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While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1: 10-11)

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

Dear children, winds of peacelessness, selfishness and sin are catching hold of many hearts and leading them into peacelessness and perdition. That is why I am calling you, little children: return to God and to prayer, so that it may be good for you in the hearts and on the earth on which you live. I love you, little children, and that is why I am not tiring of calling you to conversion. 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.



The Ascension of the Lord

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Go to Prison, You Can Help Someone There

from imedjugorje.com

In August 2011, I accepted an offered plea for a crime that I did not commit. Then, I was in front of a statue of Jesus in church. I had the opportunity to either go to prison, go on probation, or fight it. From the cross, I heard, "Go to prison. You can help someone there." On my way out of the church, my mom was standing in front of the statue of Mary, and I asked her, "What did you say to her?" She said, "I just offered you to your spiritual Mother." Ever since then, I've been under Mary's mantle.

When I got to prison, I went to the chapel and asked if there was a position that needed filled, and there was a chapel librarian. In there, they had the story of Medjugorje. I read that, as well as 80 or 90 other books, the Catechism backwards and forwards. I read the Navarre Bible. I had a divine inspiration to follow our Mother. For nine months I was the chaplain librarian. Then they changed positions. I was praying the rosary, and I asked God to teach me patience. The next day the guards sent me to the education building where I was going to be a teacher for inmates serving life sentences. That taught me patience.

There was a time in July 2011, I stood in my cell and said, "Dear God, I'm sorry I haven't done anything good with my life. Even the things that I did do good, I didn't do it in Your name. But if You want me to continue living, if You could just show me a sign, I promise that I will do Your will and devote the rest of my life to whatever that is." When that happened, I got a light, so to speak, in my cell. All of a sudden, I just went wholeheartedly into our faith and started studying it, reading the Bible backwards and forwards and working with other men.

I was there 40 months and 20 months on probation. Then the first thing I wanted to do when I got out of prison was I wanted the Eucharist. They did bring the Eucharist, but I could only receive once a month, twice sometimes. This couple moved in with my dad, Ray and Diane, and they always talked about Medjugorje, and I've wanted to go. That was in 2015. Unfortunately, being just out of prison, I only had \$75 to my name.

What I started to do for the next five years or so, I would go make amends to all the people that I hurt or that I might have offended. I'm a recovering alcoholic. I've been sober over 12 years. In that time, I hurt some people so I made amends to my mom and dad and my brother. Then my estranged daughter asked me to come back to Missouri. I started to make friendships again. God has taken away my struggle with alcohol. I don't even know if they make the stuff anymore. That's kind of a joke. I know they do but I have no desire for it. Alcoholics like me, you don't think you're hurting anyone except yourself, and it's not true. When I realized that I was actually hurting people with my drinking, that scared me. My last drink was on July 27th, 12 years ago, when I realized I don't want to hurt people anymore. That was two weeks before I went to prison. I went to a priest and I did my whole life confession. I gave him everything for an hour and 55 minutes. It's kind of like having cancer. You get it all out. That's when the craving for alcohol left. The only reason we drink is because there's an emptiness inside of ourselves. Instead of filling it up with alcohol, I filled it up with God. I didn't do it on my own, that's for sure. I'm not that smart. I've been under Mary's mantle. Ever since my mom gave me to Mary, she's been protecting me. When I got here to Medjugorje, it feels like home. I have that inner peace. It just feels like I've been on a journey to get here. There's no better way to say it. I'm just home.

I Understood My Vocation as Bishop in Medjugorje

from medjugorjealtervista.org

My name is Octavius. I do not belong to the lineage of the Caesars, but I am the eighth in the family and also the last. I have been in Albania for 27 years as a missionary of the *Rogationist Fathers* and for 14 years I have been a bishop. As a bishop I had my conversion. It may seem strange to you, but it is not enough to become a priest or bishop to be of God.

I begin with my experience in Medjugorje, because there I really understood what my episcopal and priestly vocation was.

In 2000 I went to Medjugorje for the first time at the invitation of a priest who asked me to accompany him to bring some young people. I had never been there. I had heard of it, but I was not that interested in it. I didn't believe it.

