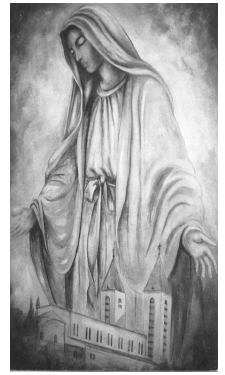


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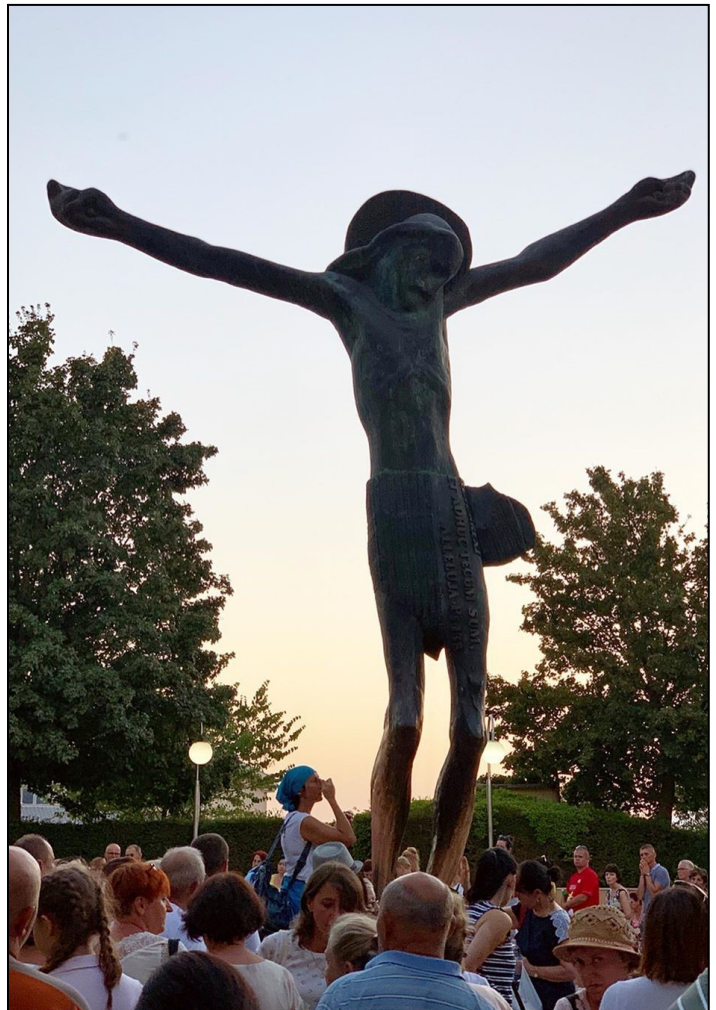
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Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead,'... (Mt 28: 5-7)

Our Lady of Medjugorje's Monthly Message of March 25th, 2020:

Dear children! I am with you all these years to lead you to the way of salvation. Return to my Son; return to prayer and fasting. Little children, permit for God to speak to your heart, because Satan is reigning and wants to destroy your lives and the earth on which you walk. Be courageous and decide for holiness. You will see conversion in your hearts and families; prayer will be heard. God will hear your cries and give you peace. I am with you and am blessing you all with my motherly blessing. 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.



The Risen Christ

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Shock in Medjugorje as Mirjana's 2nd of the month apparitions come to an end

From Medjugorjelive.org



Today, March 18, 2020, Our Lady appeared to Mirjana for her annual apparition, during which she told Mirjana that she would no longer appear on the 2nd of each month as she has been doing for many years.

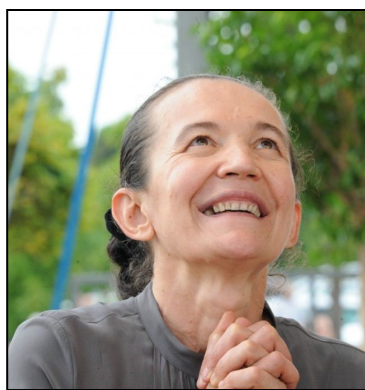
Due to government restrictions regarding the coronavirus, Mirjana was in her room in Medjugorje when she experienced today's apparition. After the apparition, Mirjana was incredibly sad and in shock with the realization that she would no longer see Our Lady on the 2nd of each month. After the apparition, Mirjana reported that Our Lady gave the following message:

