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This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit...do not be afraid to take Mary into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. *(Mt 1: 18-20)*

Our Lady of Medjugorje's Monthly Message of November 25th, 2026:

Dear children! In this time of grace, I am calling you to unite with me in prayer for peace. Do not lose hope, little children, and be love for all those who have lost the meaning of living. Open your hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit to prepare and guide you in the expectation of the birth of Jesus. And may your response, little children, be joy and prayer for all who have not come to know the God of love. 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 Nativity of the Lord

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Ivan on Peace

From Spiritofmedjugorje.org

Reflection by Ivan Dragićević on the message of October 25th given to Marija: (*Read the full message on page 3*)

"This message from Our Lady is not merely a call to prayer. It is a maternal cry for humanity, which is increasingly losing its peace because it is drifting away from God.

Our Lady warns us that wars do not begin on the battlefield, but in the human heart. Where love fades—where selfishness, pride, and hatred take hold—there arises a restlessness that destroys families, nations, and the entire world.

I am particularly deeply moved by these words: ***"Pray more intensely and more often for the peace that God wishes to give you, but which you do not desire."***

How serious these words are! God desires to bestow peace upon us, yet man often closes his heart to this gift. Today, Our Lady does not call us to be mere observers of the world's tragedies. She desires that we become her outstretched hands of love and peace.

We cannot change the entire world all at once, but we can allow God to change our hearts today. Therefore, let us not merely ask when the wars in the world will end. Let us instead ask: when will the wars in our own hearts, in our families, and in our relationships with one another come to an end? For the peace we seek in the world must first take root within us.

Our Lady does not call us to fear the future, but to take responsibility for the present. She does not call us to despair, but to prayer and hope. May our response to this message not be limited to beautiful words; rather, let it be a conversion—a deeper commitment to prayer, the act of forgiveness, and concrete deeds of love. For the world does not just need people who speak about peace. Today, the world needs people who carry God's peace in their hearts.

The Hour of Grace

from bookofheaven.com

During the period of November 24th, 1946 to December 8th, 1947, the Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Pierina in a little church in Montichiari, Italy, eleven times. On the first appearance the Blessed Mother told Sister Pierina She wanted to be known as the Mystical Rose and that an Hour of Grace should be kept at noon, December 8th, in all the Catholic Churches of the world. The Blessed Mother wanted this to be known through all Italy, and the entire world.

It was November 16, 1947 when Sister Pierina was finishing Her Thanksgiving after Holy Communion when she saw a great light. She then saw a vision of the Blessed Mother as the Mystical Rose. Sister was so deeply moved by the stunning beauty of Our Lady that she began talking to Her. All of a sudden a gentle force made her kneel down in front of Our Lady. The Blessed Mother spoke these words. ***"My Son is so greatly offended by the sins of impurity. He is already planning to send the deluge upon the people, for their destruction, but I have asked Him to show mercy, and not send the destruction. So that is why I have appeared, to ask for penance and atonement for the sins of impurity."***

On the 22nd of November, Sister Pierina felt the overwhelming urge to go to church at 4:00. The Mother Superior, four Sisters, and a group of friends accompanied her. They were all saying the Rosary when the Blessed Mother appeared as before. Again, Our Lady asked for penance. She said, "Penance is nothing more than accepting all our crosses daily willingly. No matter how small, accept them with love." At this time She told Sister Pierina to come again on December 8th at noon. "This will be my Hour of Grace." The Sister asked how she was to prepare for this Hour of Grace? To which the Blessed Mother said, "with prayers and penance. Pray the 51st psalm with outstretched arms three times. During the Hour of Grace, many spiritual graces would be granted. The most hard-hearted sinners will be touched by the grace of God." The Blessed Mother promised that whatever a person asked her for during this Hour of Grace (even in impossible cases) would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the Will of the Eternal Father.

