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For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord. Nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. (2 Tm 1: 7-8)

**Our Lady of Medjugorje's
Monthly Message of
September 25th, 2019:**

Dear children! Today I am calling you to pray for my intentions so that I may help you. Little children, pray the Rosary and meditate the mysteries of the Rosary because, in your life, you are also passing through joys and sorrows. In this way, you are transforming the mysteries into your life, because life is a mystery until you place it into God's hands. In this way, you will have the experience of faith like Peter who met Jesus and the Holy Spirit filled his heart. Little children, you are also called to witness by living the love with which, day by day, God wraps you with my presence. Therefore, little children, be open and pray with the heart in faith. 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.



Our Lady of
The Rosary

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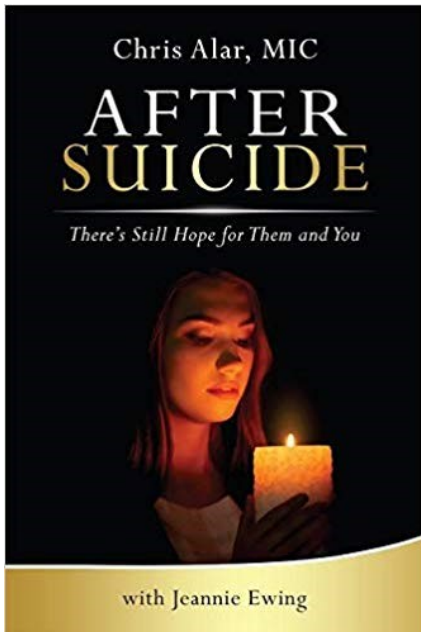
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Our Lady of Medjugorje Helps Souls to Rediscover the Joy of Life

By Chris Alar, from *Marian Helpers*, Fall 2019

Among my goals since becoming director of the Association of Marian Helpers five years ago has been to address the suicide crisis. The statistics are grim indeed.

Since 1999, the suicide rate has risen 33 percent to its highest level since World War II. Currently, there are more deaths by suicide every year in the world than by deaths by all wars and homicides combined.



After Suicide: There's Hope for Them and for You, written by Jason Lewis, MIC, and me, draws upon my own experience of losing my grandmother to suicide and the answers we discovered to key questions that had haunted me in the years following her death.

This was not an easy project. In fact, it was the most emotionally and spiritually taxing experience I've ever had, second only to my grand mother's suicide itself. But thankfully, Our Lady had recently provided me with confirmation that all this

prayerful work will bear spiritual fruit. Let me explain.

In June, as we were finishing the book, Jason and I gratefully accepted an invitation from a Marian Helper to lead a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, the site of alleged apparitions of Our Lady. We were joined by Fr. Seraphim Micahlennko, MIC. While there, the spirit of Medjugorje quickly set into my soul—most powerfully in the form of two people whom Our Lady put before me.

Both were suicidal.

The first was a young Ukrainian woman whom I first saw from quite a distance away amidst the thousands of pilgrims. She and I made eye contact, and I saw she was crying, so I went to her. Not knowing if she spoke English, I asked, "Are you okay?"

"No," she said. With her permission, I prayed over her. Afterwards, she told me she felt unloved and had no reason to live. "I want to kill myself," she told me.

Over a span of 45 minutes, I counseled her, drawing from some of the



content in our book. I finally said to her, "You have so much to live for. You are intelligent. You are beautiful. And you speak English beautifully." She then interrupted me. "Father," she said, "I don't speak English. I don't know how I am speaking with you right now, but I know God sent you to me."

Apparently, among the graces some people report experiencing in Medjugorje is to understand languages with which they've had no familiarity. I was so moved by this, and by the time we were done talking, the despair had lifted from her. She was filled with joy.

I then met up with Jason and Fr. Seraphim. As I told them about my experience, a woman approached me and asked in broken English, "Are you an exorcist?" She was with a young man in his mid-20's, her son, who was kicking and screaming. Father Seraphim, who has been ordained an exorcist, then prayed over him. Afterwards, Fr. Seraphim asked the young man, "What is the issue?" The young man kept repeating, "I am going to kill myself."

