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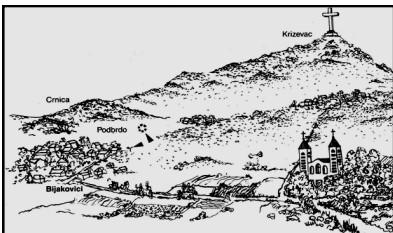
*God, Father of mercies, whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother to be our Mother also, grant, we pray, that with her loving help your Church be more fruitful day by day and, exulting in the holiness of her children, may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples.*

From the Collect of the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church

## Our Lady of Medjugorje's Monthly Message of April 25th, 2023:

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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.



Mother of the Church

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## Siblings: Peter and Maisie's Story

from imedjugorje.com

**Maisie:** Back in February, I remember Peter started looking super pale. I was concerned about him but didn't say too much about it. He was like, "I just haven't been eating as much." He was losing a lot of weight.

Then in June, I was like, "You've got to go get some blood work done before you go. Something doesn't look right with you."

He went to get some bloodwork done. The doctor called him when he was in Wisconsin so they're in their camper. He said, "Peter, your D-dimer is off the charts." That measures tumors and if you have clots.

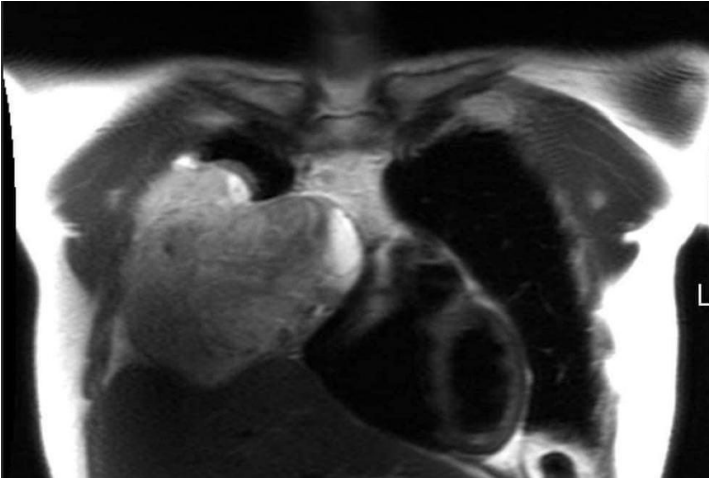
**Peter:** They did two X-rays and then a CT scan. They could see a tumor. They were a smaller hospital so they weren't equipped to handle it.

**Maisie:** So they sent him over to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Hospital. It was on the feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It was also on the 24th of June, which is when the actual first apparition happened in Medjugorje.

Then we see this giant tumor that's in the shape of a mylar balloon heart. I'm just like, "Peter, God is doing something here."

**Peter:** They already did four rounds of intense chemo, and it did not shrink very much. We don't know if it's dead or if it's—

**Maisie:** We don't know if it's necrotic tissue. We don't know if there's cancer in there. I said, "Peter, let's start praying to Our Lady. Let's start watching Medjugorje films." I knew Our Lady was comforting for him, and I could tell he was going into a depression.



I started sending him Artie Boyle's story. Artie had a miraculous healing of metastatic kidney cancer. We watched Apparition Hill which he hadn't seen, and of course my little boy is in it.

**Peter:** After that, we were at her house, and I got in our vehicle with my wife and I just started sobbing. It hit me. I have two kids, but they're both adults. I was like, "I'm going to lose my family." It became very real. I just surrendered at that point.

**Maisie:** This all happened very quickly. It was the Feast of the Sacred Heart, and then he started having chemo at the end of July. Now in October, here we are in Medjugorje.

He finally said, "I really want to go to Medjugorje with you guys." I was like, "Let's do it."

**Peter:** Not initially. I just thought, "That's really big." It doesn't look real. I have to get a scan when we go back to see if it's still cancerous. They can do surgery. It's kind of like open-heart surgery. I feel good now. I'm kind of at a standstill right now. For me, this trip is just spiritual. I'm not asking for a healing or anything like that. I just want to be in a peaceful place right now.

I think the diagnosis brought me closer to God, ever since I surrendered to God. I figured, if I'm going to go, I want to be in the right place. I hadn't been to church in years. It brought me back to the Church, brought me to confession. I feel really good now. Whatever happens, I'm ready.

