversion. When we say that it may be too late for somebody, because if God is giving you grace today that you would be converted, but if you don't take advantage of it, you are postponing it. But then the question becomes, when again will you have that grace? And in that sense I say that it would be the last call.

Question: *Have you thought about how you will release the first secret? How will that happen?*

Fr. Petar: I will first tell my closest and intimate friends. They would be ready and pray. And, of course, through the internet, television, and radio. I believe that will be the easiest duty. For me, it is most important that people would be ready. This is the desire of Our Lady and of Her Divine Son. For two thousand years we hear the echo of His words, "I am returning soon," but do not ask when that is going to be, what you should ask yourself is, "Am I ready?" And that is what is important. When He will come, will He find us worthy and ready? We will be called blessed then. If we are not ready right now, we have little time to do it. But we should not permit that we would be caught by surprise. And then on that

given moment, we would not know what to do. Just as in the Gospel, the five unwise virgins, who were waiting for the bridegroom and were not ready, for they had no oil in their lamps. This means you are waiting for the Lord, but you haven't got any good deeds. You have been waiting for Him, but you have nothing to offer Him. Therefore, we must be ready. If we are ready, then there is no problem for us. We have already found the closeness of God and His presence. And for that reason, I personally believe that Our Lady has remained with us for all of this time, for all of us to be awake, so that all of us would believe and then be converted.

Question: *What is the purpose of Our Lady letting us know there are secrets years before their contents are released?*

Fr. Petar: First of all, Our Lady speaks of the secrets very little. But we do ask Her or ask others or ask ourselves when will that take place? The secrets will be revealed when the time comes for that. And what is important is that She is appearing and giving us these messages. Naturally, here are the messages for the entire mankind that is for the salvation of mankind.

Therefore, I always put an accent on this time of grace which is given to us for conversion and for accepting these messages which will help us to convert. I have no desire to scare anyone with these messages. The only one that should be frightened by them is the one that does not believe and has not converted. She said that She has come in order to help us in these difficult times. She said that in My Son you have the solution to all human problems. Therefore, She is calling us to conversion and strong faith, to pray from the heart and penance, to reconcile ourselves with God and with one another, to read the Word of God, to understand that the Holy Mass is the best prayer. It is the sacrament of all sacraments. Therefore that is the path for the healing of mankind and the salvation for all of us. We can, therefore, say that these messages are messages of love. As a mother, Our Lady is calling us. She is repeating what Her Divine Son told Her. I think that we should be thankful to Her, and then to take advantage of this time for our own salvation, and the salvation of all those around us.

Question: *Have you ever seen or held the parchment?*

Fr. Petar: Personally I never did. Some of her cousins saw it. Our Lady then said to Mirjana do not show this to anyone yet, until the time of the revelation comes. During the war, Mirjana was in Sarajevo. When she returned, she forgot the parchment and left it in there Sarajevo. A year or two later, a soldier brought it to her with all her belongings that she left behind during the war. She asked him, how did you know this parchment belongs to me. He said, "I had a feeling in my soul that I should bring this to you," something I would say is miraculous. He just brought it to her house. But he didn't know her in Sarajevo and he didn't know that she was living in Sarajevo at the time.

Question: *What do you feel about the secrets as far as your responsibility? Do you feel that pressure on yourself?*

Fr. Petar: No, I am not really having any weight on me as far as that goes. I know that there is a whole army of people that are praying for me. I just can't wait until that will take place. And that as many people as possible will be converted. I am always ready for any sacrifice that the Lord would send my way.



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Watch over your shepherds

“Watch over your shepherds,” Mary told us on May 2nd, 2013. Father Robert, an American priest, is no exception to the rule. Like all priests, he knows the harshness of spiritual warfare, and knows from experience that the enemy of mankind would be happy to destroy him and his priesthood. Priests are so precious in God's plan! That is why we sheep must watch over our shepherds. Father Robert confided in me what a priest can experience and suffer in exercising his priesthood, and how close a priest can sometimes come to falling. Here is what he said:

“When I was ordained a priest, I made a promise to the Lord, in agreement with my spiritual father. I made a commitment to always have a table between myself and any person who came to me for advice or for something else, in order to protect myself. This promise has not always been easy to keep, but I have kept it, thank God. It saved me!”

“One day, a woman came to see me, because she needed to talk about her family problems. As soon as she came, I felt a strong attraction towards her. She would often come to me, seeking the comfort she needed from me. Very quickly, I fell in love with her, but truly in love! I had all the symptoms of a man in love with a woman. She began to inhabit my thoughts, to invade my entire sensitivity, my emotions, etc.”

“I could not control that feeling. At every one of her visits, I felt a very strong desire to take her in my arms or even to reveal my feelings. But between us, there was this table... Oh! How I hated this table! How many times did I want to go around it, to upend it! However, the table did not move from its place.”

“This torture lasted three years. And then, one day, the woman came as usual and – to my great surprise – when I looked at her, I realized that I no longer felt anything for her. All my feelings of love had left me, it had disappeared as quickly as it had appeared! I couldn't recognize myself, I did not even see what had attracted me so much to her. What a



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relief! So I continued to help this parishioner as best I could, but with that wonderful freedom of heart that a brother can have towards just a sister in Christ. I understood then that this feeling of love was a trap that the enemy had set for me to destroy my priesthood. But Jesus' considerate grace at my ordination inspired me to make this promise to Him – to set up a table. How far was I then from imagining that this table would save my vocation as a priest!”