We spoke with him for about an hour, again drawing upon our book. All the while, you could see this young man's disposition dramatically change from anger and distress to relief and

joy. By the time we were done, the man was proclaiming belief in Jesus and his acceptance of Him as his Lord, God and Savior.

It was beautiful.

After all of our work on this book, the research and writing, the sleepless nights and times of self doubt, Our Lady stepped in and added the final piece of punctuation: an exclamation point.



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From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

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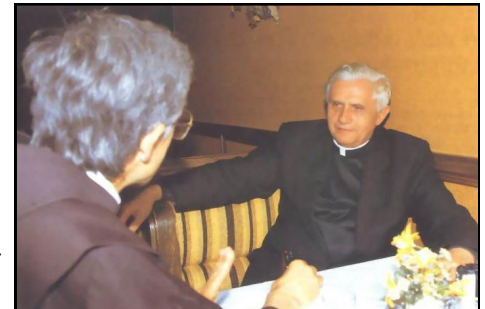
On September 2nd, 2019, Mirjana received her monthly apparition at the Blue Cross, surrounded by a large crowd of pilgrims. After the apparition, she conveyed this message:

"Dear children! Pray the Rosary every day- that wreath of flowers which, as a mother, directly connects me with your pains, sufferings, desires, and hopes. Apostles of my love, I am with you through the grace and the love of my Son, and I am asking for prayers of you. The world is in such need of your prayers for souls to be converted. With complete trust, open your hearts to my Son, and in them He will inscribe the summary of His words- which is love. Live in an unbreakable connection with the Most Sacred Heart of my Son. My children, as a mother, I am telling you that it is high time for you to kneel before my Son to acknowledge Him as your God, the center of your life. Offer gifts to Him- that which He most loves - which is love towards neighbor, mercy, and pure hearts. Apostles of my love, many of my children still do not acknowledge my Son as their God; they have not yet come to know His love. But you, with your prayer pronounced from a pure and open heart, by the gifts which you offer to my Son, will make even the hardest hearts open. Apostles of my love, the strength of prayer pronounced from the heart- a powerful prayer full of love- changes the world. Therefore, my children: pray, pray, pray. I am with you. Thank you."



Sister Emmanuel

In short, he had the intuition that the Church would lose a great deal: buildings, faithful, priests, social privileges; there would be a smaller Church with fewer believers who are forced to abandon most of the places of worship that were built over the centuries. He saw a Church of Minority Catholics, having little influence on political choices, humiliated and forced to start over from scratch. At the same time, this is a Church that finds herself, thanks to this massive upheaval and its rebirth, streamlined, vigorous and missionary....

