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Love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for He himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Lk 6: 35-36)

**Our Lady of Medjugorje's
Monthly Message of
January 25th, 2025:**

Dear children! In this year of grace, I am calling you to conversion. Put God, dear children, in the center of your living and the fruits will be love towards neighbor and joy of witnessing; and holiness of your life will become a true witness of faith. Thank you for having responded to my call." (With Ecclesiastical approval)

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 Lourdes

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Apostolic Visitor: Come to Medjugorje, a Place of Grace!

by Andrea Tornielli from vaticannews.va

Aldo Cavalli is a lifelong papal diplomat who, in November 2021, was sent by Pope Francis as apostolic visitor to Medjugorje, a small town in Bosnia and Herzegovina which over the last forty years has become one of the most visited Marian centers in the world. The year 2024 was an important one for Medjugorje: in September, a note entitled *'The Queen of Peace'*, dedicated to the spiritual experience of Medjugorje, was published, granting the Marian phenomenon the *'nihil obstat'* - the highest recognition among those included in the new norms.

Vatican News: For some years now, you have been living in the parish of Medjugorje and meeting pilgrims. What has your experience been?

Archbishop Aldo Cavalli: I had never been to Medjugorje. But I am Italian, and like many from my country, I had had contact with those who had gone there. I always noticed, when they came back from Medjugorje, that these people were more committed on a spiritual and human level: in church, in catechesis, in doing good. They were much more committed than before. Now, I've been here for three years: it's a normal place, without anything special, and it has become, by grace, a spiritual place where people come from all over the world. They come and begin to pray there. They enter into communion with the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mary accompanies them. It is a simple prayer: they want to change their lives, to live better than before, they want to solve or deal well with the problems they have. This change is called conversion, and it takes place in a special way in the sacrament of penance. This happens frequently in Medjugorje.

What strikes you when you look at the many pilgrims?

Cavalli: Young and old alike come to Medjugorje. They come without any sponsorship. They all come with one purpose: to meet the Lord and the Virgin Mary. They find nothing to see or visit: as a site for religious tourism we have nothing to offer. But here young people and adults begin to pray. I had just arrived, in February three years ago, and was standing among the outdoor benches behind the church. A Latino family came in, with a 15-year-old boy who was a rebel, a real rebel! After just five minutes he came to confess... and the parents looked at him surprised. It is a place of grace that the Lord has chosen to meet people in. The Pope's authorization means: go, go, go! Go there because it is a place of grace, where you meet the Lord and the Lord meets you.

Thanks to the new norms implemented by Pope Francis, the procedure for examining and pronouncing on these cases now focuses more on spiritual fruits.

Cavalli: The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has examined two points that can be documented. The first concerns the fruits. Thousands and thousands come to Medjugorje from all over the world. This year, two million adults and young people came. Almost 50,000 priests came to pray, to convert. Then other very important fruits are the many vocations. So many people praying. The second element that was examined was the messages. Each message was compared against the tenets of the faith and it was found that the messages corresponded to it.

Very positive fruits, and positive messages for the faith: this has allowed us to say that Medjugorje is a place of grace.

You are personally involved in the publication of messages that are released once a month. What is that process, concretely?

Cavalli: It's very simple: when there is a message, the person who received it writes it down and sends it to me in the language they write in, which is Croatian. It's immediately translated for me into Italian. This process is very interesting: there are at least two very important human mediations: that's why we always speak of 'supposed messages', even if we are in favor, to the point that at the end of the message we write: 'with ecclesiastical approval'. But beware, the messages are called 'alleged' because they go through two human mediations: Our Lady does not write, the person receiving writes. The second mediation is the translation from Croatian to Italian: they are two totally different languages. We say that the message is good, that it corresponds to faith, and we invite people to read and meditate on it because it is positive. It adds nothing to Revelation, but it enriches. It helps us to better live the faith today.

