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Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. (Heb 4: 14-16)

At last! Vatican Grants
Approval to Medjugorje
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Our Lady of Medjugorje's
Monthly Message of
September 25th, 2024:

Dear children, God has sent me among you, to love you and encourage you to prayer and conversion, for peace in you and in your families and in the world. Little children, do not forget that true peace comes only through prayer, from God Who is your peace. Thank you for having responded to my call." (With Ecclesiastical approval)

On the 25th of each month, Our Lady gives a message through the visionary Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti for the villagers in the parish of Medjugorje and for all those who choose to follow her on the path to holiness.



Our Lady of the Rosary

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Former Atheist Describes 'Overwhelming' Evidence of Miracles

by Sarah Mac Donald from thetablet.co.uk

Dr. Nick Wells found the weight of evidence of so many miracles convinced him that there is more to humans than just the physical. He "reluctantly" accepted the existence of God on a visit to Medjugorje.

Miracles are "effective at grabbing hold of someone's attention and forcing them to face up to the possibility that God exists, and Jesus is who he said he is", according to a physicist, who has worked for the BBC's engineering department developing digital TV.

In his presentation to a Tablet webinar, "Twenty-first century role of miracles and apparitions – can they still be a constructive faith experience?" Dr Nick Wells explained: "I didn't believe in miracles or apparitions, and so I set about studying them, confident that I would be able to disprove them."



Dr. Wells studied physics at Cambridge and completed a doctorate in Plasma Physics. As an atheist, he said his materialist understanding was that human beings are just very complicated arrangements of atoms and molecules in motion.

After his studies he worked as a research engineer for the BBC and married a Catholic. Through his wife and her Bible study friends he learnt about miracles and set out to disprove them. However, in the end,

he found that the weight of evidence of so many miracles convinced him that there was more to human beings than just the physical.

On a visit to Medjugorje he "reluctantly" admitted that God exists and was baptized on his return to Britain. He told the webinar participants: "How could I change my mind at the age of 37 when I'd been such a strong atheist? However, the weight of evidence from miracles was overwhelming."

The writings of C.S. Lewis "impressed" him by the quality and intelligence of many the arguments the Christian apologist put forward. "For the first time in my life I realized that it was intellectually respectable to be a Christian." He also found the writings of St John Henry Newman and the testimony of mystics such as Padre Pio helped.

"Over the past 37 years, my faith has grown and developed, and it has been an exciting and fulfilling journey of discovery. I find stories of modern-day miracles hugely renewing and confirming for my faith," he said. He regretted that "people are generally not open and honest in the way they think" and if they have "already made up their mind on a particular subject, they will only examine arguments and evidence that support their current position. They will ignore and refuse to consider arguments and evidence that challenge their current worldview."

Speaking about his own faith journey, he acknowledged that he needed a further conversion, after accepting that God and Jesus exist, to accept that "God cares for me individually, not just as a general member of the human race, and not just as one sheep among many in his flock. I needed to accept God as a personal God who cares for me specifically". Though this is taught by the Church, he said it can still be difficult to accept perhaps because of a sense of personal unworthiness. "Small, almost miraculous answers to prayer can be a great aid in cementing this truth within us," he said.

Cardinal Fernandez Reveals He Had Been to Medjugorje

from ncronline.org

Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, dicastery prefect, presented the note at a news conference Sept. 19th. The cardinal also showed reporters the official "*nihil obstat*" — a declaration of no objection — issued by Bishop Petar Palic of Mostar, the diocese where Medjugorje is located, authorizing public devotion there to *Mary, Queen of Peace*. The devotions in Medjugorje began after six young people, aged 10 to 16, said Mary began appearing to them in June 1981. Three of them say they still have apparitions of Mary each day, while the other three have them only on special occasions.



Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández holds up a copy of the Messages of Medjugorje at press conference

The Vatican's positive judgment of the spiritual experience connected to Medjugorje highlighted: "abundant conversions; a frequent return to the sacraments, particularly, the Eucharist and reconciliation; many vocations to priestly, religious and married life; a deepening of the life of faith; a more intense practice of prayer; many reconciliations between spouses; and the renewal of marriage and family life." The dicastery drew particular attention to the alleged messages' description of Mary as "Queen of Peace" and how they rightly offer "a vision that is theocentric and very rich in the true meaning of peace. According to this understanding, peace signifies not only the absence of war; it also has a spiritual, family, and social meaning. A constant call to abandon a worldly lifestyle and excessive attachment to worldly goods appears in the messages, along with frequent calls for conversion, which makes true peace in the world possible."

Asked if he had ever been to Medjugorje, the cardinal said he had during a trip to Europe with two confreres to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their ordinations, which would have meant the trip was in 2011 or 2012. The cardinal said he had not wanted to go, he preferred Venice or Florence, but one of the priests was a "fanatic" and they gave in. Although the bus journey was not easy, the cardinal said what he found in Medjugorje was "an environment of prayer and peace." and a desire among the pilgrims to change their lives. "We prayed, and it did us well," he said.

From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On August 25th, 2024, the visionary, Marija, received the following monthly message:

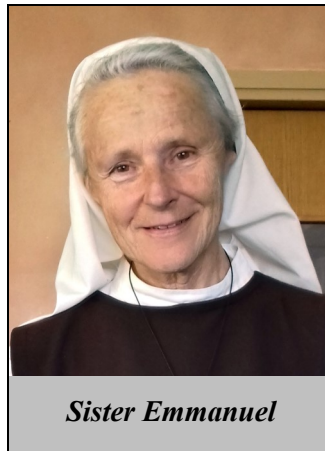
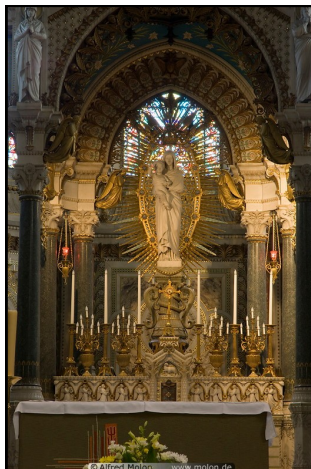
"Dear children! Today, my prayer with you is for peace. Good and evil are fighting and want to prevail in the world and in the hearts of people. You be people of hope and prayer and of great trust in God the Creator to Whom everything is possible. Little children, may peace prevail in you and around you. I am blessing you with my motherly blessing that you, little children, may be joy for all those whom you meet. Thank you for having responded to my call."

An incredible story

This is the incredible story of an anti-Catholic French man. Roland is a retired flight attendant with Air-France. When he shares his testimony, he cannot help but weep. Love is what melts his heart. He attended a protestant church from the age of 7. There were no ornaments or statues to look at, so he would sit in front of a Bible verse that was on the wall, which fascinated him: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16). He tells us:

"I had internalized that Catholicism should be rejected. To me, they were the sons of the great prostitute of Babylon, as we were taught at the time - the ultimate horror - they worshipped plaster statues.

Once during a stopover, I went to the city of Lyon (France) and walked into the famous Basilica of Fourvière. I thought to myself, "Oh dear, this temple of Babylon! Candles and statues everywhere!" However, there was a very beautiful statue of the Virgin Mary, the statue of Our Lady of Fourvière. And so, I said to her quite sternly, "Madam, I do not know you. But you know that my daughter is very sick, it is her ear, and she will probably need surgery. She is 5 years old. So, here's the thing: you are Jewish, and with Jews we can make deals. You heal my daughter, and I promise to give my life to your Son, it's a two-way street. Are you OK with that?"



Sister Emmanuel

And then I lit a candle. I did not know the *Hail Mary*, but next to me there was a cute little old lady with her mantilla on her head and her little lace gloves... She was saying the *Hail Mary*, and I repeated after her - 'Hail Mary, full of grace.' That was the first *Hail Mary* I had said in my life, which happened to be on September 8th, 1990 - the Nativity of Mary in the Church. I approached the altar, got on my knees, and I said to Jesus: "I just did a deal with your mother. And I was a bit rough with her, verbally, I told her that if she healed my daughter, I would give you my whole life. Well, I'm not going to wait for her to do it, because I don't know if she will, but I'm still going to give you my life."