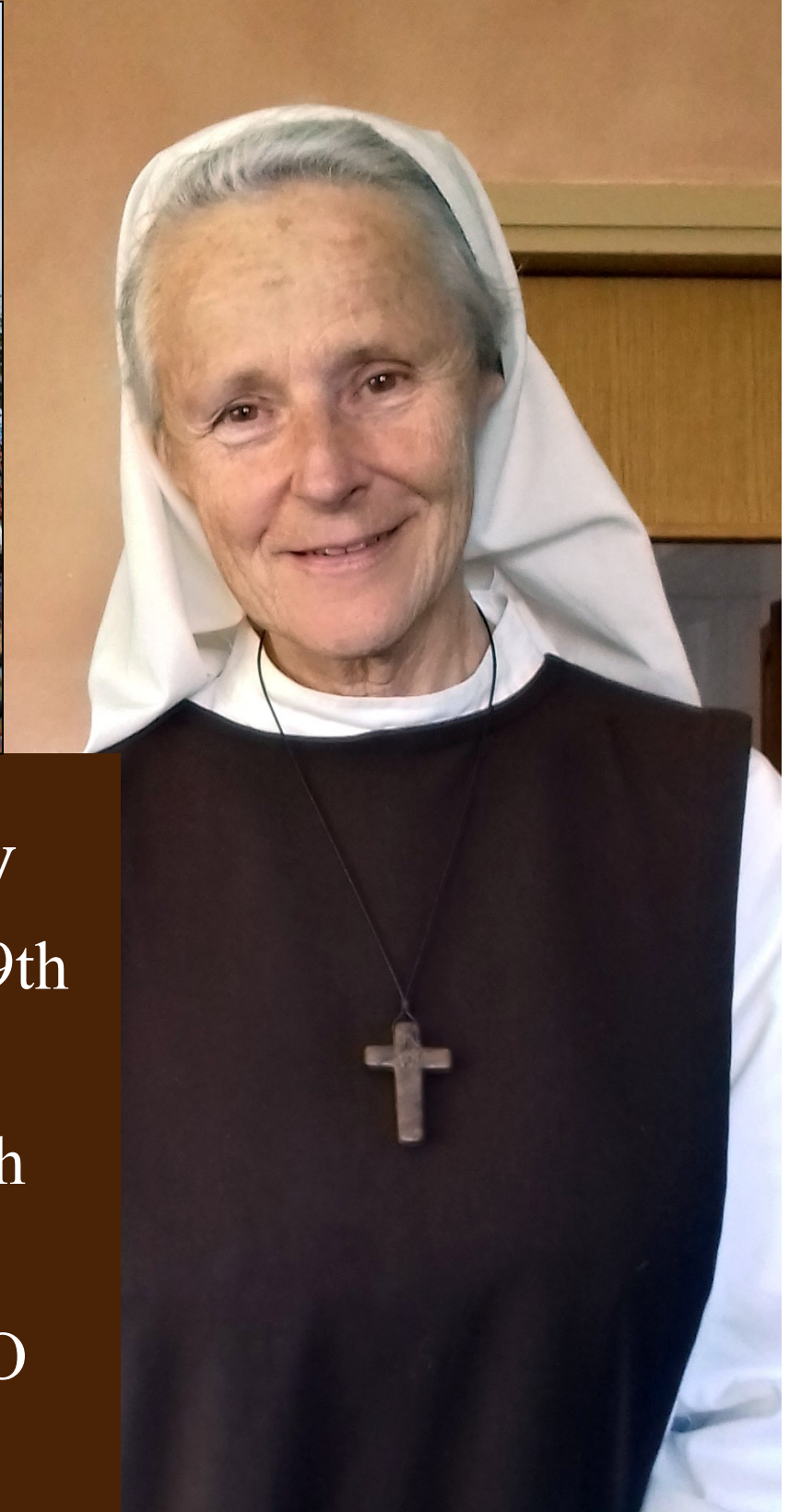


The Church will be revived by small groups, minority movements that will put faith back at the center of their hope. This Church will be more spiritual, renouncing all political expectations. The Church will be poor, and will once again become the Church of the needy. At that moment, people will discover that they live in a world of indescribable solitude, they have lost God's vision and will be horrified by their indigence. Then, and only then, Ratzinger concluded, "will they see the small flock of believers as something completely new: they will discover it as a hope for themselves, an answer they had always secretly been waiting for." Will these small groups really revive the Church? How can we not connect the prophetic words of the young Ratzinger (who had no inkling that he would become pope!), with a message from the Blessed Mother in Medjugorje, which seems to me to have also gone unnoticed: ***"Prayer groups are powerful, and through them I can see that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world.*** (June 25, 2004). Notice, she did not say "the family is strong", "the parishes are strong", and "the Vatican is strong"... No, the prayer groups are strong because, she says, ***"All those who pray and are members of prayer groups are open to God's will in their hearts and joyfully witness God's love..."*** (September 25, 2000).

Venerable Marthe Robin, a French mystic and stigmatic, who had foreseen the deep crisis of the Church in her own lifetime (1901-1981), and the extremely difficult times that were to

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Sr. Emmanuel from Medjugorje



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Yes, I Will Carry This Cross

By June Kilns reprinted from spiritofmedjugorje.org

Although most testimonies about Medjugorje touch my heart, some do more than others. Fionnuala Prunty's heartfelt witness on "Fruit of Medjugorje" (Episode #367) on www.marytv.tv was one I knew I wanted to share with our readers. I will not do it justice in this short space, so I hope you will go to Mary TV and watch it in its entirety.

Fionnuala, who is from Ireland, began praying the Rosary around the age of three. By about age six or seven, she was praying at least five Rosaries a day! "Our Lady always protected me. She went everywhere with me," she attested.