It's well known that no private revelation, hence none of the Marian apparitions, adds anything to divine revelation. What attitude should we take towards the revelations and what risks should we avoid? Sometimes there is a risk of allowing oneself to be caught up in an excess of curiosity about 'secrets', a somewhat apocalyptic curiosity.

Have you met the visionaries of Medjugorje?

Cavalli: Yes, and I can say that they are simple people, they have their own families, they have the problems that every family has.

Sorry to interrupt: at some point somebody made an objection because none of them had become priests or nuns...

Cavalli: But everyone has their own vocation! They are simple people, good people. We see each other often, we have coffee together. They are people who grow in faith, each in their own way, and become wise, more and more wise. I keep in touch with them: they have not become priests or nuns and each one has his own mission, his own family life. I have learned that the Lord, with his grace, always follows us. I learned that the Lord has a plan for our lives and accompanies us. He loves us. I have learned that there is grace here.

In Medjugorje, Our Lady called herself 'Queen of Peace'. A message as relevant as ever in our time.

Cavalli: One of the first alleged messages, from 1981, is very profound in this regard. It says: *"Peace, peace, peace may peace reign."* But be careful: not peace between us, but first of all between God and us, and then afterwards between us humans. This is fundamental. When the Jews came out of Egypt, God said through the prophet Moses: if you want to live free, there are certain rules to follow, the Commandments. God is fundamental for peace. In the commandments we are told a few things to live by: respect life and do not kill, the family is fundamental, respect each other. If we live like this we live in peace. If, on the other hand, we do not live like this, we have wars.

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Archbishop Aldo Cavalli, the Apostolic visitor to Medjugorje

From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On December 25th, 2024, the visionary, Jakov, received the following monthly message:

Today, on this day of grace, in a special way I am calling you not to live a life striving for earthly goals and not to seek peace and joy in earthly things, because in this way darkness takes over your life and you do not see the meaning of your life. Little children, open the doors of your hearts to Jesus, permit Him to take over your entire life so that you may begin to live in God's love and mercy. My children, only with Jesus in your hearts will you come to know the true goal of your life and long for eternal salvation. I am blessing you with my motherly blessing. (With ecclesiastical approval.)

St. Seraphim of Sarov

Have you received your patron saint for this year? As for our house, Saint Seraphim of Sarov chose us (1754-1833). The greatest Russian Orthodox saint, a perfect fool for Christ, rightly called "the Chosen One of the Virgin Mary". Famous for an almost unique experience in the history of Christianity: once his face became transfigured when a young man, Motovilov, asked him "But who is the Holy Spirit?"

Filled with the Divine Light, after years of prayer and asceticism in the desert of Sarov, St. Seraphim became an extraordinary spiritual father. Always open to listening to the Lord and his will, a great lover of the Word of God, he guided many consecrated and lay people on the path of holiness. His spiritual fatherhood, both gentle and demanding, never compromising, is still present in all of Russia today.



The testimony I am going to share here is quite extreme, and should not be seen as an example to follow. Sometimes the great saints receive instructions from the Lord that may astonish or even shock our human sensibility. However, once carried out, what was asked of these saints bears immense fruit, lasting beyond time. That is why they are not afraid of being demanding. This stems from a deep evangelical gentleness.

Elena Manturow was one of the spiritual daughters of St. Seraphim at the convent in Diveyevo, Russia. One day, she asked him to pray for her brother Michael, who was seriously



Sister Emmanuel

phim was right: The very next day, Sister Elena died, and her brother was healed.

A few days later, Saint Seraphim met his young protégé in one of his divine revelations. She was incredibly beautiful, fulfilled, and radiant in the Heart of Christ, crowned with glory. Closer to home, some saints have also been inspired to live a heroic charity. These include, for instance, such saints as:

St Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941): he took the place of a father of a family condemned to die of starvation in the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Venerable Marthe Robin (1902-1981): when receiving in her room a little blind girl, she asked God to be able to give the girl her eyes, while she herself would remain blind all her life.