It's brought my wife and I closer together. She's traditionally Lutheran. She's gone to the Catholic Church with me. I think it's probably brought her closer too.

It's been more hurtful to my family. They can see that there's that chance. I think they need to be in that same place where, "If he's going to go, it's not our fault." I'm praying for peace for them too.

**Update from Peter on Easter 2023:** "As of now I am cancer free and my heart has been opened to the Catholic Church in a profound way. I am forever blessed."

**Maisie:** Right before my dad passed away in 1998 from pancreatic cancer, we really started digging into Medjugorje because he was very into Our Lady of Fatima and Lourdes. We started reading about Medjugorje together.

I found the Wayne Weible book, *Medjugorje, The Message* and I was really floored that nobody had talked to me about this before. I'm thinking, "I should know this. If this is really going on, I need to know about this."

This is when I was 16 to 18. I was really fascinated by Medjugorje, but I wasn't really listening to my parents, pretty much every day smoking weed and skipping school. I was the youngest of five kids.

My dad wanted to marry me off. He wanted to make sure I was okay. I think he felt like he needed that peace of mind. I had been dating a Jewish guy. I married him, and it was not good. We got married in a synagogue, we had a priest come, but it was not right. It was never right.

My grandmother had given us a few grand when she died. I told my mom, "I'm going to go over to this Medjugorje." It was in my heart to go there even though I was still smoking weed and doing all this stuff I shouldn't have been doing. I was still like, "This is cool. I want to find out if this is real." I told my mom, "I'm going over." She got freaked out by it.

(Maisie and Peter continued on page 7)



**From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel**

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On March 18th, 2023, the visionary Mirjana received the following monthly message from Our Lady:

***“Dear children! I am calling you, through prayer and mercy, to come to know my Son all the better; to learn to listen with a pure and open heart; to listen to what my Son is saying to you in order to come to see spiritually. That, as one people of God in communion with my Son, you may bear witness to the truth with your life. Pray, my children, that, together with my Son, you can bring only peace, joy and love to all your brothers and sisters. I am with you and am blessing you with a motherly blessing.”***

***Forgiving the unforgivable***

Pascual, a little Colombian boy, was very kind and very handsome. One day, while at school, a priest made an inappropriate proposal to him. This failed, because Pascual ran away from him and thus escaped from this predator. However, his little child's heart, was so disturbed by this that he rejected all priests, the Church and even God himself. He became a hardcore atheist that day. As he was growing up, he searched for meaning in his life. He immersed himself in Eastern philosophies and practices and became a Buddhist.



One day, his best friend suggested a trip to Medjugorje, hoping to bring him back to Christ and reconcile him with the Church. He told him about the beauty of the landscape and about these 6 Croatian children who experienced extraordinary things with Heaven. Stung by curiosity, Pascual agreed. So he arrived in Medjugorje without suspecting for a second that the Blessed Mother was waiting for him there. Using her incomparable maternal skills, she managed to conquer his heart and bring him back to Jesus.



**Sister Emmanuel**

When he returned home to Colombia, Pascual was a different man. He became a true believer who exuded peace and joy. His soul was filled at last with that true light that he had been searching for. But the memory of this priest remained engraved in him. Through prayer and the sacraments, Pascual had the courage to forgive him from the bottom of his heart. He even went so far as to search for him. When he was able to meet him, he found an old man who greeted him warmly without recognizing him. Pascual told him the story of an innocent little boy who had placed all his trust in a priest, but who on one dark day, betrayed him. This little boy had grown up.

The old priest listened to this whole story and very quickly understood, between the lines, what this was all about, and he began to tremble. But Pascual hastened to reassure him. “Be at peace! This is the same little boy who is talking to you today! He has come to tell you that he has forgiven you with all his heart. Not only has he forgiven you, but Jesus has healed his wound, so that it no longer bears any trace of bitterness or rebellion”.

At these words, the priest burst into tears, and sobbed deeply from the depths of his being. Then he whispered in a voice broken by emotion: “For 36 years, I have been haunted by what I did; for 36 years I have sought peace without finding it; for 36 years I have begged God to forgive the unforgivable. And now, today, he has heard me! I will be able to die in peace because you came to visit me.”

