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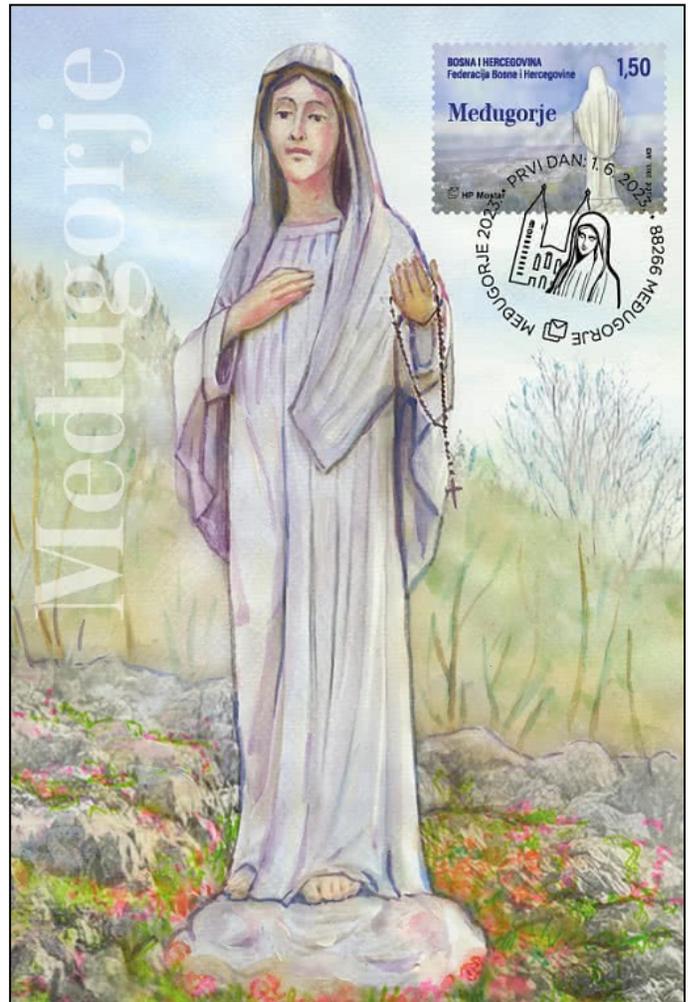
August, 2023

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled. (Lk 1: 42-45)

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

Dear children! In this time of grace, in which the Most High sends me to you to love you and guide you on the way of conversion, offer your prayers and sacrifices for all those who are far away and have not come to know God's love. You, little children, be witnesses of love and peace for all peaceless hearts. 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.



Queenship of Mary

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Picture of Our Lady Miraculously Survives Fire

by Emiliano Fumaneri from lalucedimaria.it

Everything was on fire, only the painting of the Madonna was not burned: Firefighters were shocked by the miracle. A frightening fire broke out, the firefighters intervened and what they discover inside the burning building upset them.

What happened to an icon of Our Lady is incredible and testifies how Mary is always close to us, even in the most terrible moments, when all human hope seems to fail.

Sometimes, when everything falters, heaven gives a sign for us. Our life is nothing but an earthly pilgrimage, a long journey that leads to our true homeland: the kingdom of heaven. As the Letter to Diognetus, a fundamental manuscript written between the second and third centuries, says, Christians “spend their lives on earth, but their true citizenship is that of heaven”.

“Man does not live by bread alone”, Jesus told us. To help us not lose sight of the essential goal of our life – the salvation of our soul – sometimes Heaven sends us special “signs”, sometimes great and showy like miracles and apparitions, and at other times small and private. These “supernatural signs” made up of small daily mysteries are more widespread than we think. It is up to us to be able to perceive the signs.

When God sends us signs

Of course, every sign must be examined with great care so as not to encourage what could ultimately turn out to be simple delusions and fantasies. Therefore, that discernment which is often emphasized by Pope Francis, is indispensable, because mystifications in this field are the order of the day. But prudence, however necessary, should not lead to the exclusion in principle of the possibility of these great or small signs of the supernatural.

The Christian God is not an abstract and distant entity that from the height of His heavenly throne limits himself to observing the misfortunes of the world. All the Scriptures show us, on the contrary, an “interventionist” God present in daily affairs, who shows that He cares deeply for the destiny of His creatures in the depths of His heart.

This is especially true in those particularly dark moments of our existence, when everything seems at risk of collapse. They are those moments in which we hear, like the prophet Jeremiah, voices crying out “terror all around!” (Jer 20:10).