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962): suffering from cancer, she preferred to give up her treatment and thus lose her own life, in order to allow the child that she was carrying to be born.

This deeply reminds us of these words from Christ, in the Gospel: "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13)

Michael Manturow was a great benefactor with respect to Mary's plans for Diveyevo. He built a huge church on this land, which was chosen and blessed by the Queen of Heaven.

As a spiritual father, St. Seraphim was tasked with watching over two communities of sisters. In his intimate dialogues with the Blessed Mother, she told him how to protect this blessed place, Diveyevo, from the Antichrist for the present and the future. She requested that a small embankment be erected around the property. To form it, it was necessary to dig a canal and pile up the accumulated earth. The sisters told him that it would be easier to build a wall. But one evening, one of the sisters saw the Starets digging a trench, and they hurried to do the same, in order to fulfill the Blessed Mother's desire. At this time, Seraphim was in his hermitage, so this was one of his bilocation moments.

What was Mary's promise? That she would come every day, on this mound, and that she would bless, until the end of the

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The Children of God and the Final Battle

By Carl A. Malito

In the twelfth chapter of the Book of Revelation we read about *"A Woman clothed with the sun with the moon under her feet."* And a little later, we read: *"The serpent spewed a torrent of water out of his mouth after the Woman to sweep her away with the current. But the earth helped the woman and opened its mouth and swallowed the flood that the dragon spewed out of its mouth. Then the dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring, those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus..."* (Rev 12: 15-17) Many interpret the "Woman" of Revelation as the Church but a more precise identification comes from recognizing that the "Woman" gives birth to a Son, destined to rule all the nations. Of course, the Blessed Virgin Mary gives birth to the "Son destined to rule all the nations" and so, to many, it is clear she, Mary, is the Mother of Jesus and the Woman of Revelation. Like Cinderella's slipper, this passage can be forced to describe the Church but it doesn't really fit. The Church does not give birth to Jesus. Rather, Jesus founds the Church, not the other way around.

What difference does it make? Well, it is of critical importance to understand who this "Woman" is because we are meant to help her — not ignore or insult her. And even more, just as earlier in this passage we see Michael leading the angelic forces as they engage in the great battle against Satan that began in Heaven, we begin to understand that it is Mary leading the human forces as we, the children of God, battle against Satan and his fallen angels. Over the centuries, God has communicated with His forces on earth, His children, through her. At many places, including Guadalupe, Rue de Bac, Lourdes, Fatima, Tres Fontaine, Akita, Kibeho, and most notably Medjugorje, our Heavenly Father communicates His Heavenly battle plan to us through the Blessed Virgin.

Why would the all powerful God do this? Well, though it is always a challenge to interpret the thoughts of God, it should be clear to all Christians that this battle is not just between God and Satan or even the faithful angels and the fallen angels. The battle involves us humans as well. God, of course, is all powerful and Satan has very limited power— like comparing the Empire State Building to a grain of sand. A battle between God and Satan would be over in an instant, like in the time it takes to squash a bug. The definitive battle, won by Christ on the cross was not the final battle, as is plainly evident by watching the evening news. No, two thousand years after the death and resurrection of Christ, the battle continues to rage and has spilled all over the planet. We are truly witnessing a world at war. This is not just a war between God and Satan or angels and demons but a war that involves each and every human being as well. And we have to choose a side in this battle. There are no spectators.

This stage of the battle is being lead by a woman, and not just any woman, but the Woman of Revelation. Her name is

Mary, and she happens to be the Mother of Jesus and our Mother too. And obviously, she will not lose this battle because God is with her and she is full of God's grace. We know that Satan will ultimately be defeated. And it is a defeat that Satan will never recover from. Satan, a high angel, who fell through pride, will succumb to a mere human, a woman, who overcomes evil with good and conquers the pride of Satan through her humility.