I went back home after my flight to Lyon, and when my wife opened the door, she said, "I have something very important to tell you." And I said, "Me too."

It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon. When I made this deal with the Virgin Mary, the clock at Fourvière struck 3 times. It was 3 p.m. At that moment, my wife was on the couch with our daughter. She had a high fever, 40°C (104°F), and she was supposed to have an operation. My wife put her hand on our daughter's head, and she asked the Lord, "Can you do something for her?" And our daughter was healed instantly. To this day, she has never again had a problem with her ear. And my wife immediately thanked the Lord. A small alarm clock on our fireplace showed the time: it was 3pm.

A nun had come to see us a few days earlier, and she told us: "I know a village where the Blessed Mother is said to appear." I had to thank her! So, off we went, on our way to Medjugorje.

I covered my ears. Between the airport and Medjugorje, I could hear those Babylonian Catholics singing to Mary in the bus: 'Queen of the universe', they sang, and I said to myself: who on earth are these blasphemers, shut up for God's sake!! Mary is not the queen of the universe! There is only one King, and that is God and His Son. In short, I was thinking like a good protestant... Because I did not want to mingle with all those Catholics, I sat in the last row in the church in Medjugorje, all the way to the left. I was quite happy to be there, all alone. And then I don't know what happened, suddenly I burst into tears. It must have been 6:30 in the morning. And I cried, and cried, and cried...

Suddenly I saw a man dressed in a robe. I had never in all my life seen a man in a cassock. This man came up to me and asked in Italian "Confessione"? I did not know what that word meant. But because he had seen me in a fit of tears, I was ashamed, so I nodded yes. Later on, I found out his name, it was Father Slavko Barbaric, a Franciscan in the parish of Medjugorje. This man, this priest, told me all my sins!

He took me to a confessional and I understood him to say in Italian: "Do not tell me your sins, I will tell them to you". What? Really?! How could you know them, this man? And then he tells me all my sins in chronological order up to the day

(Diary of Sr Emmanuel continued on page 6)

Medjugorje: What Everyone Should Know

by Joseph Pronechen from ncregister.com

Since June 24-25, 1981, the eve and feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, when six children in a small village in Bosnia-Herzegovina first reported seeing and receiving messages from the Blessed Virgin Mary, more than 50 million pilgrims from around the world have flocked to the small village named Medjugorje.

Pilgrims attend Masses at Medjugorje's St. James Church during the day and the evening Mass is celebrated outdoors to accommodate huge crowds. They climb rocky Podbrdo — Apparition Hill — bearing a statue of Our Lady, marking where she allegedly appeared. Pilgrims also climb up Mount Križevac, praying the Stations of the Cross, journeying to the huge cross nearly 40 feet tall built by villagers in the early 20th century. They fill the lines at all the confessionals, as the sacrament of penance is offered daily.

Franciscan priests have administered to the needs of the souls of the Croatian people in the parish and region with its Mediterranean climate and fertile plains for farmers and vineyards since the 13th century, and they have been closely involved with the visionaries and pilgrims from the start of the apparitions.

The Visionaries

The six visionaries are Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti, Ivan Dragicevic, Vicka Ivankovic-Mijatovic, Jakov Colo, Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo and Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez. Always called “the visionaries,” they are now adults. While Vicka, Ivan and Marija still reportedly receive a daily apparition at the specific time of 6:40 p.m., the others do so now only on particular dates. Mirjana allegedly receives apparitions once a month, plus once a year on March 18, her birthday; with Ivanka reporting once a year on June 25, the anniversary of the first apparition, and Jakov once a year on Christmas Day.



The Message

Our Lady came to Medjugorje to show the faithful the way to peace and help convert lives so as to return to God, according to the visionaries, including to bring people to her Son, Jesus. Early in the apparitions, she reportedly identified herself as the “Queen of Peace.”