On the morning of December 8th, people began arriving at the little church at 8:00 in the morning from neighboring towns. By noon, some 10,000 people had gathered to see the Blessed Mother. In the most gentle and loving voice, Our Lady smiled and began to speak to Sister Pierina: ***"I am the Immaculate Conception, the Mother of my Beloved Son, Jesus. I want to be known as the Mystical Rose. My wish is that every year on the 8th of December, at noon, an Hour of Grace will be observed. Many spiritual graces and physical blessings will be received by those who pray, undisturbed, during this hour."*** During this hour from Noon till 1:00pm the person making the Hour of Grace either at home or in a church must put away all distractions. Begin the Hour of Grace by praying three times the 51st Psalm with outstretched arms. The rest of the Hour of Grace may be spent in silent communication with God, adoring the Blessed Sacrament, meditating upon the Passion of Jesus, saying the Holy Rosary, the Chaplet of Mercy, etc...



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From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.sremmanuel.org

On October 25th, 2026, the visionary, Marija received the following monthly message:

Dear children! A fire of hatred and wars is spreading in the hearts of people who do not want peace but their own weak interests. That is why, little children, you be prayer and my extended hands of love and peace for all those who are far from my motherly heart. Pray more strongly and more for the peace that God desires to give you, but you do not want it. I am with you and I am praying that peace may prevail and begin to reign in every heart. Thank you for responding to my call. (With ecclesiastical approval)

I am leaving now

Fr. Dan Reehil, an American exorcist priest familiar with Medjugorje, recounts an interesting incident that happened to a fellow exorcist priest. That priest had to interrupt a prayer session to attend to a woman who was possessed by a demon. As soon as he reached her, the demon addressed him and began to mock him, letting out a loud, sneering laugh: "You can do whatever you want today; I'm not coming out! Not until tomorrow!" Unfazed, the priest replied calmly: "Well, in that case, I'll simply pray the Rosary…"

At that moment, the demon stopped laughing abruptly and declared with vexation: "Ah, if you are praying the Rosary, then I am leaving now!



The power of the Rosary has remained as relevant as ever since the day Our Lady gave it to Saint Dominic. The miracles wrought through the Rosary are countless: victories over evil, deliverance from crushing burdens, the conversion of even the most hardened hearts, consolation in times of trial, special assistance from the Holy Spirit, tangible interventions by the Blessed Mother, fruitfulness in the apostolate, reconciliations, the prevention of wars, the avoidance of earthquakes, and so on.

But why is the Rosary so powerful? Its fruitfulness does not lie in the mere repetition of beautiful words, recited with the lips, but in the fact that, through the mysteries, we journey together with Our Lady through the entire life of Jesus. Now,



Sister Emmanuel

Satan cannot endure the person of Jesus, who defeated him on the Cross, and he cannot tolerate those who enter into these mysteries. He loses his grip and lets go of his prey. This is why it is important not only to carefully name the mystery being prayed, but also to meditate upon it; for every mystery, when prayed well, draws us closer to Jesus and His Mother. Each mystery brings us deeper into the embrace of Jesus. In this way, holiness can grow within us—even without our realizing it. ***"Satan is angry",*** Mary tells us, ***"and by his deception, wants to lead away all the more hearts from my motherly heart"*** (06/25/2011).

For Padre Pio, the Rosary served as armor that protected him from the Evil One. This enemy relentlessly sought to bring about his downfall. This is why, on his own personal battlefield, Padre Pio could not do without this weapon; it was by this means that he snatched so many souls from Satan and brought them back to God.

The 48th anniversary of my vows

Today, on November 18th, the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, I am celebrating my 48th anniversary of my vows! Please pray for me, that I may improve my dedication to the One who chose to take me as His spouse for eternity!

The death of Fr. Slavko

On November 24th, we will celebrate the birth into Heaven of Father Slavko Barbarić. He wished to die in Medjugorje, and the Lord granted his wish by coming to take him at the top of Mount Križevac, following the Stations of the Cross he had led for the parish. The very next day, November 25th, the Blessed Mother - if I may put it this way - "canonized" him. He had spent so many years living out her messages, in close contact with the visionaries, whom he listened to with an open heart. Since his primary role from Heaven is to intercede for us, here are a few testimonies that prove he is certainly not idle!