So, how does the earth, that is, how do we, help the woman? Well the flood being spewed out of the mouth of the dragon is the river of sin and earthly pleasure being poured over the world right now. Since Satan cannot prevent God's plan from unfolding, he is trying to drown it out. He is trying to disrupt the lines of communication, much like when the home crowd yells louder and louder at critical moments of a football game so that the visiting team cannot communicate with one another. How many times have we seen a team jump off sides because they could not hear the signal caller?



This Heavenly battle that spilled onto the earth is not being fought with earthly weapons. No, it is being fought with spiritual weapons. To swallow the flood, the children of God must open their mouth, but not like the soldiers who drank leisurely from the river in the days of Gideon. No, we must be alert, vigilant like dogs, drinking sparingly and always on guard so that we can hear the master's voice. And the master is speaking clearly, but softly to us in these times. The messages from the Blessed Virgin Mary through the ages, but especially at Medjugorje have been crystal clear. We are to overcome evil with good. We are to allow our personal holiness to influence those around us and inspire them to be good. We are to spread our peace, the peace that comes through prayer and conversion, into our families, our household, our communities, our countries and ultimately into the whole world. We are to use the five stones of prayer, fasting, conversion, reconciliation and peace to bind Satan and hurl him into hell. We are to overcome all the forces of evil let loose upon the world in our times.

Is it possible? Could God really entrust the cosmic struggle at this critical moment to us weak, frail, faulty humans led by a woman? Well, yes. God, our loving Father wants us to enter fully into joy of the wedding feast of Heaven. But our wedding garment is being fashioned down here on earth. The way we conduct ourselves in the battle down here determines how we will celebrate there. Remember the guest who tried to enter without a wedding garment? Remember the two battle standards (flags) of St Ignatius of Loyola? Think of those who collaborated with the enemy during World War II. Could they celebrate fully the arrival of VE Day? Could they celebrate joyfully each year as that day came around again and again?

We are talking about eternity and a celebration that will never end. How we conduct ourselves here and now influences how the battle goes. If we are strong in our faith then the Church will be strong. If we are weak, then the Church will be weak.

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Science and Unbelief: Emile Zola at Lourdes

by George Sim Johnston from crisismagazine.com

Since the time of Newton, the discoveries of science have been used as a stick with which to beat on religious faith. Newton, Darwin, and others described a mechanistic universe which seemed to have no need of a Creator. The response of theologians was a reminder that science is the study of nature; it can have nothing to say about what, if anything, is outside nature. The religious camp also argued that the discoveries of science demonstrated, in the words of the great Harvard biologist Louis Agassiz, "that there runs through Nature unmistakable evidences of thought... unaccountable on any other basis than that they owe their existence to the workings of intelligence." But the materialists went on to dominate the intellectual marketplace. The trinity which presides over the modern mind is not the mystical one; Darwin, Marx, and Freud all attacked the idea of a Creator on the basis of "scientific" materialism.

But since the turn of the century, science, in the words of Chesterton, has been racing toward the supernatural like an express train. Physicists discussing quantum mechanics sound like Zen mystics, while popular books about their work have titles like "The Tao of Physics." Although it might be argued that the notion of intelligent design in creation should lead to the Summa Theologiae rather than Eastern paradoxes, it is nonetheless clear that science no longer supports the smug assertion that the universe has always been a closed system with nothing for a Creator to do.

Francis Bacon once said that while a little science can lead one away from God, more science leads one back again. In most cases, the modern rejection of the supernatural is not even based on a memory of high school science; rather, it is on the level of those anti-clerical journalists of a hundred years ago who asked how anyone in an age of steam engines and telegraphs could believe in God. This train of thought reached a kind of perfection in the person of Emile Zola, the late nineteenth-century French novelist. I'm not a fan of Émile Zola, the French novelist who is famous for his dissembling, unrestrained animus toward the Catholic Church. He was a contemporary of St. Bernadette of Lourdes and he had many opportunities to speak the truth and honestly report on what he witnessed at Lourdes — but instead, he took the cowardly way out. His brand of "scientism," in the context of a highly clerical nineteenth-century French Church, made Zola a bitter enemy of Catholicism. At the height of his fame in the early 1890s, he set out to write a number of scurrilous anti-clerical novels. But unwittingly this most "truthful" of writers managed to turn himself into a 'parable' about the lengths certain minds will go to deny the existence of God.