Dear children, My Son, as God, always looked above time. I, as His mother, through Him, see in time. I see beautiful and sad things. But I see that there is still love, and that it needs doing for it to be known. My children, you cannot be happy if you do not love each other, if you do not have love in every situation and at every moment of your life. Also, I, as a mother, am coming to you through love—to help you to come to know true love, to come to know my Son. This is why I am calling you, always anew to thirst all the more for love, faith, and hope. The only spring from which you can drink is trust in God, my Son. My children, in moments of peacelessness and renunciation you just seek the face of my Son. You just live His words and do not be afraid. Pray and love with sincere feelings, with good works; and help so that the world may change and that my heart may win. Like my Son, I am also saying to you: love each other because without love there is no salvation. Thank you my children.”

Vicka on the third secret

From Mysticpost.com

On March 18, 2020 Mirjana surprised the world announcing her monthly apparitions have ended. Mirjana has often said: “Only when the things contained in the secrets start to happen will the world understand why Our Lady chose March 18th. The significance of the date will be clear.” Talk among people in Medjugorje has turned to the arrival of the “Permanent Sign”. Vicka says: “The indestructible Sign from God will last forever. I have seen it!”



On March 18, 2020 Mirjana announced to the world that the Virgin Mary will no longer appear to her on the second of every month, as she has doing since 1987.

With a very significant announcement occurring on March 18th, at the height of the global covid – 19 pandemic, many people now in Medjugorje are talking openly that perhaps all this

is leading to the arrival of the “permanent sign”.

It is worth noting that the permanent sign is part of the Third secret and it is the only Medjugorje secret that the visionaries have been allowed to speak about.

The following is an excerpt of Father Livio's interview with Vicka on *Radio Maria* about the permanent sign:

Fr Livio: “I was really struck by what the Madonna said about the third secret, which concerns the sign on the mountain. You seers said that it will be a visible sign, an indestructible sign that comes from God. However, She also added, ‘Hurry and convert yourselves. When the promised sign on the hill will be given, it will be too late.’ Another time, She also said, ‘And even after I've left this sign on the hill which I have promised to you, many will not believe. They will come to the hill, they will kneel, but they won't believe.’ Why is it, in your opinion, that people will see the sign, but they won't convert?”

Vicka: “The third secret is about a sign that She will leave here (Medjugorje) on the Mountain of the Apparitions. This sign will remain forever. It is given above all for those people who are still far away from God. The Madonna wishes to give these people who will see the sign a chance to believe in God. I was able to see this sign.

Fr Livio: “You have already seen the sign?”

Vicka: “Yes, I saw it in a vision. This sign will be indestructible and will remain in that place forever. She leaves this sign, a sign that no man can make; it is something only God can make and so nobody will be able say that it is a small thing or something else. This arrives in such a way that they won't have words to say what it is.

From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On March 2nd, 2020, Mirjana received her monthly apparition at the Blue Cross, in the presence of a rather small crowd. Then she conveyed this message:

“Dear children! Your pure and sincere love draws my motherly heart. Your faith and trust in the Heavenly Father are fragrant roses which you offer to me the most beautiful bouquets of roses which consist of your prayers, acts of mercy and of love. Apostles of my love, you who sincerely and with a pure heart strive to follow my Son, you who sincerely love Him, you help; you be an example to those who have not yet come to know the love of my Son but, my children, not only with words but also with acts and pure feelings through which you glorify the Heavenly Father. Apostles of my love, it is a time of vigilance, and of you I am asking for love, that you not judge anyone. Because the Heavenly Father will judge everyone. I am asking that you love, that you convey the truth; because truth is old, it is not new, it is eternal, it is truth. It testifies to God’s eternity. Bring the light of my Son and keep breaking the darkness which all the more wants to seize you. Do not be afraid. Through the grace and the love of my Son, I am with you. Thank you.”



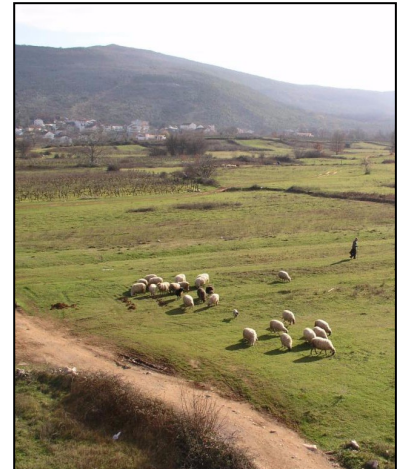
Sister Emmanuel

The sheep's foot.