I went to Medjugorje on New Year's Day. The others had gone to the blue cross. I didn't even know what it was. I thought, "It must be a cross painted blue." Then we went to a catechesis. We met one of the visionaries. It doesn't matter which one. I told her: "I came to Medjugorje to accompany some young people, but frankly I don't believe it." She told me: "Our Lady will take care of it". Enough. It all ended there.

Then other years passed. I heard about Medjugorje. I began to appreciate what was happening. So many conversions; so much prayer; people who I felt were coming and going happy, changed, renewed, converted. But I remained indifferent. If someone asked me, "Do you believe in Medjugorje?" my answer was always this: "I believe that it is a beautiful place where many people go to pray, convert, but I don't believe anything else. Whether there are apparitions or not there are I don't care. It doesn't mean anything to me personally."

A few years ago, on the occasion of my 25th anniversary of priesthood, I decide to go to Medjugorje with some other persons. I said to myself: "I will celebrate my 25 years of priesthood in a different way". We went and they invited me to go to Mt. Podbrdo. It was a strange word that I couldn't even pronounce. What is this Podbrdo? Then "let us go to the cross". "But what do you do at the cross?" "There is the way of the cross". "Okay. Let's make the way of the cross. Let's go." As soon as we arrived under the mountain I realized what the road was like. "What? Should I take this path? You are crazy! I will absolutely not do it". They forced me. I went up muttering. We arrived at the top and I continued to mumble. I was not happy at all. We returned back and I continued to mumble. I said to myself: "This will be the first and last time I come here".

Then there was the apparition on the 2nd of the month with Mirjana. Even there I participated but remained indifferent. I went home and then the trouble began. Not troubles, but beautiful things. Little by little I began to feel inside me that something was changing. Medjugorje was always present in my mind, but my pride tried to put a stop to it. I absolutely did not want to believe. When I heard so many people tell about the beautiful experiences they had in Medjugorje, I was annoyed. I felt that Our Lady was working with me, but I did not accept it. I did not accept her patience - she had so much patience with me - and God's Mercy with me.

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From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On March 25th, 2025, the visionary, Marija, received the following monthly message:

Dear children, in this time of grace when you are called to conversion, I am encouraging you, little children: offer me your prayers, sufferings and tears for conversion of hearts that are far from the Heart of my Son Jesus. Pray with me, because, little children, without God you do not have a future or eternal life. I love you, but I cannot help you without you; therefore, say 'yes' to God. Thank you for responding to my call." (With ecclesiastical approval)

Commotion in the Church of France!



homily in the anointing of the Holy Spirit...

In short, the Lord was able to pierce through that "darkness of the consciences" that reigns in our world, and reached them where they were, wandering in search of a meaning to their lives. Many have received a personal enlightenment which was totally unexpected, and amazed them. They were seized by the knowledge that God is very real, alive, and that He is pure love. They all discovered this love in the person of Christ. From then on, they decided to live with Him and to become children of God through the Sacrament of Baptism.

This year, the Easter vigil is going to be exceptional! Our bishops and priests have a hard time understanding what is happening: Who was it who evangelized to these thousands of people who are asking to be baptized on the Easter Vigil? This is unprecedented! There are 17,800 catechumens, according to the official figure, the majority of which are young adults and teenagers from all kinds of backgrounds. When asked how Christ touched their hearts, there are a variety of answers. This being said, most of them found the light of faith through social networks, a video, an audio message, an article, the life of a Saint, a testimony, a



Sister Emmanuel

Let us pray fervently for these future baptized! By coming into the Church, and through their faithful upholding of the promises of Baptism, they will make a difference in our parishes and prayer groups. Especially since their numbers are growing. May they find shepherds to help them persevere in their adherence to Christ, and bring thousands more with them! Their having said Yes to God inspires great hope and deep joy in older believers who have prayed for years.

A mystic tells us...

At the age of 17, I experienced the grace of meeting Venerable Marthe Robin for the first time. For a teenager like me, stepping into the dark, tiny room of a stigmatic was very impressive. It was as if I had Heaven at my fingertips. Her prayer rose to God, day and night, because she did not sleep. She also had remarkable common sense and a good sense of humor.