Pascual stood up and hugged the priest for a long time until the tremors of his sobs subsided. God's Mercy won a beautiful victory on that day!

***An abyss of Mercy!***

Sister Josefa Menendez (1890-1923) is one of those souls that is well hidden by God Himself, exhaling a delightful fragrance throughout the Church after her death. This was the case with Little Therese of Lisieux, but she is not the only one. God hides them to make sure that their perfume does not evaporate. These fragrances delight us today, and it is good to breathe them in by taking these souls out of the shadows, especially in these days of mercy that follow the Easter celebration. Sister Joseph had her secrets, because she used to speak heart to heart with Jesus.



## A Look Back: When Ivan Saw John Paul II in Heaven

from Papaboys.org

***Ivan, you returned from America in May to be present here in Medjugorje for pilgrims. How was the anniversary for you?***

Each anniversary is a new memory of the years behind us. It is not only we who remember, but Our Lady herself takes us back to those early days and the years that have passed.

***Choose some moments that were particularly important.***

Now I am still under the influence of everything that has happened here in the past few days. The sensations I felt in those days are still very much alive in me.

When I think back to the past 24 years, I see that there have been many good things, but also bad things on the part of the communist power. But if we look at the crowds of people who come from all over the world, today we can truly be grateful to Our Lady for this spiritual renewal that she works in the Church and through which she gives birth to a new world.

This for me is the greatest visible sign. All these people become witnesses of a spiritual renewal of the Church. If we look around the church of Medjugorje, we see pilgrims who thirst for a living faith, confession and the Eucharist. This is what Our Lady has achieved with Her humility.

### The Gospa

***On the anniversary day you attended the apparition. Can you describe your personal experience?***

It is a special moment, when she comes and is happy and serene. This time, when she came, she saw the tools they had applied to me. I think that the anniversary does not necessarily have to be the time for scientific examinations, but we have agreed.

For me, the anniversary means joy and naturalness, but this time they were not complete because I had to be careful to kneel so as not to detach the equipment that had been applied to me.

Personally I think that by now we could stop with the examinations and doubts, and therefore I say that if you have faith, there is no need for new scientific evidence continuously, because you can recognize from the outside, from the fruits, what really happens here.

### John Paul II

***Ivan, during the apparition you saw the Holy Father John Paul II. Can you describe what happened?***

On April 2, 2005, I had already been driving for three hours on the road to New Hampshire, a state near Boston, when my wife called me to tell me that the Pope was dead. We continued driving and arrived at a church where more than a thousand people had gathered.

The Rosary began at 6:00 p.m. and the apparition was at 6:40 p.m. Our Lady arrived very joyful and as always prayed for everyone and blessed all those who were in the church.

After I had recommended those present to Our Lady, the Holy Father appeared on her left. He had the appearance of a person of about 60 years old but looked much younger; he was facing Our Lady and he was smiling.

The moment I looked at the Holy Father, Our Lady also looked at Him. After some time, Our Lady looked towards me again and said these words to me:

***"Dear son! Look, my son, he is with me."***

The moment I saw the Holy Father lasted about 45 seconds. If I had to describe the moment when I saw the Holy Father next to Our Lady, I would say that it was as if he was wrapped in an intimate embrace of the heavenly Mother.

I never had the opportunity to meet the Holy Father during his lifetime, although the other visionaries met

him personally several times. For this reason today I am particularly grateful to Our Lady for having had the opportunity to see the Holy Father with her in Paradise.

***What else do you want to tell us to conclude?***

What Our Lady began here in Medjugorje on June 24, 1981, what she began in the world, does not stop, but continues. I would really like to say to all those who read these words, that all together we must accept what Our Lady desires from us so intensely.

It is nice to describe Our Lady and all the other external things that happen, but the focus is on the messages. These must be welcomed, lived and witnessed. Everything that Our Lady has planned, she will realize, even without me, Ivan, or without the parish priest Father Branko, even without Bishop Peric. For all of this journey is in God's plans and He is superior to us men.