But even in those dark moments God is present. Jeremiah himself teaches us this, to whom God makes only one promise. He does not promise him the resolution of all his troubles, but that he will always be close to him no matter what happens: “I will be with you to save you and to deliver you” (Jer 15:20).

A fire broke out and the incredible happened

Well, it is precisely one of these “signs” of God's fatherly closeness that brings to mind what happened a few days ago in Ruma, in the district of Syrmia, in Serbia an area southwest of the autonomous province of Vojvodina.

The news was reported by journalist David Murgia on his blog *Il segno di Giona*. This remarkable event happened on

July 7th. The facts are these: a terrible fire broke out inside a building in Ruma that houses parish staff and a shop full of equipment and supplies and also stored toys for children.

The flames consumed everything: people ran away and when the firefighters arrived they manage to extract a living person, who suffered severe injuries. The firefighters were undecided whether to enter the building, not knowing if there were people inside. In the end two of them decided to go in to check.

The two firefighters reached the attic and were stunned when they discovered an icon of the Madonna and Child that miraculously survived the fiery inferno that enveloped the building. The icon is there, in front of their eyes, without any damage or burns. One of the two firefighters bursts into tears and cried out that this is a miracle. Putting out the fire took several hours and multiple teams of firefighters eventually had to intervene to overcome the fire.

Just yesterday we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, linked to the vision of the prophet Elijah. Remember, during prayer on Mount Carmel, Elijah saw God's help in the form of a small cloud, the size of a fist, that brought rain to the land of Israel, struck by a terrible drought. Here again is proof that the Mother of God even in the most fiery heat, when everything burns, never abandons us, and is always ready to nourish our supernatural hope.



From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmcdjugarje.com

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

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

During her annual apparition to visionary Ivanka, Mary gave us this message:

"Little children, your prayers are necessary for me. Pray, pray, pray!"

An effective remedy

An inspired and effective remedy against the darkness that envelops the world. Many people are telling me that something like a dark blanket has fallen upon the world, to the point where it is difficult to recognize truth from falsehood, good from evil, sincerity from manipulation, true light from illusion, etc. The Evil One's snares are proliferating. Where are the spiritual masters who can help the faithful anchor their lives on the Rock? Has Heaven forsaken us? Of course not! Enough with the discouragement! This difficult period is an interlude before the Triumph of Mary, Jesus and the Church, and we have received from Our Lady what is needed to go through this in peace.



Our dear Maryam of Bethlehem gives us once again a luminous answer, which has gone much too unnoticed by most believers: This great mystic from Galilee often received words from Jesus for her Carmel, for priests and also for the faithful. Who among us would not want to be sure that we will live and die in God's peace? Here are some of Jesus' promises. They are gold! Let us be attentive:

"Whoever calls upon the Holy Ghost shall seek me and find me. His conscience will be delicate as the flower of the field. If it is a father or a mother, peace will be in his family and his heart and he will be at peace in this world and in the next. He will not die in darkness but in peace."

"All priests who, once a month, will say the (votive) Mass of the Holy Spirit will honor him. And whoever honors Him and hears this Mass will be honored by the Holy Spirit himself, because he will have the light within him; Peace will be in the depths of his soul. The Holy Spirit will come to heal the sick and



Sister Emmanuel

awaken those who are asleep."

This urgent call of Christ for a monthly Mass in honor of the Holy Spirit is not only for priests. The faithful can ask for it! It would be wonderful if two or three people joined together to have this Mass for the Holy Spirit celebrated, and if they attended it! This would be a source of great renewal in the parishes and in the Church! Many priests have told me that this practice has changed their lives. This is a burning desire in Jesus' heart.

Children quickly get it!

At dinner, a father tests his children's knowledge of the Bible, and asks, "In the Gospel, Jesus says that birds do something that is not right. What is that?" Thomas, 5 years old, answers immediately, as if it were obvious: "It's when they take away the seeds that have fallen on the path!" The father was stunned. Then he asked, "Do you remember some of the animals that are in the Gospel?" "Yes," replies Alexandre, his twin, "there are wolves, snakes, chickens, birds, pigs..."

This family read a paragraph of the Gospel to their children every day. The father explains it to them in simple words and with enthusiasm. The result is magnificent! For these children, Jesus is part of the family, He is alive, He is powerful, He performs beautiful miracles, we can talk to Him. He is not this ancient absentee, a fictional character that He seems to be for the majority of Western children.