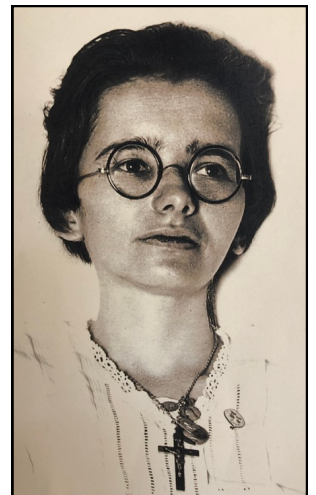
Through the retreats at the Foyers de Charité, we were able to learn some of her prophetic words. One of them is well known: "The Lord is preparing a new Pentecost of Love for the world." Are all these newly baptized believers in France a sign of the beginnings of this new Pentecost of love? And of a spiritual renewal within the major crisis of faith?

Marthe also said this: "France will fall very low, lower than other nations, because of her pride and the evil leaders she has chosen for herself. Then she will cry out to God and the Blessed Mother will come to save her." And also this: "There will come a time when, in the Church, it will seem that nothing will be left, except for a few groups who are full of fervor."

In this period of Easter, the time when we accompany Jesus in His death and resurrection, I wish to share Marthe's thoughts about the invisible realm at the moment of death and entry into eternity. Marthe could see souls and, while bilocating, sometimes all the way to China, she would accompany some people who were dying without ever leaving her bed.

Her words will help many parents who are grieving the sudden death of a young person, due to an overdose, suicide or a car accident, without preparation and without ever having known the Lord or practiced the faith. Marthe said that, "the Lord prepares the soul unconsciously."

After clinical death, the soul does not immediately enter into its eternity. There is a time when the Lord reveals Himself to it in all His splendor and light. The soul is then immersed in the divine light which is also infinite mercy. This time can last a few



Mystic Marthe Robin

Ivan Dragicevic at St. Philip's in Tennessee 4/4/2025

from veilofveronica.blog (edited for length and clarity)

At the beginning of the apparitions, Our Lady said, I am the Queen of Peace. I'm coming dear children because I am sent by my Son in order to help you. My dear children, peace, peace and only peace. Peace must reign in the world. Dear children. Peace must reign between man and God and among people. Dear children, this world this mankind is in great danger, in danger of self destruction. These were the first words, the first messages, which Our Lady gave through us to the world. From these words we can see what is the greatest desire of Our Lady. Forty-four years after the words she spoke, and you know we can address these words to this very time we are living in. These words apply to this time to the time we live in.

We distance ourselves from God. At the beginning Our Lady said, Dear Children, I'm coming to you. I'm coming to you to remind you that God exists. So decide for God. Place God in the very first place in your lives. Place God in the very first place in your families. Have a new relationship with Him, a new friendship. Mother comes to us because she wants to lead us all towards Jesus. She wants us to meet with Him in the present time. To have a new relationship with Him, He is your peace. And Our Lady invites us, that we become good apostles in this time that we become the carriers of peace, the carriers of goodness. That is why she says decide for good. Fight against evil. Fight against Satan. Fight against all evil which is present in today's world. Do not talk about peace. But start living peace. Do not talk about prayer but start living prayer.

Today, Our Lady needs each one of us, she needs those who pray. And she has repeated so many times, Dear children, pray together with me. I can realize my plan with you. You are the ones I need. Mother comes to us because she wants to strengthen each one of us in faith. She wants to strengthen the Church in faith. Because she is the Mother of the Church and that's why she said, Dear children, if you are strong, the Church will be strong as well. But if you are weak, then the Church will be weak too. You are the living Church. You are the lungs of the church. Dear children, may each one of your family become a living church. May each of your families become a chapel where prayers are said.

She said children, there is no living church without living families. One more time, there is no living church without living families and today's families are filled up with wounds. Our families are bleeding. And more than ever our families need spiritual healing and only if our families are healed spiritually that's the only way our society can be healed, and that's the way the world is going to be healed and that's why Our Lady comes to us to give us the divine cure to us and to our pains. She wants to heal our wounds to bind our wounds with so much love, so much gentleness and the warmth of the mother.