***Holy Father John Paul II, moments after assassination attempt on May 13th, 1981***

# Shocking Story of an Exorcist: The Devil Exists

By Emiliano Fumaneri from [lalucedimaria.it](http://lalucedimaria.it)

How does an exorcist's day begin? In the case of Father Daniel Reehil, 58, exorcist of the diocese of Nashville, Tennessee and director of *Radio Maria USA*, it begins at dawn. With the alarm clock at 4:30, adoration for two hours before the Blessed Sacrament, and then Holy Mass.

At this time, where celluloid exorcists return to the cinema, it will not hurt to hear what a flesh-and-blood exorcist has to say. The priest recently related something about his experience to columnist Michael Knowles in a video almost two hours long that can be viewed on *YouTube* with over 2.5 million views in a month. A former Wall Street banker before his conversion in Medjugorje, the exorcist spares no details about the world of finance. A world that knows well, where self-centeredness, greed and thirst for power mix providing a favorable ground for the action of the devil.

Impressive are the stories of some diabolical phenomena, such as that of a man that the American priest claims to have seen levitate on the sofa or that of the possessed sister of no more than a meter and a half tall and weighing about 45 kg who was barely held in place by six men during an exorcism. That same nun he later saw climbing "like a squirrel!" on a wall six meters high.



## *The devil of artificial intelligence*

There is also the disconcerting story of some gloomy dialogues through social media such as *TikTok* or *ChatGPT* with mysterious "entities" that terrorize users with scary images. Another user, who proposed to summon demons through artificial intelligence, has instead created a sort of digital monster (soon called "AI demon", the devil of artificial intelligence) that produces very violent and macabre images of gutting and mutilations where the protagonists are often children.

Some may smile and scoff. But as Catholic apologist Tom Nash recalls in *Catholic Answer*, if it is true that "only people can be possessed by the devil," it is equally true that "inanimate objects can be controlled negatively through curses." After all, the exorcist Stephen J. Rossetti in his book *"Diary of an American Exorcist"* reports cases of demonic harassment that also occurred via text message, complete with mobile phone keys pressed by invisible hands ...

## *An exorcist who does teamwork*

Father Daniel described several facts inexplicable from the human point of view. And he debunked several myths about the role of the exorcist who would boldly go at night to a house in the middle of a dense forest to perform exorcisms in solitude. The reality is quite different: the exorcist priest is not a loner who hunts devils. He does not act alone, but together with a team of other people, often with another priest. It is also important to have other witnesses, he explains, to eliminate the possibility of being accused of having imagined everything.

But that's not all. In fact, it can happen, although rarely, that the possessed person can lash out violently. This happened with his one physical attack: the possessed woman with the contorted movements of a snake tried to strangle him with his stole, before letting go and he collapsed to the ground when the priest invoked the name of Jesus and ordered her to stop.

## *The shocking "vis-à-vis" with the devil*

One of the most terrifying experiences, Reehil admits, was during the process of vocational discernment at the time of entering the seminary, when he decided to stop drinking. That's when he had a sort of "close encounter" with a mysterious figure. As soon as he left the church one day, around noon, he said he noticed a man well dressed in all respects staring at him insistently. A rather unusual thing in New York. That same man then approached him as he walked to the office, grabbed his arm and said, "Let's go get a drink." At that moment, Father Daniel explains that he felt a shiver run through his body and told him: "Get away from me!" Then he remembers immediately changing direction and heading towards his apartment. Once he returned, the doors closed behind him. And looking out the window he still saw that disturbing figure. And he was just laughing at him.

As soon as he saw him leave, he says, he went to tell his spiritual director, an old Polish priest, about the face-to-face with that obscure individual. And from him, he had confirmation that that presence was indeed demonic. It was one of the two times, confesses the exorcist, in which the devil presented himself to him "in person". The same figure appeared to him on a beach in Miami, where he had gone to visit his former co-workers, instructing him on that occasion to move away from his territory.

## *Transgenderism and abortion*

Another theme strongly attended to by the devil is that of the sexual difference between men and women: Satan hates the opportunity granted to man and woman to cooperate with God in the work of creation and thereby generating new lives. A power precluded to him, who can create nothing. From here originates the whole transgenderism wave, which has a clear sulfurous mark. Scripture shows very well that "only God assigns gender," Father Dan emphasizes. "Male and female God created them," we read in Genesis. The claim to decide one's own sex is therefore equivalent to wanting to play the part of God, a satanic temptation par excellence.