At the age of thirty, she wept often, for she had still not found a partner to marry. Following a friend's advice, she went to share her sorrow at the grave of Father Slavko. The next day, on the bus ride home, a pilgrim sat down beside her - a man who, before long, would become her husband. Father Slavko certainly knew how to act quickly - just as he used to do when he was still on earth!

Another person was saddened by the fact that she had no children. One of my sisters suggested that she go and pray before Fr Slavko's memorial stone on Mount Krizevac. She did so, and a year later, she returned to Medjugorje - overjoyed to be able to show my sister the beautiful baby she held in her arms: a little boy named… Slavko, of course!

*(**Diary of Sister Emmanuel** continued on page 6)*

Medjugorje: The Visible Signs

by Don Mario Brutti from Medjugorje.altervista.org

There are signs that have been seen by everyone, *"visible signs"* if we want to call them that, witnessed by the parishioners and the locals, and then by the pilgrims, from the beginning of the apparitions, such as flashes of light, signs in the sun, the particular sign seen in the sky of Medjugorje by the locals, that is, the inscription in gold letters ***"MIR"***, which means "peace", formed in the sky in a very clear way, and which has never been repeated, certainly not the result of chance, but of the One who presented herself as the "Queen of Peace".

Here is Father Jozo recounting the fact: "When I came out of the church, I saw the people kneeling on the ground, and I said: My God, what is happening? I turned my gaze towards the hill of Krizevac and saw what the people saw too: the hill was full of light! You couldn't see the cross, but the figure of Our Lady. Then the cross appeared again and under it the inscription: Peace! Even the people who were in front of their own houses saw the same thing that we saw in front of the church."

Another testimony of the same event: "Suddenly I saw on the hill the word: *Peace!* Then it moved towards the church and stopped between the two bell towers. It was written in golden letters. Everyone could see it."



In the early days, the word MIR appeared in the sky above the church

Another testimony, collected from the mouth of a local resident, who recounts: "I was working in the fields, when I looked up at the hill of the cross. The cross disappeared... In place of the cross there remained a whiteness like a moving veil. I knelt on the bare ground and began to pray. Instead of the Cross, I saw the figure of Our Lady. Then the Virgin moved to the west and her figure disappeared.".

Yet another witness said: "I was praying with my eyes closed under the Cross. I opened my eyes and the Cross was gone. It was a shock, because I couldn't understand how a 15-meter-high cross could disappear. At the same time I felt something inside me that I cannot describe. I rubbed my eyes, but the cross was not there. I felt a great joy like I was in another world and I felt a breeze of light air hitting my face."

One of the visionaries interpreted the fact of these phenomena and other signs as follows: "I think that Our Lady at the beginning gave signs, so that everyone would understand that She appeared to us, that we really saw Our Lady."

Some pilgrims testified to me that they saw the Krizevac cross spinning on itself and shining with a red light, as if it were incandescent: "It was red light!", they told me.

"I saw the cross of Krizevac turn on itself, the horizontal arm spin around the vertical pole, quickly, like a dance, a whirling pirouette. I pointed this out to some priests and pilgrims and they exclaimed: 'Look how it turns!' The strange fact is that some see, and others do not. I can't explain why".

A lady told me this episode: "In the evening I had gone to the blue cross. It was 10 p.m. and there was a group from Bergamo who had gathered there to pray. The priest who led the group was instructing the pilgrims and exhorting them to entrust the trials of life and their sufferings to the Lord and Our Lady. Together with those pilgrims there was also a Bishop who accompanied this group, and he too had laid his hands on the pilgrims present, and many had fallen to the ground and "rested in the Spirit".

Then the Bishop addressed those present: he said that he was very comfortable where he is now, and other things that I do not remember. Some of those present had told me that they would go up to Krizevac during the night, because the next day they were leaving to return to Italy. He raised his eyes to the mountain of the cross and, while the Bishop continued to speak, he saw the cross turn a red color, illuminated, and from the sides came a white light that descended from the mountain, as if tracing a path.