Father Robert then exercised a special charism for tormented souls. He received the gift of understanding the cause of what was wrong with them and, by the grace of God, uprooting evil through his prayer. How many hearts did he help, how many lives did he save by praying and witnessing God's mercy? What a loss to so many suffering hearts his fall would have caused! Today, this priest has returned to the Father, filled with the joy of having been able to humbly serve the Church and of having remained a priest in the midst of the waves. Blessed be that table!

If Father Robert ensured his own protection starting from his ordination, we too can place ‘*tables*’ to protect our priests and avoid situations that could bring them down. Isn't this a way to watch over them? “Do not touch my anointed ones. Do my prophets no harm.” (Psalm 105:15) and again in Chronicles “Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm.” (1 Chronicles 16:22)

Piercings questioned!

An Italian priest came to Medjugorje with a group of young people. Seeing that most of them had tattoos and piercings, he spoke to each one privately, and explained to them the dangers of these practices and how God asks His people not to make tattoos or incisions on the body (Leviticus 19:28). However, none of them gave up their piercings. During the night, this priest spent hours in prayer and entrusted all these young people to Our Lady, telling her, “It is up to you to act, I failed!”

The next morning, the group went to the Blue Cross for Mary's apparition to the visionary, Mirjana. When they came back to their lodgings, there was a surprise in store for the priest: These same young people came to him one by one and gave him their piercings. Not one was missing! He was deeply moved. With a smile, he said to Our Lady: “What I could not do, you did!” He put all these piercings in an envelope and left them on Apparition Hill. Our Lady loves flowers very much, but when we offer things to her that are harmful to her children, I believe she rejoices even more!

Annual Apparition to Ivanka

From medjugorje.hr

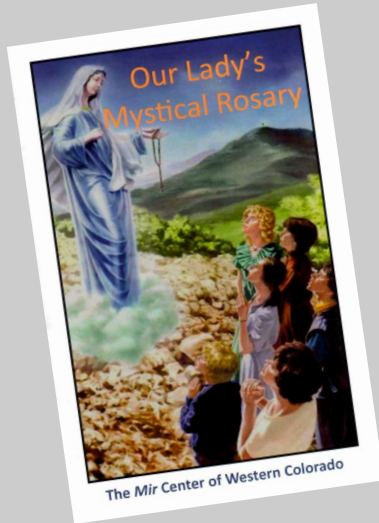
The visionary Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez had her regular annual apparition on June 25th 2023. At her last daily apparition on May 7, 1985, Our Lady confided to Ivanka the 10th secret and told her that she would have an apparition once a year on the anniversary of the apparitions. It was that way also this year. The apparition lasted 7 minutes and took place at Ivanka's family home. Only Ivanka's family was present at the apparition. After the apparition, Ivanka said: Our Lady gave the following message:

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these young people, the visionaries – the visionary Marija, the one that my parents were right behind, flew up that hill and everybody behind followed them up that hill. And my parents, as first-hand witnesses of this, said it looked like she was flying over those rocks and those bushes and boulders, like it just didn't seem like it was humanly possible for her to have been able to run as quickly as she did to that place where Our Lady was waiting for the visionaries. When they got up there, all six of the visionaries were already kneeling in that spot, looking up at something else that nobody else could see and having a conversation with Our Lady.



That was the beginning. That was the day that I first heard about these events. And that was the day my life changed. I can tell you that I spent the rest of that summer going to Medjugorje every chance that I could because it was like my soul was drawn there, like a magnet to metal – I couldn't stay away. I just had to go there every day that I could. And there were so many incredible experiences that happened that summer, and maybe I'll share those someday. And from that day on, I have not been the same person. I'm a consultant on this film, *Between the Mountains*. I am an executive producer on this film today, because of what happened to me on that day, June 27, 1981, when the Lord entered my heart for the very first time through the intercession of Our Lady, the Queen of Peace, through all that Heaven is doing in this little village in the middle of nowhere, Medjugorje, that has such an anointing on it. And because I know how Medjugorje has changed my life, and led me in a path in a new direction that I could never have imagined for myself, that's why I'm so passionate about taking people there and speaking to people about it, and helping people to understand what Heaven is doing there. Just as God touched my life, just as God touched millions of other lives that have gone there, God wants to touch your life. God wants to enter into your life and bring you His hope, and bring you His joy, and bring you His peace, bring you His presence. And I believe that God is going to do that in an abundant way through this film. And so that's why I'm so excited to be a part of this project. As we always say when we pray in Medjugorje, we end everything by saying, "Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us." And so, I end this today as well: Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

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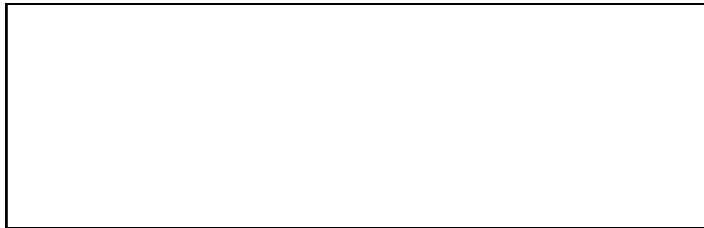
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Upcoming events:

- + **Our Lady of Mt Carmel, July 16th**
- + **Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 5th (celebrated)**
- + **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, August 15th**
- + **The Queenship of Mary, August 22nd**



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