“Dear children, this is the reason for my presence among you for such a long time: to lead you on the path of Jesus. I want to save you and, through you, to save the whole world. Many people now live without faith; some don’t even want to hear about Jesus, but they still want peace and satisfaction! Children, here is the reason why I need your prayer: Prayer is the only way to save the human race” (July 30, 1987).

Five ‘Stones’

As David had five stones to defeat Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40), priests in Medjugorje explain Our Lady’s messages and directions as five stones to defeat Satan and save souls. They are:

1. Daily prayer, especially the daily Rosary.

2. Fasting — on Wednesdays and Fridays because, through fasting, wars can be stopped and natural laws suspended.

3. Reading the Bible daily and placing it in a prominent place in the home.

4. Confession. According to the visionaries, Mary requested regular monthly confession: ***“Monthly confession will be a remedy for the Church in the West. One must convey this message to the West.”*** Even Sts. John Paul II and Mother Teresa availed themselves of this sacrament weekly. Mary also reportedly said, ***“Pray, pray, pray! It is necessary to believe firmly, to go to confession regularly, and, likewise, to receive Holy Communion. It is the only salvation.”***

5. Mass and the Eucharist: Our Blessed Mother has been said to emphasize Sunday Mass and receiving the Eucharist in a state of grace, noting that Jesus gives us his graces in the Mass, and Our Lady is also said to have added the importance of going to daily Mass when possible.

Formal Commissions

In 1986, as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger formed a commission among the bishops of Yugoslavia to investigate. In 1991, the official statement from the Yugoslavia Bishops’ Conference stated that it was not determined yet if the apparitions are of supernatural origin; pilgrims are allowed to go to Medjugorje; and priests are also allowed to tend to the spiritual needs of pilgrims.

On March 26, 2010, then-Benedict XVI appointed Italian Cardinal Camillo Ruini to head a commission of cardinals, theologians, psychologists and others to examine Medjugorje. In 2016, the commission finished its report, and a year later, it was given to Pope Francis by the CDF. At that point, it had split the examination into two phases: the first seven appearances between June 24 and July 3, 1981, and all those happening later and which still continue. The report recognized the supernatural nature of the first seven appearances.

The report had four recommendations: Place Medjugorje under Vatican control; allow church-organized pilgrimages; declare Medjugorje a pontifical shrine; and declare the first apparitions authentic and supernatural. Then, in an in-flight press conference in 2017, Pope Francis said, “Concerning the alleged current apparitions, the report expresses doubts.” A year after the Pope expressed personal suspicions about the events, in May 2018, Francis assigned Polish Archbishop Henryk Hosier to help oversee all aspects of pastoral ministries in Medjugorje, thus putting Medjugorje under Vatican control. Consequently, Archbishop Hosier, officially named apostolic visitor, authorized official diocesan and parish-organized pilgrimages to promote the good fruits while not authenticating everything. In 2019, Pope Francis formally authorized organized pilgrimages to Medjugorje. In November 2021, after the death of Archbishop Hosier, Pope Francis appointed Italian Bishop Aldo Cavalli to continue the mission in Medjugorje.

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Finally: Vatican Gives Strong Approval to Medjugorje

Highest Level of Approval Given to Ongoing Events
from spiritdaily.com (Read the full document at press.vatican.va or medjugorje.hr/en)

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the assent of Pope Francis, grants approval for devotion linked to Medjugorje, recognizing the abundant spiritual fruits received at the Sanctuary of the Queen of Peace without making a declaration on the alleged supernatural character of Marian apparitions.

"The time has come to conclude a long and complex history that has surrounded the spiritual phenomena of Medjugorje. It is a history in which bishops, theologians, commissions, and analysts have expressed a series of divergent opinions."