And she says, Dear children, in today's world mankind goes through the most difficult crisis and the biggest crisis is the crisis of faith in God because you distance yourself from God you distance yourself from prayer, you distance yourselves from God's love. Dear Children, in today's world, mankind walks towards a future without God. We are accepting the modernism of the world which is taking us away from God. Prayer has dis-

appeared from your families. Parents do not pray together. Fathers have no time has no time for mothers and mothers have no time for father. Children do not have time for their parents and parents do not have time for their children and love has vanished from our families. Morality is falling apart. And there are so many young people who are entering into marriages without preparation and there are more and more divorces and families are falling apart. External influences of the world, the speed of life, social media, and all of these things influence more and more young people. And Our Lady calls us with the word that I am going to share with you. And Our Lady says that 'social media' is a cancer and a cancer with metastasis in the world. And this is what is pressuring young people and keeps them away from God. It is a great big work of Satan.

Very often we say we have no time. We work a lot. We are too busy. Time is always a problem. But Our Lady says in simple words. Time is not the problem. The problem is love. When man loves something, they always find time for that. But when someone does not love something, one will never have time for that. If there is love, we will always find time, because if we love something we will find the time for it.

I would like to share with you about the apparition I had tonight here. There are no words to express everything that I want to tell you. Each meeting with Our Lady is a meeting with heaven, because a piece of heaven always comes with her. And when Our Lady comes you can see in the distance behind her, heaven. You can hear the singing from heaven. And after each meeting with Our Lady it is really hard to get back to the reality of this world. And I believe that if you were able to see Our Lady for even one second, I don't think this life would be interesting to you after the meeting. The most difficult thing for me to describe is the love of Our Lady. In one of her messages Our Lady says, **"Dear children, if you knew how much I love you, you would cry for joy."** That is how great the love of Our Mother is.

She has a greyish dress, white veil, blue eyes, rosy cheeks, black hair, she always stands on a cloud and she has a crown of stars. For each meeting with Our Lady, all of us prepare with the Rosary. And as the prayer goes on, I can feel in my heart that I am getting closer and closer to the meeting with her. And the moment I knelt down, that was the moment when Our Lady came. And the sign of her arrival is the light, we see the light that appears. And after the light, Our Lady comes. And when she comes, I am not able to see anything else. I am not able to see anything in front of me or feel anything behind me. I do not have a sense of time or space.

Our Lady came joyful to us tonight. She greeted us all with a Motherly greeting, **"Praise be Jesus, my dear children."** And after that she lifted her eyes and looked at each one of us. She extended her hands and in her mother tongue, Aramaic, she prayed for each one of us. After that, she prayed in a special way for all the priests, and in a special way Our Lady prayed for this parish. And Our Lady spent time in prayer for Our Holy Father the pope and she also prayed for vocations in the Church. After that she gave her motherly blessing to each one of us and to all of the religious articles that were brought... and after that Our Lady spent time praying for peace in the world...



Spiritual Thoughts on Pope Francis' Pontificate

by Fr. Livio Fanzaga from blogdipadrelivio.it

Dear friends, Pope Francis' Pontificate has ended in the glory and joy of Easter. I am convinced that in Heaven, after so much effort and so many tears, he is reaping the just reward which is the eternal Love of God.

There is a great proliferation of evaluations of this pontificate. Much depends on the ideological position of each one. What is the value of a person remains imprinted in the memory and of it emerges all that is truly imperishable, great and extraordinary, that makes the history of salvation.

I have meditated on which themes Pope Francis has his own identity and spiritual and historical greatness and is his concern for peace. This is the most important problem of the contemporary world. It is a question of understanding – in the light of faith – in what phase of history we find ourselves, otherwise we would not even understand the greatness of a man and those characteristic traits that he left as a legacy.

We have entered the phase of history that is that of the end times, that is, the Times of the Apocalypse. It is a long time that we can divide, in the light of Sacred Scripture, into three phases: the first phase is the first great eschatological battle between the Woman clothed with the Sun and the great red dragon; the second part is that of the time of Peace and God's gift for humanity; the third stage is the final movement of the empire of darkness which will be eternally judged and condemned by the coming of Christ in Glory.