Once upon a time, in Medjugorje, a Croatian pilgrim was walking alongside a field where a flock of sheep was grazing. You can imagine his surprise when suddenly, he saw the shepherd badly mistreat one of his sheep, breaking its foot! The poor animal was bleating so plaintively, it just broke his heart. Revolted by such cruelty, the pilgrim ran up to the shepherd and shouted angrily, “What are you doing here!? Are you mad? How cruel!”

However, in a calm voice, the shepherd explained to him:

“Be at peace! I am doing my job as a shepherd. This sheep always strays from the herd, it is very wild, and that is very dangerous for it because it often gets lost. One of these days this sheep will be completely lost and will die in the middle of the rocks and thorn bushes. I broke its foot so that it can't walk for a while, and I did that on purpose. I will now carry it on my shoulders, so that it will get to feel me and know my voice. After that, once the foot is healed, it will never leave me.” The pilgrim regretted having been aggressive towards the shepherd, for he understood that his goal was to save the life of his sheep, even at the cost of breaking its foot. “I am the good Shepherd,” Jesus tells us, “Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but he will have the light of life.”



The message is clear: it is better to suffer the temporary pain of a broken foot than to move away from the Shepherd and lose one's life forever! What if the coronavirus is an opportunity to question our way of thinking and living, could we not see it as a lesser evil, since the greatest tragedy is that humanity keeps straying from our Divine Shepherd who alone has the words of eternal life? He alone gave His life for the sheep, He paid the ransom of our salvation, and at what a price! By HIS wounds, we are healed. We no longer want to seek happiness where it gets lost. Yes, under the hammer that strikes and injures, there is always the hand of the Shepherd who heals!

John Paul II's coffee.

After his stay at the Gemelli Clinic in Rome, having barely recovered from the attack that nearly cost him his life in 1981, Pope John Paul II was keen to invite some of his closest friends to a meal. It was a handful of bishops, including

(Diary of Sr Emmanuel continued on page 6)

The 'Yes' that Set Humanity Free

by Dr. Mark Miravalle
From motherofallpeoples.com

You have heard, O Virgin, that you will conceive and bear a son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit. The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion; the sentence of condemnation weighs heavily upon us.

The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent. In the eternal Word of God we all came to be, and behold, we die. In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life.

These words of St. Bernard of Clairvaux bespeak the historical, global, and eternal significance of the response of a 15-year-old virgin for the salvation of the entire world. The price of our salvation is indeed offered to her, and her "yes" will set us free, because it will set the Redeemer free.

St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that Mary's fiat is a "yes" which is uttered in the name of humanity in general: a willingness of human beings to use their free will to cooperate with God in the saving of souls, beginning with our own.

From the ancient Church of the second century, St. Irenaeus tells us that the obedient Virgin of Nazareth becomes the "cause of salvation for herself and the whole human race." A contemporary version of the same truth is found in the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta: "Of course Mary is the co-redemptrix. She gave Jesus his body, and the offering of his body is what saved us." The Letter to the Hebrews confirms both the early Apostolic Father and the modern Apostle to the Poor: "We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrews 10:10). From whom does Jesus receive his body, the instrument of his redemption?

Free cooperator

Any erroneous idea that Mary was simply a "physical channel" and not a free, moral cooperator in this event of salvation does harm to the authentic revelation and image of an infinitely loving Father, a God who does not use people or their bodies against their will. Mary was a free, personal, and feminine cooperator in God's plan of salvation. It was not a Pope, nor a bishop, nor a priest, nor a layman who joined the New Adam in redeeming the world by her fiat and consequent lifetime of fiats. It was a woman who became a mother. This was neither an accident nor accidental to divine providence. It was God's perfect will to grace the human race with a new "Eva" or mother of the living.

The Immaculate Virgin's fiat was indeed a lifetime yes to cooperating with Jesus in the Father's mission of Redemption. Gabriel does not re-appear at Calvary, offering the same Virgin a second invitation of being spared from the climax of the cross of her vocation, which was to share in the horrific immolation and redeeming death of the victim born of her (*"Lumen Gentium," No. 58*). Mary's yes to the greatest human suffering along with her Son was already given some 33 years earlier.

Is this not the same for many of us, who have given our "fiats" to a priestly vocation, to perpetual vows of religious life, to an indissoluble bond of matrimony many years ago? When "personally historic" parish conflicts, community divisions, or dark nights of marriage enter our lives, we should not expect (and in fact must be most wary) of any apparent "second option" which might appear to spare us the great suffering that always comes with a lifetime vocation of working intimately with the Redeemer.