There was no point of Catholic devotion more ridiculous to him than the belief that the Virgin Mary had appeared in the little French town of Lourdes in 1858 and that miraculous cures had occurred there since then. Zola went to Lourdes in August



Bernadette of Lourdes and Emile Zola

1892, to gather material for a scathing indictment. But the unexpected happened: he witnessed two miracles. And his reaction spoke volumes.

As is the case today, thousands of invalids made their way down to Lourdes at the time Zola went there. And as is still the case, only a minute fraction could hope for a cure. To regard Lourdes as a "miracle factory" is to miss the point; it is a place of spiritual pilgrimage. When Mary appeared to Bernadette, she did not promise cures; she simply said that people should come to pray and do penance. Catholics, of course, are not obliged to believe in any supernatural occurrence since the death of the last apostle. Nonetheless, from the beginning there have been healings at Lourdes which can only be described as miraculous. There is also the matter of St. Bernadette's incorrupt body, which lies in a glass sarcophagus in the chapel of her convent at Nevers.



Marie Lemarchand before and after healing

Zola attached himself to an 18-year-old girl named Marie Lemarchand who was afflicted with three seemingly incurable diseases: an advanced stage of lupus, pulmonary tuberculosis, and leg ulcerations the size of an adult's hand. Zola de-

scribes the girl's face on the way to Lourdes as being eaten away by the lupus: "The whole was a frightful distorted mass of matter and oozing blood." The girl went into the baths and emerged completely cured. One of the doctors present wrote, "On her return from the baths I at once followed her to the hospital. I recognized her well although her face was entirely changed." The doctors who examined her could also find nothing wrong with her lungs, both of which had been infected with tuberculosis, causing the patient to cough and spit blood. Sixteen years later, she was still in perfect health and the cure was designated as official.

Zola was there when she came out of the baths. He had said, "I only want to see a cut finger dipped in water and come out healed." The President of the Medical Bureau, Dr. Boissarie, was standing beside him. "Ah, Monsieur Zola, behold the case of your dreams!" "I don't want to look at her," replied Zola. "To me she is still ugly." And he walked away.

Zola subsequently witnessed a second cure at Lourdes, that of a Mlle. Lebranchu, who was suffering from the final stages of tuberculosis. He told Dr. Boissarie, "Were I to see all the sick at Lourdes cured, I would not believe in a miracle." He put the second cure in his novel *Lourdes*, but depicted the woman as relapsing into her former condition on her way home, implying that the cure was neither permanent nor supernatural, but rather a case of autosuggestion in an hysterical religious atmosphere. But Zola, who remained in communication with the woman long after her recovery, was perfectly aware that there had been no relapse. When Dr. Boissarie questioned him as to

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world, all those present at the monastery, both religious and visitors. (This reminds us of one of the graces of Medjugorje: Mary's maternal blessing for those who welcome her into their hearts when she appears). She asked that a procession be held every evening along this trench, while carrying the icon of Mary "Joy of all Joys", and that the 150 Hail Mary's be prayed. And so they did! Since then, many pilgrims have come to the monastery of Divevevo to receive the blessing of the Queen of Heaven. At present, the monastery has at least 400 sisters, who remain faithful to the evening procession and prayers. The prophecies of the Starets are still coming to fruition.

What to ask Saint Seraphim in prayer? To forgive and to work tirelessly for inner peace. "Find inner peace and thousands around you will find salvation." "He who walks in peace picks up, as with a spoon, the gifts of grace." Constantly invoke the Holy Spirit. "The purpose of the Christian life is the acquisition of the Holy Spirit."