When Fionnuala was 16 years old, she and her 15 year-old sister and 10 year-old brother were hit by a drunk driver two days before Christmas. Her leg was all twisted and in two halves. A priest anointed all of them before the ambulance came. Her sister died on Christmas Day. Her brother had a fractured skull, but went home after a week. Fionnuala spent the following year in and out of hospitals. At one point, they put a pin in her leg and it kept coming out, so they had to remove it and, when they did, her leg bone telescoped and she ended up with one leg 1 1/4 inch longer than the other. So she had to wear a corrective shoe on the shorter leg for balance.

Fionnuala always wanted to be a nurse, but after completing her schooling and passing the state exams, she was disappointed to find that no hospital in Ireland would hire her because of her leg. So she took a civil service job, but did not like it. She was depressed and missing her sister. One night, her cousin, a priest, took her to a prayer meeting, and she thought, "I've come home." She continued to pray the Rosary every day. "Our Lady was my special friend," she said.

Eventually, Fionnuala got married and had a baby. She realized right away that something was wrong with him because he screamed all the time, turned blue, and wouldn't feed. She took him to three doctors who all told her she was an overanxious mother. When the baby was three months old, she finally found a doctor who listened to her, and told her to take him immediately to the Children's Hospital. The doctor there told her the baby had congenital heart disease and that he was going to die, but that they could give him some medication to stabilize him and possibly do surgery.

Fionnuala said that after the baby was on the medication, for the first time in his little life, he was able to smile. Sadly, he did not survive the operation though. "I remember holding him in my arms when he was dead and just thanking God that I was the mother of such a beautiful baby boy. I knew that Our Lady, the Blessed Mother, knew how I felt because She had Her dead Son in Her arms as well."

The doctors told Fionnuala that she could have another baby, that it was not genetic. So, a year later she had her second son, and he was born exactly the same way. They baptized him and then rushed him to the Children's Hospital. They told her to take him home and they would do open heart surgery in a few months to a year. At three months, he had heart failure, so they rushed him to the hospital. He was to have the opera-

tion on Spy (Holy) Wednesday. Every prayer meeting in Ireland was praying for him. Fionnuala got a call from a lady in Queensland who told her that every prayer meeting in Queensland was praying for him as well. Afterwards, the doctors told her that this was the best result they had ever gotten in that hospital for that type of surgery! The baby went home 10 days later. He is now 34 years old!

After this, the doctors told Fionnuala not to have any more children, that all her children would be born like this. She continued to pray three or four Rosaries a day, and a year later she had her third son, and he was born healthy. The doctors again warned her not to have any more children, but she continued to pray. Two years later, she had a daughter, who was also born healthy.

When Fionnuala's daughter was a year old, an acquaintance of her husband's offered her a free ticket to Medjugorje. Since Fionnuala couldn't afford to go there, she was happy to accept the ticket. She knew it was going to be hot there, so she bought a pair of sandals; but since the trip was only a week or so away, she did not have time to get the lift put on the one for the shorter leg. She did not care, though, because no one knew her there.

This was in 1991, and the war had started. Fionnuala was very anxious about leaving her young children. When she got there, she thought to herself, "Is Our Lady really here? I'd feel something if She is." But then she realized she wasn't feeling anxious anymore! "I wasn't worried and hadn't even thought about the children. I had this peace I hadn't been used to come over me." So, she decided

to go to the church. It was very crowded because, at the time, they did not have the outside space, and all the parishioners went to the church every night. The Rosary was being prayed when she got there. She saw the visionaries go up into the choir loft for their apparition, and when the bell rang to announce the apparition, she just prayed, "Blessed Mother, I don't want anything. I don't want to see the sun spinning in the sky. I don't want to see miracles. You don't have to prove anything to me. I know you're here, and I'm just so grateful to be standing here." As she prayed that prayer, she got a burning in her leg – "really hot heat." The heat was moving slowly down her leg from the hip area. "It wasn't painful," she explained, "just strong heat." She began to be frightened, thinking something was wrong with her leg, so she rubbed it trying to make it go away. She said it felt like hot needles going into her leg.

When the apparition was over, and they let more people in for Mass, Fionnuala decided to go upstairs to get a seat, to see if it would help if she sat down. It didn't help the burning, but she looked down and noticed that for the first time in 18 years, her knees were together! Then she stretched out her legs and saw that her feet were together perfectly! She moved around trying to make her leg go back, and it wouldn't. After Mass, Fionnuala's friend found her and asked her what was going on. She knew something was up. When they got



(Diary of Sr Emmanuel continued from page 3)

come, perceived that the Church was going into agony, even saying that, apparently, "there will be nothing left, except a few hubs of fervor."