Another strong point of contention: Satan's hatred for unborn life. There is also the fact that today, the womb has become one of the most dangerous places in the world for an unborn child. Let us imagine how such a situation can be viewed by Heaven. Shocking then what the exorcist reveals in this regard: that is, the existence of people dedicated to magic and witchcraft willing to pay for abortions and then to attend during the execution of the abortion and practice magical rites. Thus, we are in the presence, he explains, of an authentic "sacrifice to the devil".

## *Satan's hatred of Mary*

We will see on another occasion what advice Father Daniel gives to protect oneself from diabolical pitfalls. For now, since we are on a web site that aims to spread the light of Mary, it seems to me useful to point out that among the first protections against the devil the priest mentions the "deep love for Our Lady". Few things irritate and scandalize Satan more than the fact that it is Mary who crushes the serpent's head. Because, explains the Nashville exorcist, "It is one thing to be crushed by God, because everyone knows that God is God. But being crushed by a tiny, little Jewish woman brings a tremendous scandal and insult to the devil, from which he will never recover."

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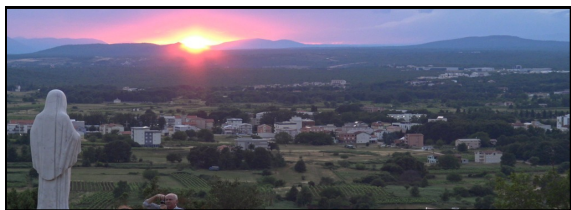
In these times when man no longer knows where to turn to find some hope, it is good to quote this excerpt from the words of Jesus, which should be read very slowly and very carefully. We need this to ignite our inner fire!

"My Heart is not only an abyss of Love, it is also an abyss of Mercy. It knows all of human misery, which is experienced even by the most loved of souls. That is why I wanted to give their actions infinite value, however small they may be, when done out of love for Me, for their own good and for the salvation of sinners.

"I want to tell these souls how far the Love of My Heart can go: not only does it use their ordinary life and their every deed, but, for the good of souls, it also wants to use their miseries, their weaknesses and even their downfalls. Yes, Love transforms and makes everything divine, and Mercy forgives everything!" (Dec. 5, 22)

*"Dear children! God wants to make you holy. Therefore, through me He is inviting you to complete surrender. Let holy mass be your life. Understand that the church is God's palace, the place in which I gather you and want to show you the way to God. Come and pray. Neither look at others nor slander them, but rather, let your life be a testimony on the way of holiness. Churches deserve respect and are set apart as holy because God, who became man, dwells in them day and night. Therefore, little children, believe and pray that the Father increase your faith, and then ask for whatever you need. I am with you and I am rejoicing because of your conversion and I am protecting you with my motherly mantle. Thank you for having responded to my call." Message of April 25th, 1988*

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## Marija and Fr Livio speak about Our Lady's message of April 25th

From Marytv.tv



**"Dear children! I am calling all of you to be carriers of the peace and joy of the risen Jesus for all those who are far from prayer; that the love of Jesus, through your lives, may transform them to a new life of conversion and holiness. Thank you for having responded to my call."**

**Fr. Livio:** Marija, I would like you to make a brief consideration of this beautiful message.

**Marija:** It is a message of hope, of testimony, thank Heaven! It is a positive message, because Our Lady always from the beginning repeats to us that we are bearers of peace and joy of the Risen Jesus. Our Lady is calling us to be her extended hands to all who are far away. Therefore, She says: **"Pray so the love of Jesus may transform you to a new life of conversion and holiness."** And I believe that we are all called to holiness. And we thank Heaven for this because in these days we are approaching the month of May dedicated in special way to Our Lady and through many pilgrims, and that especially all of the Italians who have come to Medjugorje, that they pray more. And we feel Her presence even in a greater and special way. I think that each of us has a thousand opportunities to say: "Starting from this month I am converting, I will decide for holiness".

**Fr. Livio:** Marija I would like to give you one more small testimony. Last time She gave us a message, let's say short and very intense and also very serious. Today we can say that Our Lady was happier.

**Marija:** Our Lady was happy, the 25th is always a day of intense prayer, of celebration, of joy, of gratitude, and of expectation. We have a friend who celebrated his twenty-fifth year of priesthood today and we are grateful to the Lord. We need to pray that God will grant us many priestly vocations!