Beginning with the words ***"The Queen of Peace,"*** the Note about the Spiritual Experience connected with Medjugorje was signed by Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández and Monsignor Armando Matteo, respectively Prefect and Secretary for the Doctrinal Section of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Pope Francis approved the Note on August 28th. It recognizes the goodness of the spiritual fruits linked to Medjugorje, authorizing the faithful to adhere to it – according to the new Norms for discerning these phenomena – since "many positive fruits have been noted in the midst of a spiritual experience, while negative and dangerous effects have not spread among the People of God." The overall judgment of the messages is generally positive, though several clarifications are offered regarding certain expressions. "It is important to clarify from the outset that the conclusions of this Note do not imply a judgment about the moral life of the alleged visionaries," and, in any case, the spiritual gifts "do not necessarily require those involved to have moral perfection."

Positive fruits

The places linked to the Medjugorje phenomenon have become pilgrimage destinations for people from around the world. "The positive fruits are most evident in the promotion of a healthy practice of a life of faith, in accordance with the tradition of the Church," reads the Note.

It recognizes "abundant conversions" of people who have discovered or rediscovered their faith, many people have returned to confession and sacramental communion, and numerous vocations have been confirmed, as well as "many reconciliations between spouses, and the renewal of marriage and family life."

"It should be noted," adds the Note, "that such experiences occur above all in the context of pilgrimages to the places associated with the original events rather than in meetings with the visionaries to be present for the alleged apparitions."

Numerous healings have also been reported. The parish of the small town in Herzegovina has grown into a place of worship, prayer, seminars, spiritual retreats, youth gatherings. "People seem to visit Medjugorje mainly to renew their faith rather than to seek help with specific requests," says the Note. Charitable works have also emerged, including the care of orphans, drug addicts, people with disabilities, and the Note

points to the presence of Orthodox Christian groups and Muslims at the Sanctuary. The Dicastery's Note continues by examining the central aspects of the messages, starting with that of peace understood not only as the absence of war but also in a spiritual, familial, and social sense. The most original title that Mary attributes to herself is indeed, ***"Queen of Peace."***

"I have presented myself here as the Queen of Peace to tell everyone that peace is necessary for the salvation of the world. Only in God can you find true joy, which is the source of true peace. Therefore, I ask for conversion" (June 16, 1983).

This peace is the fruit of lived charity, which "also implies a love for those who are not Catholic," an aspect better understood "in the ecumenical and interreligious context of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which has been marked by a terrible war with strong religious components."

God at the center

There is a frequent invitation to confident abandonment to God who is love: "We can see a nucleus of messages in which Our Lady does not place herself at the center but shows herself to be fully directed toward our union with God."

Furthermore, "the intercession and work of Mary are shown to be clearly subordinate to Jesus Christ, who is the author of grace and salvation for every person." Mary intercedes, but it is Christ who "gives the strength. Therefore, her whole maternal work consists in motivating us to turn to Christ."

"He will give you strength and joy in this time. I am close to you with my intercession" (November 25, 1993).

Additionally, many messages invite the faithful to recognize the importance of seeking the help of the Holy Spirit: ***"People are wrong when they turn solely to the saints to ask for something. The important thing is to pray to the Holy Spirit to descend upon you. When you have him, you have everything"*** (October 21, 1983).

Call to conversion

The messages also contain "a constant call to abandon a worldly lifestyle and excessive attachment to worldly goods along with frequent calls for conversion, which makes true peace in the world possible."

Conversion seems to be the focal point of the Medjugorje message. There is also "an insistent exhortation not to underestimate the gravity of evil and sin, and to take very seriously God's call to fight against evil and the influence of Satan," indicated as the origin of hatred, violence, and division.

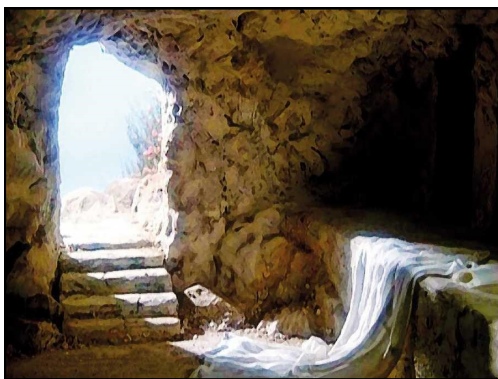
Prayer and fasting are also essential to the message of Medjugorje, as well as the centrality of the Mass, the importance of fraternal communion, and the search for the ultimate meaning of existence in eternal life.