These little hubs of fervor are the families who pray together as well as the simple little prayer groups that are hidden from the eyes of the enemy. For 38 years, thousands of small groups of fervent prayer warriors have formed from Medjugorje, like little lights that shine here and there in the world, thus

preparing in secret the triumph of the Immaculate Heart. The visionary Ivan Dragicevic said to *Radio Maria* - Italy, in August 2012: "When the secrets of Medjugorje are revealed, the Church will find itself in great persecution and suffering, and this suffering has already begun."

The Church follows the Master wherever he goes, even into his Passion. Is she not His bride? The Heavenly Father has everything in his hands, he will lead his children to safety, as he led his Son Jesus into the Resurrection after he completed the work of Redemption. The kind of safety we have today will then disappear and will be based on other values. This suffering will have an end, and the resurrection of the Church is already being felt; these will be *"the New Times"* for which Mary is preparing us (25.06.19), *"A time of peace that my heart is yearning for"* (25.06.1995), *"a springtime"* she says, very different from our time which looks like an incredible chaos! No one can guess the beauties that this springtime has in store for us, except that then the enemy will no longer have a say. *"The Holy Spirit will renew the face of the earth!"* (25.06.19) The seer Marija Pavlovic said last March in the Cathedral of Vienna: "The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart has already begun!"

We see many signs of this! For example, the 2,856,000 people who, this summer, followed the Medjugorje Youth Festival on the Internet. Never has that happened before! In addition prayer groups, adopting various movements and spiritualities are multiplying in parishes and elsewhere. Summer festivals, which are increasing in number, are held every year, most of them at the initiative of the New Communities. They are filling up, and they are the places where the greatest resurrections take place. Martha Robin prophesied: conversions, liberations, healing, deliverances... Even better: adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which had been abandoned since the 1970s, is coming back in majesty. In many major cities, Jesus in the Eucharist is exposed for the worship of the



faithful, sometimes 24 hours a day. This is why these parishes radiate magnificently! And dare I say, the more our world sinks into a slow apostasy (Benedict XVI), the more these kinds of unpublished graces will increase. "And where sin abounded, grace did more abound" (Rm 5:20). In His fathomless Mercy, God does not want any of his children to be lost...

Let us not lose courage, let us urge each other to trust in God, and above all, let us not jump out of the boat of the Church which is in agony! That would be a disastrous move. Jesus himself is sleeping in this boat, but in a very light sleep. Let us stay with him in the midst of the waves! He alone will calm the storms which are breaking so many hearts and discouraging so many believers...

The Month of the Rosary

We are approaching October, the month of the Rosary, the month of the great miracle of the sun at Fatima (October 13, 1917), which confirmed all the words of the Queen of the Rosary: *"Pray the Rosary every day, for peace in the world and the end of the war."* In times of war, we must take up weapons, the ones that frighten the enemy the most. That is the case of the Rosary! This month once again, the Blessed Mother tells us of her great desire: *"Dear children, pray! Pray the Rosary every day, this garland of flowers that connects me directly, as a mother, to your pains, your sufferings, desires and hopes."* What a beautiful image, the garland of flowers! Who among us wouldn't dream to connect to Our Lady their pains, sufferings, desires and hopes, through this garland, so that she may transform them into joy, beauty, fragrance and fruits?

Last month, Mary said, *"Little children, witness with the Rosary in hand, and decide for holiness."* (August 25, 2019). It is her great love for us that drives her to renew this call so often, as any good mother would, and she will do so until we put it into practice!

Dearest Gospa, we clearly see that without your powerful help, life will be too difficult! Thank you for tirelessly encouraging us! Thank you for offering each of us this garland of flowers to connect with you and keep us safe in your Immaculate Heart!

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back to the house, Fionnuala stretched out on the bed and asked her friend if her legs were the same length. When she said, "Yes", Fionnuala asked her again. This was her first day in Medjugorje. She had not even slept there yet!