Take advantage of the summer to come to know and enjoy the Word of God! By reading the Gospel, you will find details that you can turn into questions for your loved ones. This will form a very interesting quiz and a good opportunity to talk together about Jesus and share your comments. It will imprint the Word of Life, so dear to the Blessed Mother, on your soul! For instance:

1. Which one of the apostles had a twin?
2. Who took Jesus in his arms?
3. What are the 5 details that the Archangel Gabriel gave Mary about Jesus' identity before his conception?
4. Who are the apostles who were present at Jesus' side during the Transfiguration?
5. Name at least 7 Old Testament figures quoted by Jesus.
6. Who were the 3 people for whom Jesus expressed His admiration?
7. What object did Jesus make with His own hands during His public life?
8. Who had dug the well near to where Jesus met the Samaritan woman?
9. What quality of the hens did Jesus mention to give as an example of Himself?
10. Who said, "Charity covers a multitude of sins?"
11. At the wedding in Cana, what did the master of the meal say when he drank the water changed into wine?
12. Jesus said, "go, tell this fox..." Who was He speaking about?

The Joy of Paradise: Our Lady Teaches on Heaven

by Fr. Livio from papaboys.org

Heaven is the goal to which we must strive. Paradise is that gulf of light and peace towards which the boat of our life must sail. It is the goal of the earthly pilgrimage that everyone is called to make. Paradise is definitely a destination not to be missed. When the soul is saved, it is saved forever; When it is lost, it is forever. Eternal life, Heaven, purgatory and hell are teachings of the Church, they are Truths of faith and as such must be taught with clarity and consistency.

Those who die in God's grace and friendship and who are perfectly purified, live forever with Christ. They are forever like God, because they see him "as He is" (1 Jn 3:2), "face to face" (1 Cor 13:12). This perfect life, this communion of life and love with the Most Holy Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed is called "heaven". Heaven is man's ultimate goal and the realization of his deepest aspirations, the supreme and definitive state of happiness. (CCC 1024)

By His death and resurrection, Jesus Christ "opened" heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ, who associates in His heavenly glorification those who believed in Him and who remained faithful to His will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly embedded in Him. We are children in the Son, we are members of the mystical body of Christ, we share in the glory of His holy humanity. Heaven is a great grace but it is also a merit, a correspondence to grace. Because of his transcendence, God can only be seen as He is when He Himself opens His mystery to the immediate contemplation of man and gives him the capacity for it. This contemplation of God in his heavenly glory is called by the Church "the beatific vision": "This will be your glory and your happiness: to be admitted to see God, to have the honor of partaking of the joys of salvation and eternal light together with Christ, the Lord your God ... to enjoy in the kingdom of heaven, together with the righteous and the friends of God, the joys of immortality attained."§1028. In Paradise we contemplate God face to face, without any mediation, we contemplate him in Christ. Through the Word we contemplate the Father and this is obviously possible with a special grace, which gives us the ability to know directly the mystery of God, the Most Holy Trinity.

Our Lady of Medjugorje in Her messages given through the years has spoken to us many times about Paradise. Our Lady teaches us that we can experience the joy of Paradise already on this Earth by living in intimate communion with Christ and invites us to pray unceasingly so that Heaven may be the goal to which we wish to strive. Our Lady wants us to be saints and wants us in Heaven with Her! Our Lady refers to both "Paradise" and "Heaven" in her messages; both expressions are equivalent.

November 13, 1986: *"Dear children, today I invite you all to pray with all your heart and to change your lives day by day. I especially invite you, dear children, to begin to live a holy life with your prayers and sacrifices, for I desire that each one of you, who has been at this source of grace, arrive in **heaven** with the special gift that has been given to me, namely, holiness.*

Therefore, dear children, pray and change your life every day so that you become holy. I will always be close to you. Thank you for responding to my call."