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I was sitting in front of him. What on earth was he doing? Was he reading my mind? But that's impossible!

And then he said to me, "Va bene?" and that also I understood, so I said yes. And then he asked me 'assoluzione' (absolution)? And I thought, what the dickens does THAT word mean? So, I nodded yes, my eyes were still full of tears. And suddenly, after the absolution, things started happening. The confessional was filled with the fragrance of flowers, something between roses and lilies. Apparently, this is what they call myrrh, but I had never smelled that in my life. Being a flight attendant with Air-France on the Los Angeles flight (14 hours long), my sinuses were burned out, and I never recovered my sense of smell.



I did not see her. While I was smelling these extraordinary fragrances despite my burned-out sinuses, I saw that Father Slavko was looking very carefully over my right shoulder. I thought, "What the dickens is

this guy looking at?" And so, slightly, very slightly so as not to seem rude, I turned my head to the right. Then I quickly twisted my head to the left, I did not want to see what was happening behind me. Brothers and sisters, I did not see her, but I saw everything that emanated from the Blessed Mother. That reverberation, that illumination, in short that light above my right shoulder... If I had been less deceitful and more courageous, I too would have looked carefully. Today, I regret this, I blame myself. My heart was throbbing. "No, it can't be... this is the Virgin Mary?! No, no, no, not the Virgin Mary, no, not her! That is impossible! What am I going to say to all my Protestant brothers when I get home? What am I going to say to them?"

Roland the deacon. I met Roland in Medjugorje in 1990, some 34 years ago. He was the one who reminded me recently, after a mass in French where, as a deacon of the Catholic Church, he gave the homily. He had trouble holding back his tears when he pointed his finger to the place where he was sitting, 34 years earlier, at the back of the church, so as not to mix with those "Catholic worshippers of plaster statues!" That was where Father Slavko had come to him, without suspecting for a second what was going to follow, for himself and for Roland.

What I have written here is only a small part of Roland's testimony. Why did he wait so long to deliver the secret that has burned his heart for so many years? Out of obedience! God's timing is not ours. The priest who became his spiritual director asked him to keep the secret for all these years. It was a costly act of obedience for Roland, but one that bore good fruit. Roland is now free to speak. The message from the Gospa that follows illustrates the call that rests on him now and... on all of us!

Jesus gave it a heart.

In Medjugorje, Mary asks us to read one of her messages every day and to put it into practice. Yesterday, I came across a message that I like to quote in season and out of season, because it reveals both Our Lady's love for the Church, her pain and her hope:

"Through love, Jesus seeks unity between Heaven and earth; between the Heavenly Father and you, my children - His Church. Therefore, it is necessary to pray much, to pray and love the Church to which you belong. Now, the Church is suffering and needs apostles who by loving unity, by witnessing and giving, show the ways of God... The Church needs apostles who by living the Eucharist with the heart do great works; it needs you, my apostles of love. My children, from the very beginning, the Church was persecuted and betrayed, but day by day it grew. It is indestructible because my Son gave it a heart - the Eucharist, and the light of His resurrection shone and will continue to shine upon it. Therefore, do not be afraid!" (December 2, 2015).

This is now Roland's mission, to proclaim these celestial and indestructible realities with love. What a journey! From contempt for the Church and for the Blessed Mother, Heaven has made him a powerful witness, both through his words and through his life.

The hidden side of Father Slavko



Father Slavko was always very discreet about the graces that the Lord entrusted to him. He never flaunted any of it. Who ever knew that he had seen Our Lady and that sometimes he could read souls? No one, to my knowledge. He did not want the pilgrims to become attached to him. One day, he said to me "You see that I pray for healing every night after Mass, and I have never seen anyone get up from their wheelchair. But I am happy with this. Because the priests who are present could say to themselves: 'Well, yes, it's Medjugorje! But in my parish, this will not happen!' And then they would get discouraged." Well done dear Father Slavko!