The next day, Fionnuala ran into someone she knew from home. He said he had seen her but did not think it was her because she was not limping but walking perfectly. This was the confirmation she needed!

When Fionnuala went back to Ireland, she went to her doctor and told him what happened. He measured her leg and questioned her over and over. Eventually he said, "I'm a believer. It's Divine Providence. I cannot explain it any other way." That night, the doctor called Fionnuala at home and asked her again to tell him what happened. He was in awe. Fionnuala began to give her testimony around Ireland and in the houses where she stayed when she went back to Medjugorje. She even met Fr. Slavko when he came to Ireland for a conference, and she gave her testimony there also...

After Three Failed Suicide Attempts, Peace in Medjugorje

from papaboys.org

After three suicide attempts, Tibor found the meaning of his life. It occurred during a trip to the land of the Queen of Peace in Medjugorje where he encountered a heart that healed his heart that until that time had known only suffering.

Tibor, from Prague, had a terrible past. When he was one year old, his mother was sentenced to twelve years in prison. Then his father died and he was raised in an institution. There he lived in derision and isolation. When his mother finished serving her sentence, she began to live with a drunkard who often beat her. Tibor recounted his ordeal: "The experiences I had in the institution and then at home with my mother were terrible. I started hating men. When my mother kicked me out of the house, I had to go back to school. I became so depressed, so mentally ill that I cut my veins."

"The doctors managed to save me. Another time I swallowed 500 pills, but I had to vomit and I stayed alive. When a juvenile psychologist locked me in a room, I panicked and stabbed a long knife into my stomach. Again the doctors managed to save me, but that time, I was admitted to a psychiatric clinic. A pious doctor kept me from the asylum. By the decision of the guardian's office, I ended up being taken into a believing family, a family of deep faith that took care of me for free. My adoptive parents had me baptized in the Catholic Church."

"At that time I had many complexes. I suffered from loneliness, isolation, and a deep depression. I had no hope. My adoptive mother prayed a lot for me. She asked me to go to Medjugorje. When I arrived in Medjugorje, I sat down in front of the church to reflect. I was full of doubts."



"Some pilgrims came to me, and as we chatted, I suddenly felt very happy and felt a deep peace. I felt elated. But then, I fell into a deep depression again."

"I was crying and crying, and harshly scolding Our Lady. I was like, "Why do you let me cry like this if you are here?" Then a priest came to me, put his hands on my head and blessed me. After this blessing, I felt great relief. I was happy, content. I felt peace and I began to develop a sincere love for others."

"On the hill of apparitions I had another truly extraordinary experience. There I cried like I had never cried before in my whole life. Slowly I approached the great cross and put my hands on the feet of the Crucifix. I suddenly felt a strong gust of wind that shook the cross from one side to the other. At that moment the yearning for the priesthood was born in me. I no longer suffer from loneliness because I have found God and Mary. Now, I have returned to Medjugorje and I gladly come on pilgrimage to this place to pray for my complete dedication to God as a priest. I feel more and more clearly the desire to guide others to faith in God."

Dear children, Satan is very strong and, therefore, I ask you to dedicate your prayers to me so that those who are under his influence can be saved. Give witness by your life. Sacrifice your lives for the salvation of the world. I am with you, and I am grateful to you, but in heaven you shall receive the Father's reward which He has promised to you. Therefore, dear children, do not be afraid. If you pray, Satan cannot injure you even a little bit because you are God's children and He is watching over you. Pray and let the rosary always be in your hand as a sign to Satan that you belong to me. Thank you for having responded to my call. Message of February 25th, 1988

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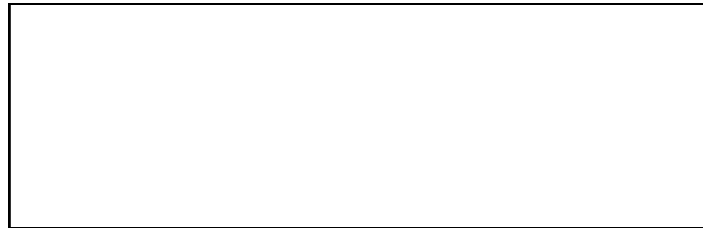
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- + St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th
- + Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7th
- + Sister Emmanuel to speak at St. Joseph's, Grand Junction, CO October 19th



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