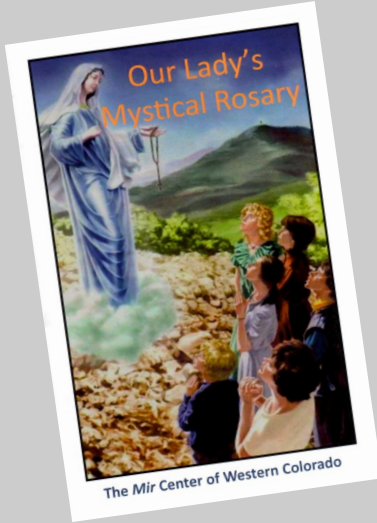
Then there was another friend, an Italian, here with us these days, who discovered a priestly vocation here in Medjugorje. He was ill, in a coma, and almost died and then miraculously recovered! This was a great joy for all of us and also a testimony that God does not abandon us. Tonight, in a special way, Our Lady wanted to tell us that She loves us, that She walks with us, that She has not forgotten us, that She is healing us, converting us, and calling us in a thousand ways toward her Son who is the Way, the Truth and the life.

**Fr. Livio:** Thank you Marija for these beautiful words you said and now we conclude with prayer.

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*(Maisie and Peter continued from page 2)*

She felt like she had to come with me because she was scared. We came in 2000. I saw Fr. Slavko and then I went home and he died right when we got home in November of 2000. He died at the top of Cross mountain after leading pilgrims in the Way of the Cross. I saw him in the flesh here. He gave a talk to us.

We saw Vicka over at her place down the street giving kisses, and she actually blessed me. We got to see Marija in an apparition. I climbed Mount Križevac. I did everything. I just knew this was a special place, and this really is as special as they say it is.

The seed was planted. It grew and grew and grew when I got home. My husband was doing a lot of drugs and I didn't want to be in that lifestyle anymore. It was almost immediate. I didn't want to live that life anymore. What I experienced was so beautiful and then I came home to that. It was very quickly from light to dark.

It wasn't like anything earth-shattering happened to me here. I didn't see the sun spin. It was just that feeling that this was a powerful place and I really believe that this is real. If this is real, then I really want to change who I am. I really want to change what's going on in my life. But I always had a good foundation, thanks be to God. I have a good family.

I love Our Lady, and slowly it just grew and grew. I became very open with how much I love Her. People always just knew that about me. Three years later I asked for a divorce. I went to school to be a nurse. I was by myself for a while. I was like, "I need to figure out what I really want now and wait for the right person." I worked with people with traumatic brain injuries.

Since then, I have always felt very strong and tight with Mary. I really just needed Her. I didn't feel like I needed to be with a guy. It was good. When you feel like that, then the right person comes along usually. I met my husband. He was absolutely crazy about me, and I was crazy about him. It was magical. He was Catholic. That was a prerequisite. We have three beautiful children.

It's a real blessing to be here with my brothers. It's been so fun. They're excellent brothers. A grace for me personally would be climbing the mountain and really feeling at the top of that mountain that I needed to surrender this whole thing over to God. My brother, Peter, has this tumor and as a nurse, I have been, with his wife who is also a nurse, fighting for him to save him. It's been really hard on us. Every single person I see at work I ask to pray for him. It's been like my full time job to try to save him. That's a lot of pressure. It's not my responsibility, but he's my brother, and I love him.

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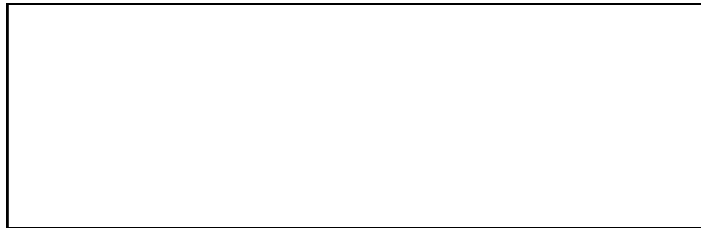
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Our primary goal, our main focus, is to bring Jesus Christ to the world and to bring the world to Jesus Christ. To accomplish this task, the MIR Center of Western Colorado was established to provide accurate information about the messages and events 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.