December 18, 1986: *"Dear children, again today I wish to invite you to prayer. When you pray, you are much more beautiful: like the flowers that, after the snow, show all their beauty and all the colors become indescribable. So you too, dear children, after prayer show before God all the beauty to become dear to Him. Therefore, dear children, pray and open your interior to The Lord so that He may make you a harmonious and beautiful flower for **paradise**. Thank you for responding to my call."*



October 25, 1987: *"Dear children, today I wish to invite you all to make each one of you decide for **heaven**. The path is difficult for all those who have not decided for God. Dear children, make up your mind and believe that God offers Himself to you in His fullness. You are invited, and you must respond to the invitation of the Father who calls you through me. Pray, for in prayer each of you will be able to attain complete love. I bless you and wish to help you to ensure that each one of you is under my motherly mantle. Thank you for responding to my call."*

April 25, 1994: *"Dear children, today I invite you all to decide to pray according to my intentions. Little children, I invite each one of you to help me realize my plan through this parish. Now I invite you in a special way, little children, to decide to walk on the path of holiness. Only in this way will you be close to me. I love you and desire to lead you all with me to **heaven**. But if you do not pray and if you are not humble and obedient to the messages I give you, I cannot help you. Thank you for responding to my call."*

September 25, 1994: *"Dear children, I rejoice with you and call you to prayer. Little children, pray according to my intentions. Your prayers are necessary to me. Through them I desire to draw you closer to God: He is your salvation. God sends me to help you and to lead you to **heaven**, which is your goal. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray. Thank you for responding to my call."*

May 25, 1997: *"Dear children, today I invite you to glorify God. May the name of God be holy in your hearts and in your lives. Little children, when you are in the holiness of God, God is with you and gives you the peace and joy that come from Him, only through prayer. Therefore, little children, renew prayer in your families and your heart will glorify the holy name of God, and **heaven** will reign in your heart. I am close to you and intercede before God for you. Thank you for responding to my call."*

August 25, 1998: *"Dear children, today I invite you to draw even closer to Me through prayer. Little children, I am your Mother, I love you and I desire that each one of you be saved and be with me in **paradise**. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray, until your life becomes prayer. Thank you for responding to my call."*

On Exorcism and the Struggle Against Evil

from forosdelavirgen.com

THERE IS A CONTINUUM BETWEEN SIMPLE TEMPTATION AND POSSESSION

The Christian life is characterized by a struggle against temptations. The central struggle of humans is against the evil one. Our life on Earth is a spiritual battle, whether we like it or not. The face-to-face encounter with the devil is the ordinary work of an exorcist. However, we must remember that the battle against the devil is permanent for all people. And exorcism is the last stage, but not the most common. Because the severity of the "infection" can be stopped sooner. And the evil one does not operate with such visibility in everyone, since he tries to be unrecognizable. Our daily struggle against the evil one is not to fall into his nets or give in to the temptations he presents to us. What follows are some insights from an exorcist and the spiritual battle:

When I walk into a room to do an exorcism, the devil doesn't see me, he sees Jesus Christ. I am not an exorcist; I am a priest who does exorcisms. My great power is in my priesthood and my union with Christ.

Confession is more powerful than an exorcism. One is a sacrament and the other is a blessing. One confession is worth 100 exorcisms.

The devil wants to destroy the soul, and the soul is healed by confession. If people want to diminish the work of Satan, they should increase the use of confession.

Once the confessional line becomes thin, Satan's activity increases. To diminish the work of Satan, increase the use of confession.

Satan's power increases when people don't believe he is real. God says, "I am, who I am," but the devil says, "I am who I am not."

It is better to protect oneself from evil than to try to get rid of it. Stay away from the hidden, pray and frequent the sacraments.

It is really the Lord's struggle. I was going against satanic ritual abuse and a mentor told me to just look to the Father. "Trust in the Father, and you don't have to do anything else," he said.

Sometimes the release from evil can happen instantaneously or it can take a while. It is a deliberate decision to develop healthy relationships, come to reconciliation, and grow with the Lord.

We are called to help people help themselves. I'm going to pray for people and tell them: now you have to say and do things differently than what you naturally say. It is human nature to fall into old habits. People have to go back to God and pray for grace. Then you have to be willing to accept those graces and try to make good choices.

Renunciation of occultism or evil is of vital importance. I can pray for someone, but if the person is still in tune with the occult, he will still be influenced by this. They have to break that relationship by their own choice.

The absence of fear is a grace. If I let fear bother me, I can't do this. Fear paralyzes us, weakens us. Our strength is in God.

A woman came to me worried about her son and the influence of evil in her home. I told her that she and her husband should take authority over their house. In situations like these you must declare your authority in prayer; You are in charge of your household. She did that and the problems went away.

There was a spirit visiting someone's son. The children saw this as angels or lost souls. You can often get into trouble if you explore this. Don't offer to help or ask who they are. Let the Lord take care of them and simply pray for them.

Stay away from the psychic world. Don't try to communicate with spirits or help them.



Resistance to evil is good because it means you're doing the right thing. Take away the drama. It's not the worst thing in your life. Evil spirits don't like to be cast out, but the Lord has something to say about it. It is not drama, but a response to God's love.