Jesus always abundantly blesses and sustains those who work

and suffer intimately with him. He does so most of all by his accentuated presence for those who give him more time in prayer during times of great vocational trial, especially during times of Eucharistic adoration, where we can all directly experience the fruit of Mary's yes in the Incarnate Jesus present in the Eucharist. As we strive to persevere with Christian faith and hope in our lifetime vocations, Jesus floods the soul with daily graces and eternal merits far beyond our needs and our imaginings to remain steadfast in our life

vocations. And he did nothing less in daily grace and eternal merit for his mother in her lifetime vocation as the co-redemptrix with him.

One heart

"Is the Annunciation a 'Jesus' feast or a 'Mary' feast?" This well-intentioned question recently posed by a caller on a live radio program nonetheless reflects a false dichotomy. Perhaps the more compelling question is how could either Jesus or Mary be left out of this solemnity?

John Paul II reminds us in *"Redemptoris Mater"* that there are two inseparable Christian mysteries: the Incarnation of the Word made flesh, and the Divine Motherhood of Mary. St. John Eudes confirms that the Hearts of Jesus and Mary are so completely united in love, will, and purpose that one could rightly speak of "one single heart" between the two. St. Bridget of Sweden records the following words of Jesus in her Church approved and lauded Revelations: "My Mother and I saved man as with one heart only, I by suffering in My Heart and my flesh; she by the sorrow and love of her heart."

Jesus, uncreated grace and source of all grace; Mary, the mysterious mediatrix. The sublime Annunciation solemnity must celebrate both, as these two lovers of humanity cooperate like none other in bringing saving graces to a world of sinners, of whom we all are all members.

Benedict XVI reflects this essential Catholic doctrine in his Sunday Angelus of March 21, 2010: "Dear friends, let us learn from the Lord Jesus not to judge and not to condemn our neighbor. Let us learn to be intransigent with sin — beginning with our own! — and indulgent with people. May we be helped in this by the Holy Mother of God, who, free of every fault, is the mediatrix of grace for every contrite sinner."



Nigeria School Blast: Sister Died but Rescued Students

By Paul Samasumo @vaticannews.va

Sr. Monica Omowunni Rowland, the Superior General of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Nigeria has narrated how one of her Sisters, Sr. Henrietta Alokha, the school principal of Bethlehem Girls College died saving students.

With the world's focus rightly on the coronavirus pandemic, the huge 15 March 2020 blast in Lagos, Nigeria, did not make much news. The explosion reduced much of Bethlehem Girls College and nearby houses to rubble. Bethlehem College is owned by the Archdiocese of Lagos and managed by the Congregation of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Students were at Mass

Apart from Sr. Henrietta Alokha, the college principal, 17 persons were confirmed dead while 25 others were injured. It is still not yet clear what caused the blast, but a gas explosion near the International Trade Fair Complex, Amuwo Odofin Local Government Area of Lagos State may have been the cause.

Over 200 persons were displaced as 50 nearby houses were destroyed. Some students and people in the vicinity, who sustained injuries, were treated at nearby hospitals.

Sr. Henrietta prevented a stampede. Recounting what happened, the Superior General told Vatican News, the college students were gathered in the school chapel for the Eucharistic Celebration when the students noticed an unusual white fume coming from the gate side direction towards the chapel.

The Principal, Sr. Henrietta calmly told the students to move towards the backdoor of the chapel. She shielded all the students and tried to make sure there was no stampede. Fortunately, all the students were evacuated from the chapel. Immediately afterwards, a loud blast shook the whole community and beyond leaving Bethlehem Girls College levelled to its foundation.

"Sr Henrietta Alokha and a female security staff died in the process of making sure the students were safe. Sr. Henrietta could not account for two of her students after rescuing the others, so she went in search of them even when she was told not to, she preferred to take the risk to save the missing two, who shortly after she left ran out from a different direction to join the others. Nevertheless, Sister trying to make it back after the search got hit on the head and sustained a deep cut by the collapsing building and she died on the spot," explained Sr. Rowland. Some staff members were trapped and died in their living quarters

Five other staff members who were in the staff quarters were also killed when buildings collapsed. "In our moment of grief, we commiserate with the families of all those who lost their lives and homes. We pray for the repose of their souls and quick recovery for those injured. The cause of this explosion has not really been ascertained; however, some allude it to a truck that hit gas cylinders, while others believe it was a bomb blast. Whatever, it is, will not bring the dead back. May they Rest in Peace," said the Superior General of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Really, Eight Abortions? Pierrina's Story

From *Scandalous Mercy* by Sr. Emmanuel

Pierrina was trying desperately to contact the visionary Marija Pavlovic. With gnawing feeling inside, she told herself this meeting was her last chance. Marija received her warmly and understood that she had in front of her a bruised and broken heart.