There are many elements that say that this is the first phase of the Time of the Apocalypse, such as the fact that these will be the last Apparitions of Our Lady, who came as Queen of Peace, until the death of the visionaries. This fact alone makes it clear that we have entered the Apocalyptic phase of History which is that of Our Lady crowned with twelve stars fighting with the dragon.

I have always wondered if Pope Francis had really understood this time. However, I know for sure that from the beginning of his pontificate he had put peace as the first problem of humanity. This issue has developed over time more and more until it has become daily, from the moment Russia invaded Ukraine and what has happened in the Middle East.

He was the first Pope to foretell humanity's race to a dangerous drift: that of World War III. According to the Holy Father, it had already begun and that, although in pieces, it was being sutured everywhere through the arms race. When the war in Ukraine began – with the threat of atomic bombs – we know that he intervened forcefully in this regard, putting humanity in front of the scenario of Armageddon and total self-destruction.

The Pope understood this situation because he knew what the meaning of the presence of the Queen of Peace in Medjugorje was. Our Lady in several Messages has said that Satan wants war: ***"Satan is strong and desires to destroy not only***

your human life, but also nature and the planet on which you live" (January 25th, 1991), but she also said that it is humanity itself that wants death: ***"Humanity has decided for death"*** (October 25th, 2022); ***"The future is at a crossroads because modern man does not want God"*** (January 25th, 2023).

In her last Messages, Our Lady repeated several times to pray for those who do not want peace: ***"Little children, be my hands of peace and prayer, be love for all those who do not love, do not pray and do not want peace"*** (February 25th, 2025).

What makes Pope Francis great is precisely this harmony with the Queen of Peace and the fact that he felt perfectly with his heart what worries Our Lady. He felt the danger, he felt the attack of darkness on humanity and for this reason he spent his effort, his invocations, every Angelus, every Christmas and every Easter presenting the panoramas of the war that is advancing all over the world and that threatens to destroy it in a short time.



There are no other people – Christians or non-Christians – who understood the drama of our time better than he. It is not only a religious drama of the loss of faith but of the destruction of the world linked to each other. The loss of faith delivers the world into the hands of Satan who wants to destroy it.

This harmony with the Queen of Peace is Francis' true greatness, service for peace is what he has given in recent years and will continue to give in Heaven with his intercession. For me, this is his true legacy, he has put the Church

on alert because we live in a humanity that makes war on God and consequently makes war on itself.

This understanding that Francis had of our time and of the Message of the Queen of Peace made Medjugorje truly help. Pope John Paul II loved Medjugorje as much as Benedict XVI, but Francis made a journey from the beginning and went on to save it.

Everything was ready for a condemnation of Medjugorje by the Church. The Holy Office at the time had decided to crush the Revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska and it was the Archbishop of Krakow – Pope John Paul II – who prevented this liquidation of the wonderful theme of Divine Mercy. The same was about to happen in Medjugorje. The Pope said clearly, on his return from Fatima, that he wanted the texts of the Ruini Commission because he wanted to give a judgment himself and not leave it to the Holy Office. This led to a concrete protection on the part of the Holy Father who liberalized pilgrimages. The judgments he gave on the number, on the goodness of the conversions and on the fruits meant that the Holy See gave its permission. The Pope wanted this authorization until the end, which otherwise would have been denied.

This great event will condition humanity in the future of Medjugorje, because it is through it that the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will come. Pope Francis has put the Church

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hours before the personal judgment arrives. If death occurs after a long illness, this time is shorter. During this time, the soul sees itself in its naked truth, without confusion or illusion, it sees its heart in its truth, and the Lord asks it if it will accept His love. The soul can then throw itself into the arms of its Savior, who ardently desires to save it. Every soul is infinitely precious to Jesus - did He not redeem them at a great price?

It is the soul that freely decides its final destination for eternity, in heaven with God or in hell without God. (Purgatory is the anteroom to Heaven, where the Fire of Divine Love purifies the soul.) In Marthe's experience, most young people respond positively to the invitation of Christ.