"When I am gone, come to me and tell me everything, just like when I was with you!" "The Lord Almighty rules the world, and everything that happens in it is accomplished either by the mercy of God or with God's permission."

The great concerns of the Blessed Mother.

Two urgent requests often come up in the Medjugorje messages: first, requests to pray for her children "who do not yet know the love of God", and second, for the shepherds whom His Son Jesus has chosen, our priests. In this important Jubilee Year, given the threats facing the world, many of us will be keen to offer a great gift to the Lord, a gift that will surely touch His heart. A gift that will allow Him to save many priests. This is a 2-step initiative:

The 1st initiative concerns us. Given that we know that many priests are suffering in Purgatory, we wish to hasten their deliverance. And it is in our power to do this, by having one or more Masses celebrated for them. We can also offer them an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The 2nd initiative is theirs: We will not leave these priests, once delivered, without entrusting them with a most important task: They will in turn have to intercede powerfully for those of their brother priests on earth who find themselves in sinful situations, so that they might return to God with a clear conscience and decide to walk on the path of holiness.

This double initiative can bear much healing fruit for our troubled world. We need our priests so much, just as they need us! What mystic has not clearly described the immense spiritual stake that rests on each member of the clergy? ***"My Immaculate Heart will not triumph without them"***, Our Lady tells us. ***"Do not allow Satan to separate you from your shepherds!"***

Welcome to the Jubilee Year!

During this Jubilee Year, let us seize this beautiful work of mercy that is available to us in a special way today! On December 24th, Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year by opening the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. This year's theme is timely: HOPE! Real divine hope is missing most in so many hearts! Let's work hard so that despair may not prevail in any child of God!

Let us not forget! One of the good ways to receive all the fruits of this Jubilee Year is to live the indulgences related to it. These are gifts:

- +Make a pilgrimage to a shrine where there is a holy door as determined by the diocese. Walk through that door praying with an open heart.
- +Live the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession. This is the great sources of love that enable us to be reconciled with God, with ourselves and with others.
- +Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.
- +Refrain from attachment to any sin, even venial.
- +Witness Christian hope through works of mercy and charity.

Let us take the hand of Mary, the Mother of hope! Along with her we want to intercede for the world and proclaim that the Door of hope is wide open for everyone!



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The new norms published last May by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith are an expression of Pope Francis' pastoral spirit, and demonstrate his great attention to the faith of ordinary people, and popular devotion. How important is this aspect?

Cavalli: We must put up some very strong religious points of reference. Popular faith is enriched by placing the Mother of God as a reference point, and the Lord Jesus Christ as an absolute reference point. When simple people come with all their problems, they meet the Mother of God who has suffered like them. The image of Our Lady of Sorrows is in almost every parish: she who has suffered like you, and accompanies you to the Lord Jesus, who gives you the strength to live well. With the Lord's help you can face problems. That's the faith of ordinary people. That's the Rosary, the Eucharist and Eucharistic adoration. Last summer I had 30 to 40,000 young people in front of me standing in adoration in absolute silence. There, in that transformed bread, is the real, substantial presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. He looks at me, I look at Him, He speaks to me, I speak to Him. How many people have told me: I heard the Lord speak to me in the Eucharist.

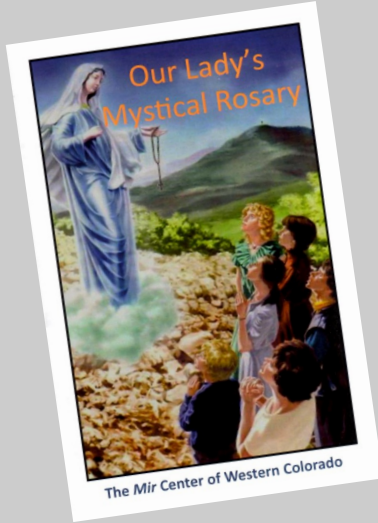
From what you said, and from what was said in the Dicastery's note on Medjugorje, can we conclude by inviting everyone to make a pilgrimage there?