"Marija, I've come to you today because I'm on the verge of committing suicide. I can't do it anymore. I'm completely broken. You know, I've had eight abortions. Eight, can you believe it? My husband didn't want children. But today, I feel death inside me. I can't continue like this. I'm finished. Please, when you see the Virgin Mary this evening, ask her to help me. I can't go see a priest, because, if I tell him that I've had eight abortions, he'll throw me out of the confessional.."

"No, he won't," Marija said. "No priest will throw you out of the confessional—quite the opposite! Tell him frankly all you've been through, and you'll see: he'll listen to you and help you. Don't be afraid to go to confession. And tonight, I promise you, I will speak to Our Lady about you. And I'll pray for you."



That very day, Pierrina made the confession of her life and was happily astonished that the priest received her with immense gentleness and profound understanding. But more than that: after having explained her misery, her sins, and her wounds, she sensed that Jesus Himself came to her

aid and gave her peace of heart. She fully absorbed this incomparable treasure, which can neither be purchased nor fabricated: the peace of heart which every person dreams to have, and that so few experience.

She waited for Marija at the door of the left tower of St. James Church. She knew that Marija always received an apparition at 5:40pm, that she remained for the 6:00pm Mass, and would be coming out of the church around 7:00pm. Next to the little choir door, a group of pilgrims had already gathered, but Pierrina who had foreseen the crowds, tucked herself inside the cove of the door leading out to the piazza, so that she would be the first to capture Marija's attention.

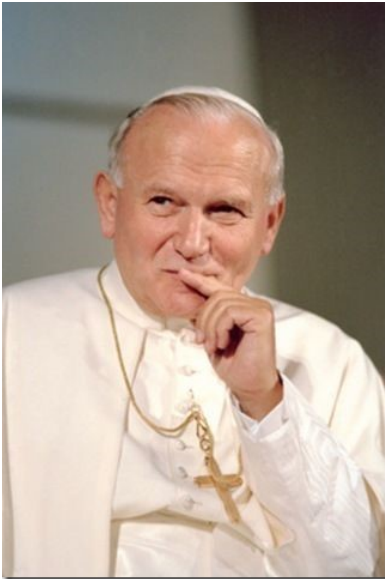
"You know," said Marija with a big smile, "when the Gospa appeared, I spoke to her about you. She didn't let me give her too many details. She was smiling while she listened to me and said, 'This woman will be an instrument in the hands of God for saving many lives.' "You see," added Marija,

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Bishop Paul Hnilica (Slovak) who told me the story. The conversation was going well when they started talking about the attack. One of the bishops asked this question: "Who is behind this attack?" And everyone started expressing their opinion, ranging from the KGB to the CIA, etc...

The Pope kept sipping his coffee while listening to these various analyses. After having mentioned all possible causes, they were all curious to hear the Holy Father's response. John Paul II then said: "It is Satan!" Dismayed, the bishops remained silent, and the Pope added, "But remember that Satan too is an instrument in God's plans!



"Who started the coronavirus? It was Satan! Who closed the churches to the faithful? Satan! Who wants the Eucharist and the real Presence of Christ among us to disappear? It's him! Who is trying to sow a general panic among the people? He is! Who wants to wipe humanity off the face of the earth? It is Satan the homicide, who "prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8)! Who wants to convince man that he is abandoned by God? Satan does, ever jealous as he is of man! Who has dangled before us a civilization without God, where earthly well-being would be the ultimate happiness? Him again, the prince of lies! And I could go on for a long time.

But more than ever, the message is clear: behind these infamous trials and agonies that God's children have to endure today, God has his plan! He alone can draw good from evil, and He is already doing so. Dear brothers and sisters, this tragedy that is affecting the whole world is not the final word, it will pass away! It is up to us though to keep watch and to ensure that it is shortened. We have the simplest and most awesome instruction, taught by the Blessed Mother with so much patience for almost 39 years in Medjugorje. Here we find all the answers for our current situation! Where does evil come from? How to fight it and how to defeat it? How to turn our Way of the Cross into a path of joy? We know that by uniting our sufferings to those of Jesus in his Passion, these sufferings become the cause of great blessings. They then become co-redemptive sufferings, in the footsteps of Mary's sufferings, as she is the co-redemptrix par excellence. The ball is in our court, much of what is going to happen is up to us.