This precious time after clinical death is decisive! This is why Marthe recommended praying a lot at the bedside of the dying, and also after their death. This is not the time to deal with material things of lesser importance. Please note! We shouldn't wait until the person is dead to call a priest! Depriving a dying person of the priestly blessing and the sacraments is to deprive that person of powerful help for his ultimate choice.

A delightful smile

On March 19th, on the feast of St. Joseph, pilgrims came to pray with the visionary, Marija, at the time of the apparition. They wanted Marija to ask Our Lady to wish Saint Joseph a Happy Birthday on their behalf. When the Blessed Mother heard this request, she began to smile with such a beautiful smile that it was difficult for Marija to describe it. What a wonderful and pure love is uniting Mary and Joseph! It reminds us of the "delightful smile" of the Blessed Mother to Little Flower, when she was very ill, and how this smile was enough to heal her!

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

On the 1st of May, we will celebrate Saint Joseph the Worker. Let us not fail to pray fervently to him, and to show him our gratitude for all he does for us! He is happy when I call him my stepfather (my Mother's spouse). Are we not one family?

Remember the Novena to Divine Mercy!

For our consolation and the salvation of many souls, this year again, we are given the opportunity to seize the exceptional graces that Jesus has reserved for our time!

Following Saint John Paul II, who canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000, and made known her writings, we want to offer the Father the Novena to Divine Mercy, every word of which Jesus himself dictated. It begins on Good Friday and ends on the 1st Sunday after Easter.

Dearest Gospa, in this Jubilee Year, more than ever, we want to live completely with you every day of this Easter 2025! Yes, we offer you our sufferings and tears; please do present them to your Son Jesus so that, united with His, they may be transformed into light and glory!

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I returned to Medjugorje again after a few months. And Also this time I went to the apparition, but no longer staying near the bar and having coffee during the time of the apparition, but staying close to Mirjana. During the apparition I felt a bit of — like someone punching me. It was as if someone was telling me, "Wake up. Open your heart that is Our Lady there".

I felt especially spiritually tested. These were not emotions. I was tested by the fact that up until then I had closed my heart. It had not been enough to have become a priest and bishop, to say that I am a man of God. There, I realized that I still did not love God and Jesus. I did not love Our Lady. For me they were the Son of God and the Mother of God, but they had not yet entered my heart. When Father Francesco asked me to give my testimony for a moment I wanted to say no, but then I said: "No. My life belongs to God and it is right that I give my life to others." I went again to Krizevac. This time I went up almost running. That road was magnificent. Every time I go there, I feel like I am walking on an asphalt road. I had a great test. The Lord was calling me to take a further step that I had not yet taken. While I was up there I had the pleasure of taking some photos. They are memories. When I got home, I noticed that in the photo next to me there was like a Host. It was not a ray of light. The shape was clearly visible, it looked like a Host and I could not attribute it to anything else. In that Host there were spots. I thought they could be the famous "5 stones". I began to be a little poetic. Then I saw that there were not 5, but more.

Returning to my diocese I tried to see that photo and understand. "What does Our Lady want to tell me? What does Jesus want to tell me?" One day we had a spiritual retreat with the priests of the diocese. We had adoration and looking at the Eucharist that photo came to mind. I said: "That is the Eucharist stained by my sins that I have not yet confessed well". Then immediately I have an inspiration that tells me: "The first priest you will meet, go and confess".

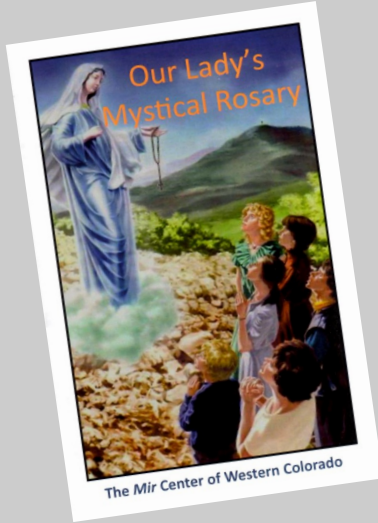
During the meeting I saw a priest from my diocese. I went to him and said: "You have to confess me". I confessed to him. Kneeling before him, crying before him, I felt a great peace within me. I had never felt the Mercy of God and Our Lady in such a powerful way in my life. At that moment I understood God's Mercy and what it means to be merciful and how much Our Lady loved me.