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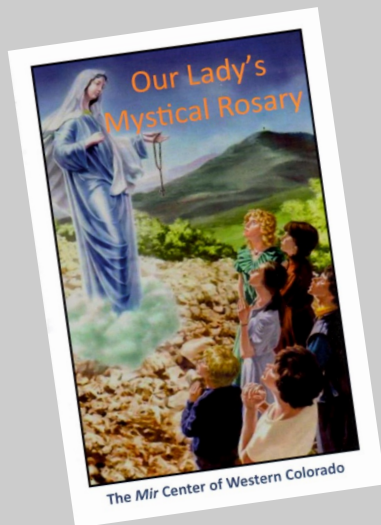
The dicastery document ends with one final message from the *Queen of Peace*, which summarizes the valuable Christocentric sense of the main messages of Medjugorje and manifests its most authentic spirit:

"Dear children, my words are simple ... I am calling you to my Son. Only He can transform despair and suffering into peace and serenity. Only He can give hope in the deepest sorrows. My Son is the life of the world. The more you come to know Him, the closer you come to Him, and all the more will you love Him because my Son is Love. Love changes everything; even that which seems insignificant to you apart from love is made most beautiful by love." (9/2/2018).

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Ten 'Secrets'

Each of the visionaries is said to have been given 10 "secrets" concerning events in the world in the near future. None can be revealed yet, except for the so-called "Third Secret." Our Lady promised to leave a supernatural, indestructible sign on the mountain of her first appearance. It will be a sign for atheists, she supposedly said, adding:

"You faithful must not wait for the sign before you convert; convert soon. This time is a time of grace for you. You can never thank God enough for his grace. The time is for deepening your faith and for your conversion. When the sign comes, it will be too late for many."

As soon as the Blessed Mother finishes her appearances, it has been reported, three warnings will be given to the world. Mirjana is to reveal them to Father Petar Ljubicic 10 days before they happen and he will announce them. After the first, there will apparently be a time of great graces and conversions.

Abundant Fruits

The spiritual fruits are apparent. Countless numbers of the more than 50 million people who have come to Medjugorje since the beginning, whether with true spiritual intent or out of curiosity, have returned home stronger in the faith and determined to put our Blessed Mother's directives into practice, according to accounts. There have been many reports of conversions and returns to the faith. Healings of various kinds, from bodies to souls, have also apparently happened. Numerous vocations have been reported coming out of Medjugorje. Since 1989, when two of the Franciscan priests there organized the Medjugorje International Youth Festival, known as Mladifest, as an annual festival of Catholic youth, 50,000 young people have come annually to attend every Aug. 1-6th. This year, over 700 priests concelebrated Mass at the Youth Festival.

In 2023, Pope Francis sent a message to those at Mladifest, saying, "I joyfully address you who are participating in the Youth Festival in Medjugorje, an occasion to celebrate and renew your faith. I hope you will live these days as a spiritual pilgrimage that will lead you to encounter the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist, in Adoration, in Confession, in biblical catechesis, in silent prayer and the Rosary, and also through testimonies."

Many of those going to Medjugorje have taken to heart what Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace, is reported to have said: ***"I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and peace, you must return to God."***

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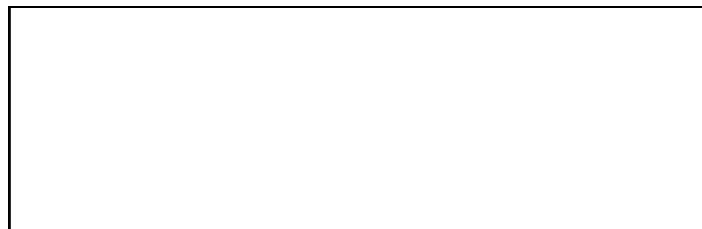
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Upcoming events:

- + **Holy Guardian Angels, October 2nd**
- + **Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7th**
- + **All Saints Day, November 1st**



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

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