It is not our battle; it is the battle of the Lord. Jesus Christ is ultimately the one who will give people freedom.

I help people of other religions, but if someone has no connection to religion, I won't help them. There would be no purpose in doing an exorcism if people do not agree to grow in faith. Their situation could be even worse. It is said in Matthew 12:45 "Then he goes, and takes with him seven other spirits worse than himself, and they come to live there. And the final state of that man is worse than at the beginning."

Possessions are rare. I've only seen two in over forty years, but between possession and temptation, the devil can also oppress and create obsessions. Those are situations where the devil is able to harass people.

A Ouija board is associated with occult activities, and this can be a way for people to open a door to evil. People should stay away from anything hidden. They may think they can control them, but they can't. There is no need to fear, but we must stay away from it.

If someone does not have a life of prayer and relationship with God, then his or her exorcism could be like a revolving door. A person's behavior is what allows a demon to enter. It is easy for demons to enter people who open doors through the occult.

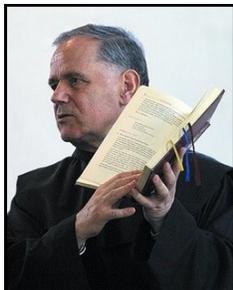
We are living in a very dark world, but we need not fear because prayer casts out evil and protects us. Prayer and relationship with God protect us from evil.

People forget that it is not a struggle between two equal powers. God is the Creator and the one who created the devil. God is much, much more powerful than Satan, like a skyscraper compared to a grain of sand, and He will overcome the evil one. Jesus is God, and by the power of Jesus, the devil is defeated. From this, we can understand that possession is the fruit of a distance from God and prayer. And that beyond the application of the Rite of Exorcism, the effectiveness of exorcism depends on the sincere return of the person to God, to prayer and confession and turning away from the occult.

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13. Jesus said, "This is the Law and the Prophets!" What is the phrase that He said just before?

Our Lady wept profusely when saying to Father Jozo Zovko, "Dear children, you have forgotten the Bible." "When we forget the Bible, we forget Jesus," Father Jozo added.



A luminous answer!

Our dear Don Dolindo Ruotolo (1882-1970), this exceptional priest (Servant of God), could read souls and often astonished his loved ones with his inspired words. This episode testifies to this, as a good lesson:

At the end of his life, given his poor health, Don Dolindo celebrated Mass at home and people flocked to listen to him. One day while he was preparing for Mass, two women noticed in a corner of the living room, his 90-year-old sister, Cristina, sitting in an armchair, totally paralyzed, but who had kept her sharp mind. It so happened that a 20-year-old man had just died in an accident: a stove had exploded. The two women commented: "How strange life is! This old woman is sitting there peacefully, while that young man died a horrible death."

Then Don Dolindo arrived to begin Mass. In the homily he said: "Sometimes the Lord's purposes are not understood. Superficially, our tendency is to criticize things. You see an old woman in a corner and wonder why she is still alive, while just today a young man died in a terrible accident. But we do not know how many souls this woman, throughout her long life, has helped to save! We do not know whether, by bringing this young man to Himself, the Lord did not save him from something evil that would have lost his soul forever!" The two women looked at each other, bewildered. It was as if the priest had heard their whispers and had just given them an answer.



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Don Dolindo had a blind faith in God's Providence. This Providence "which transforms pain into joy, in this wonderful, unfathomable embroidery that God is weaving for us," he said. "Even the things that seem the most negative or painful, find a beneficial reason in God's designs."

The Youth Festival

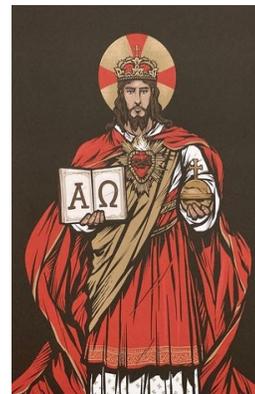


The Youth Festival in Medjugorje, which will run from July 26th to 30th, is fast approaching! Let us prepare in prayer for this beautiful meeting that will bring together thousands of young people eager to meet Christ and share the meaning of their lives! Let us also ask Fr. Slavko Barbaric, who initiated this Festival in 1991, to be very present among us. From heaven, he will help the young, and the not so young, to place themselves in the school of Mary! The Queen of Peace has accompanied us for 42 years, and has never ceased to remind us of her great maternal desire: to drive all her children into the embrace of her Son Jesus, who alone can fill our hearts created for the fullness of love.