Now, I always go back to Medjugorje. I have a special relationship with Mirjana whom I always meet with on the day after the apparition. I talk with her for a few hours. She always tells me that I am her bishop. This gives me great honor. What I feel is that the Lord, although He had patience with me, has brought me to the point of no return where I now know the path I have to take. I know what Our Lady represents for me. Since I have been going to Medjugorje - it has been 4 years now - I no longer watch television. Before, it took away a lot of my time. I did away with it. I dedicate a lot of time to prayer. Before, I thought: "Being a bishop I have so many things to do. I don't have time for prayer." Now, not only do I have more things to do than before, but I take time away from work to devote time to prayer by saying three or four Rosaries a day, and not one a week as I did before. It seems to me that the day is no longer 24 hours, but that I have 48 hours available. I have a lot of time available to pray, meditate, for adoration. It was enough to take away that time that I wasted in front of the television or in chatting. This is the real miracle that Our Lady worked for me in Medjugorje.

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on the right frequency of Mary's long presence, far from being exhausted. This is her great legacy.

In the wake of Medjugorje, Francis became the Pope par excellence who has always fought for peace. After Russia's invasion of Ukraine, there was the consecration on March 25, 2022 in St. Peter's Basilica, of both these countries. At that moment, Our Lady appeared in Medjugorje and the Message was: **"I hear your cry and prayers for peace."**

Pope Francis has put humanity on the right path, which is that of understanding the Times in which we live, that of the great battle between the Woman clothed with the Sun and the empire of darkness, personified by the great red dragon. This is the future we have before us.

I pray with you that this Conclave will find that Pope whom God has ordained to be there and who will ascend Calvary as Mary prophesied in the Third Secret of Fatima. A Pope who will lead the Church on the way to Calvary while the soldiers with gunfire and arrows try to exterminate the Church and at the top in front of the Cross shoot him down with gunshots.

This is what we have in front of us. But Pope Francis has guided us to the threshold of this future. The next Pope, his successor, will have to make the Way of the Cross that St. John Paul II prophesied with great clarity and force at the Monastery of Fulda, when he spoke of the persecution of the Church and the bloodbath necessary for it to rise again.

Benedict XVI did not agree with what John Paul II said, that he was the Pope prophesied in the Secret of Fatima, whom Our Lady had saved from death. In reality, Benedict XVI wants to emphasize that in the Secret the Pope is killed, not wounded, so it could not have been him. The Secret of Fatima must be realized precisely in that ascent to Calvary by the Pope. This is the future of the Church and of the Pope. We must all reflect on these realities that Our Lady has revealed since Fatima.

Pope Francis had the strength to fight and never gave up. Every Sunday at the Angelus he had the theme of the war in Ukraine, in Israel and around the world. He gave a dramatic panorama on Easter Day, he understood that the world is heading towards death and he understood what the role of the Church is: to intercede and do her utmost so that the world is saved. This is exactly what Our Lady revealed in Medjugorje and Fatima. Our Lady foretold the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. May God grant that we may be the hands that work this miracle of the Queen of Peace, to save the world from self-destruction and to give our children a time of prosperity and peace.

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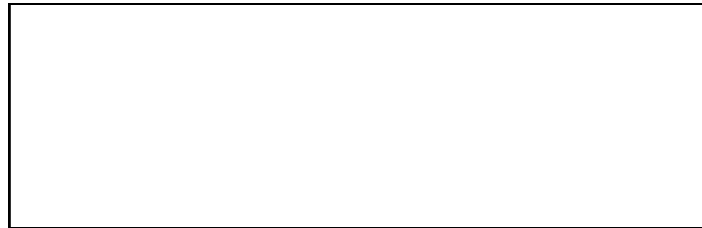
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Upcoming events:

- + **The Ascension of the Lord, May 29th (or June 1st)**
- + **Pentecost Sunday, June 8th**
- + **Corpus Christi, June 22nd**



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