Cavalli: The document says very clearly: Go to Medjugorje, because it is a place of grace.

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Even if we have chosen the wrong side previously, Our Lady is calling constantly for new recruits. Now is the time of decision. Now is the time to listen and act. Our Lady is looking for those who will pray, fast, convert, and reconcile with God and their fellow man so that they too can be messengers and apostles of peace. Do not ignore her call. Remember we are described in the Bible as the “rest of **her** offspring, (her children), those who keep God’s commandments and bear witness to Jesus.” (Rev 12: 17) We are her spiritual children, members of the family of God. How we live brings either honor or dishonor on the family. Do we want to strive for holiness in this hour of need when so many are choosing to fight under the wrong standard? Do we want to help others to enter the banquet? So, we get up off our bellies and, we kneel on the bank of the river alert and attentive, rosary in hand. We open our mouths for the Eucharist to find strength to fight against evil. We put God in the center of our lives, and turn our hearts toward Heaven, and we pray, pray, pray!

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the honesty of his account, pointing out that Zola had said that he had come to Lourdes to make an impartial investigation, Zola replied that he was an artist and could do whatever he liked with his material.

Most modern scientific detractors of the supernatural are not privileged to witness this sort of miracle. But they share Zola’s dishonesty when they distort what science has been able to prove in order to undermine religion. And their determination to rid the universe of a creator makes nonsense of their claims of objectivity. Darwin’s German disciple Weissmann declared that natural selection must be defended as the mechanism of evolution in no matter what fantastic fashion, because “it is the only alternative to design.” This is also Harvard biologist Stephen Jay Gould’s position. No matter how much evidence comes forth that the universe cannot be the result of a blind, random process, people like Gould and Carl Sagan cling to a crude scientific materialism which they dispense to a large audience in nice, homeopathic doses.

It is sometimes asked why God does not produce more miracles in order to make it easier for people to believe. The story of Zola at Lourdes gives one possible answer. If you choose to seal yourself off from the supernatural, no miracle is going to make a difference. This was true in the time of Christ; after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes and many disciples deserted him because of the “scandal” of the Eucharistic discourse. As Robert Hugh Benson remarked, there are people who will not be convinced until the last judgment—and “even then, when the last trumpet sounds, some of them, when they have recovered from their first astonishment, will make remarks about aural phenomena.”

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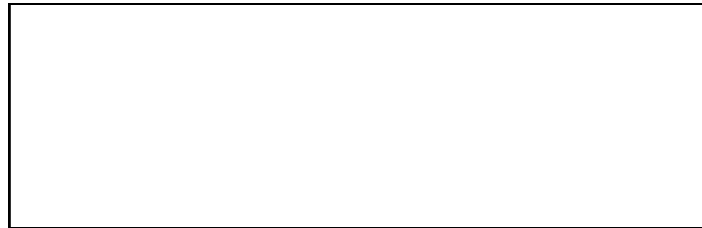
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Upcoming events:

- + **The Presentation of the Lord, February 2nd**
- + **The Chair of St. Peter, February 22nd**
- + **Ash Wednesday, March 5th**



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*Conversion
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Our primary goal, our main focus, is to bring Jesus Christ to the world and to bring the world to Jesus Christ. To accomplish this task, the MIR Center of Western Colorado was established to provide accurate information about the messages and events originating from Marian apparitions occurring in Medjugorje and elsewhere. We are committed to living and sharing the messages of Medjugorje and helping others to live the messages as well. By living the messages of Medjugorje, which are in essence the message of the Gospel, we hope to spread peace into our families, into our communities, and into our world. As a nonprofit organization, we intend to use any and all funds raised or donations received to aid in spreading the messages of Our Lady to all who will listen. With regard to the apparitions occurring in the world today we humbly submit to the final authority of the Catholic Church.

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