Before the WYD in Lisbon, let us pray to the little shepherds of Fatima: Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia! May the Blessed Mother's presence be tangible to all these young people who will come from all over the world, she who loves them so much, she who said, "Young people are my hope, my greatest hope!" Then, as the Mother of all, she gave them this special youth message at a prior Festival: "Dear young people! I invite you to put my Son Jesus in the first place in your life, thus you'll have a safe path with Him!"

Pope's Secretary visits Medjugorje

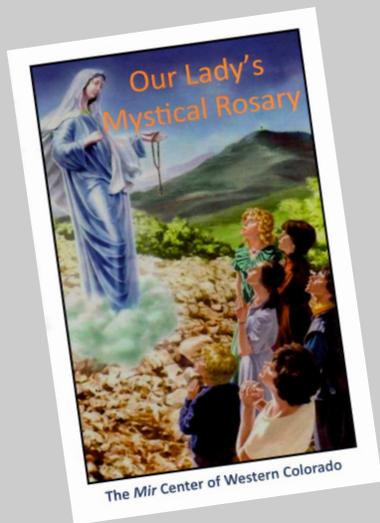
Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, the faithful friend of John Paul II, Archbishop Emeritus of Krakow, visited Medjugorje again on July 11. During his visit for the 40th anniversary of the apparitions, he said: "Medjugorje is a place of great prayer and conversion through prayer, confession and penance. A place of encounter with the Mother of God, where there is the possibility of imploring mercy through her intercession." He also revealed that when he worked at the Vatican, he closely followed what was happening in Medjugorje, adding that Medjugorje was very present in the life of John Paul II.



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by Zeljka Saravaja from www.wopa-plus.com/en/stamps/product/&pgid=81953

Below, is a brief summary of the events that have been occurring in Medjugorje since June of 1981. What is remarkable about this brief narrative is that it comes not from a religious site, but from a website set up for stamp collectors. The stamp on page 1 and the stamp to the right were pictured with this brief article:



The apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Medjugorje began on June 25, 1981, when she spoke for the first time to the children – the visionaries. On the first day, Ivanka Ivanković, Mirjana Dragičević, Vicka Ivanković, Ivan Dragičević, Ivan Ivanković and Milka Pavlović, in an area called Podbrdo (on Crnica Hill, today Apparition Hill) saw a beautiful woman with a child in her arms, whom they recognized as Our Lady. They got scared and ran away. Despite their fear, they went to Podbrdo at the same time the next day. Our Lady appeared without a child, indescribably beautiful and joyful. They fell to their knees and began to pray, and after the prayer Our Lady spoke to them. Ivan Ivanković and Milka Pavlović were not on Apparition Hill that day. Marija Pavlović and Jakov Čolo came instead. Since then, according to their testimony, Our Lady appeared to them every day.

Our Lady always calls for peace as the greatest good, and peace can only be achieved through faith, conversion, prayer and fasting. She also included the six Medjugorje visionaries in the plan to save humanity. Each of them has a special task and intention for which they pray. Mirjana, Ivanka and Jakov each received 10 secrets and have apparitions once a year. Ivan, Vicka and Marija each received nine secrets and still have daily apparitions. According to their testimony, the events and secrets of Medjugorje relate to the future of the Church, humanity, Medjugorje and the visionaries.

Aren't the messages of Our Lady too good to keep to yourself? Isn't there a friend or relative that you'd like to add to our mailing list? There is no charge for "Our Lady's Monthly Messenger", but donations are accepted. Please Note: if you add more than 2 names, please consider a donation of 20 dollars per name per year. Make checks payable to: The Mir Center. And please, no overseas orders... Thanks and God Bless!

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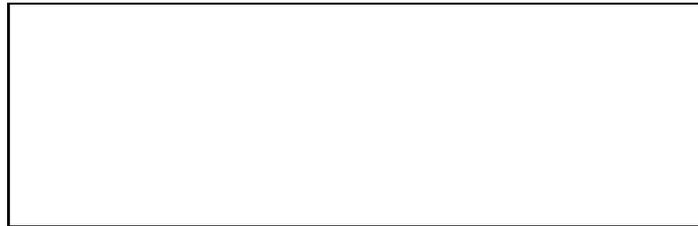
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Upcoming events:

- + **Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 5th (celebrated)**
- + **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, August 15th**
- + **The Queenship of Mary, August 22nd**



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