Wonderful initiatives

Some wonderful initiatives are taking place here and there; we are seeing priests blessing their city with the Holy Sacrament from helicopters. Others, standing on a pickup truck, are moving along the streets and blessing passers-by who stop to

worship Jesus. Still others are praying on the rooftops with a loudspeaker... One of them roamed the streets of his city with the Holy Sacrament surmounted by a canopy as if for the Feast of Corpus Christi...

In the homes, many families have created a small altar in front of which the family gathers to pray with great fervor, the Rosary, the Psalms, singing hymns... Many private Masses are being streamed, enabling the faithful to be one at heart during these privileged moments from which they draw comfort and hope – see the Mass shown on EWTN. Not to mention acts of great charity on the part of members of the medical profession. Many are working tirelessly, sometimes to exhaustion, to take care of the sick and dying. In the absence of Mass, we can make one or more Spiritual Holy Communions every day."

The Secrets?

I am being asked if this pandemic is part of the secrets that Mary entrusted to the visionaries. No, this ordeal is not one of the secrets. And it is definitely not the beginning of the end of the world! The Blessed Mother sometimes tells us about the generations to come... But it is not forbidden to take this great test as a warning. When the time comes, when Mary says it is time, each one of the visionaries will have to choose a priest (Mary is not the one to choose him). This priest will have to fast for seven days with the visionary before learning the secret (or several secrets). He will then have to announce it to the world, and three days later the contents of this secret will be realized. These secrets are known only to the visionaries. "**Dear children, do not talk about the secrets,**" Mary said, "**but pray for these secrets. Do not wait for the sign to come (on Mount Podbrdo) to be converted!**"... "**I came to call the world to conversion for the last time!**"



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"you don't have to be afraid. The Gospa is going to help you, and you will walk with her on a new path. Have you been to confession?" Marija asked. "Yes, Marija, and Jesus has healed my heart. I no longer feel despair. It's the first time in my life that I feel at peace. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

Upon her return to Italy, reinvigorated by the shower of graces she received in Medjugorje, in her body, in her heart, and in her soul, Pierrina decided to go back to the hospital where she had gone through the eight abortions. There, with the simplicity of those who have nothing to lose, she began to talk to the women who had come to have an abortion. She didn't lecture. She didn't explain. She didn't preach. She simply gave witness to her personal experience; how after 8 abortions she had sunk into an inner death and how, in Medjugorje, by way of sincere confession and the personal intervention of the Blessed Virgin Mary, she had found the taste for life again and the joy to be alive.

The prophecy of the Mother of God was being realized! Indeed, after listening to Pierrina and seeing the light which emanated from her, many women left the hospital with the intention of keeping their babies. What is so tremendous about God is that even in the middle of the greatest disaster, He always finds a way to stir up courage and rebuild life for whoever trusts in Him.

"Dear children, As I call you to prayer for those who have not come to know the love of God, if you were to look into your hearts you would comprehend that I am speaking about many of you. With an open heart, sincerely ask yourselves if you want the living God or do you want to eliminate Him and live as you want. Look around you, my children, and see where the world is going, the world that thinks of doing everything without the Father, and which wanders in the darkness of temptation. I am offering to you the light of the Truth and the Holy Spirit. According to God's plan I am with you to help you to have my Son, His Cross and Resurrection, triumph in your hearts. As a mother, I desire and pray for your unity with my Son and His works. I am with you; you decide. Thank you."
Message to Mirjana, June 2nd, 2011

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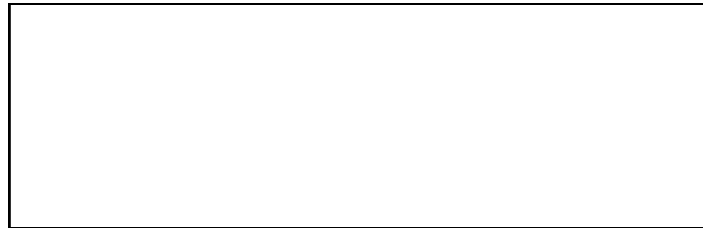
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