The cross was all red, it had no flames, but that red light emanated from it. I asked some ladies who were next to me, if they also saw what I saw. They nodded yes. Suddenly, instinctively, I went to the Bishop and said: "Do you also see the cross illuminated in red?" "No," he replied, without looking, "it must be the lighthouse below that illuminates it!". In return, I told him: "No, Father, it is the cross that is red". Finally, he raised his eyes, turned towards Krizevac: he immediately crossed his hands and began to tremble like a leaf, and you could see that he was crying. Other women meanwhile asked me: "What is that red cross?" I raised my hands to say: I don't know! Some young people also saw the cross completely red. Back at the hotel, since I couldn't fall asleep, every half hour I got up to look: the phenomenon lasted all night. I wanted to call someone from my group, but I was afraid to disturb anyone. At 5.30 in the morning I woke up a couple of friends to show them the red cross glowing, incandescent, but without flashes or flames, of red light, and they too saw the same thing. At 6 a.m. at sunrise, the cross returned to its cement white color. At breakfast, a father said to his daughter: "Do you know what I saw this morning?". The daughter replied: "But I have seen it like this since last night!".

Another fact witnessed by other people: "I saw the sun beating as if it were a heart, spinning and sending rays of light in various colors. You could also stare at it. An American gentleman prostrated himself on the ground saying: "My God! My God!". Others have said: "The sun looked like a large host, on which one could see the initials '*JHS*', that is, the initials of the Eucharistic symbol: Jesus Savior of mankind! In Latin: "**J**-esus **H**-ominum **S**-alvator". More than one pilgrim has testified to me that he was able to stare at the sun with the naked eye, and for a long time, without suffering damage to his eyesight: "It was strange, because it flickered and strangely I could stare at it without tears in my eyes".

I saw a large group of swallows whiz by, above our heads. But suddenly, as if at an established signal, I saw many swallows coming from all directions, a lot of them... and, just at the height of the blue cross, they went around an empty point, as if there was someone, and they danced around this point in the air and, from the shape, it seemed that they were going around a person, and they sang as if to celebrate. While this was happening, I told it to someone who was close to me and who, as many do when the apparition occurs, close their eyes to be more collected, more concentrated in prayer, and they too noticed the same thing. Then, suddenly, the birds disappeared, rising upwards and disappeared.

*(**Signs in Medjugorje** continued on page 7)*

A New Apostolic Visitor for Medjugorje

from en.medjugorje-news.com

Great news for Medjugorje came from the Vatican today! Pope Leo XIV appointed Monsignor Francesco Cavina, retired bishop of the Italian diocese of Carpi, as the new apostolic visitor with a special role for the parish of Medjugorje. At the same time, he accepted the resignation of Monsignor Aldo Cavalli, who had held this important office since 2021.

The decision was officially announced on Saturday, October 31, 2026, through the Holy See Press Office. It is a significant change for Medjugorje, a famous Marian pilgrimage site that has been attracting believers from all over the world for decades.

According to an official announcement from the Holy See, Pope Leo XIV has accepted the resignation of Archbishop Aldo Cavalli from the office of Apostolic Visitor with a special role for the parish of Medjugorje.

In his place, Monsignor Francesco Cavina, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Carpi , was appointed for an indefinite period, according to the provision *ad nutum Sanctae Sedis*, that is, until the Holy See decides otherwise.

This appointment continues the special pastoral care of the Holy See for the parish of Medjugorje, its faithful and the numerous pilgrims who come from different parts of the world.



Newly appointed Bishop Francesco Cavina

The new Apostolic Visitor was born on February 17, 1955, in Faenza, in the Italian province of Ravenna. After completing classical high school, he began his theological education at the Benedict XV Regional Seminary in Bologna. He was ordained a priest on May 15, 1980. In 1981, he obtained a licentiate in dogmatic theology, and continued his education in Rome, where he stayed at the Pontifical Institute of Capranica. He obtained a doctorate in canon law at the Pontifical Lateran University.

During his priestly ministry, he performed various pastoral, educational, administrative, and church-legal duties. His experience in the Secretariat of State of the Holy See is particularly significant, where from 1996 to 2011 he worked in the Department for Relations with States and International Organizations.

Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Bishop of Carpi on 14 November 2011. He was ordained a bishop on the 22nd of January 2012. He served as Bishop of Carpi until June 26, 2019, when Pope Francis accepted his resignation from the administration of that diocese. The previous Apostolic Visitor, Monsignor Aldo Cavalli, was appointed to this position on November 27th, 2021, by decision of Pope Francis. He succeeded Polish Archbishop Henryk Hoser, the first Apostolic Visitor to Medjugorje, who passed away in August 2021. During his ministry, Monsignor Cavalli was connected to the daily life of the Medjugorje parish, the Franciscans, and numerous pilgrims. In October of this year, he turned 80, and his departure marks the end of an important period of the Holy See's special pastoral care for Medjugorje.

The office of Apostolic Visitor has a special pastoral importance. Its purpose is to monitor the life of the parish, the spiritual needs of the faithful, and the pastoral care of pilgrims, in communion with the Holy See. Over the past decades, Medjugorje has become a place of strong prayer life, numerous conversions, sacramental confessions, Eucharistic celebrations, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

A particularly important moment occurred on September 19th, 2024, when the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith published the document "Queen of Peace" , which recognized the abundant positive spiritual fruits of Medjugorje and gave ***nihil obstat*** to the associated spiritual devotion. This decision enables public veneration and promotion of the spiritual fruits of Medjugorje, while the decision itself does not refer to the proclamation of the supernatural nature of the event.

The document also lists the responsibilities of the apostolic visitor in pastoral monitoring of Medjugorje and discerning future and previously unpublished messages of Our Lady before their publication. The appointment of Msgr. Cavina therefore represents a continuation of the direct attention and pastoral care of the Holy See for Medjugorje, and not an interruption of the previous approach.

The arrival of Bishop Francesco Cavina marks the beginning of a new era in the service of Apostolic Visitor for the parish of Medjugorje. His many years of experience in pastoral care, canon law, and service to the Holy See will provide an important foundation for carrying out his new task. For the parish of Medjugorje, its Franciscans, parishioners and numerous pilgrims, this decision is yet another confirmation of the lasting pastoral connection of Medjugorje with the Holy See. Medjugorje continues its prayer life, and at its center remain the call to conversion, prayer, peace, the sacraments, and an encounter with Jesus Christ through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mary always leads us towards Jesus Christ

In a recent sermon on the Feast of the Assumption, Monsignor Cavina particularly emphasized that Mary's greatness stems from her unique relationship with Jesus Christ. Mary is not only an example of faithfulness and obedience to God, but also a Mother who, through her intercession, accompanies believers on their journey towards the Lord. Speaking about her life, he emphasized the importance of accepting God's will and following Christ even when one goes through difficulties. Such thinking echoes the spirituality that numerous pilgrims find in Medjugorje, where Our Lady is especially venerated as the Queen of Peace and continually leads us to her Son.

***(Diary of Sister Emmanuel** continued from page 3)*

Well, nothing is automatic with God, but when you have such a saint who wishes you well from Heaven, why not ask him for an abundance?!

For ten years, I was in contact with Father Slavko, and he taught me a lot: The importance of putting God first in our lives. Never avoid prayer for anything, unless it is for an urgent act of charity. Do not indulge in useless words. Remain faithful to the duties of your state in life, no matter the cost. Read and re-read the messages of Our Lady, and meditate upon them deeply, so as to truly enter into the plan she wishes to carry out through you and Medjugorje. Do not dwell on the harm you have suffered; instead, always forgive and move forward, leaving no room for bitterness. Pray for the grace to have love for every person whom God places on your path…

Death is not an end but a doorway

And what happens after death? No matter how much we turn the question over and over in our minds, one reality remains clear for everyone: one day, we will leave this world - and we do not know when. Tomorrow? Fifty years from now? And where will we go?

"Death is not an end; it is a doorway," said Father Cantalamessa, the Pope's well-known preacher. Our Lady goes even further, saying***: "Death does not exist! It is a transition from this life to the other life… After death, there is eternity."*** The visionary, Vicka, who has seen Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell, once said: "Dying is like moving from one room to another within the same house." Then, correcting herself, she added: "Or rather, it is like moving from one corner of a room to another corner of the same room!"

When I asked her how to have a "*good death*," she replied: "It's quite simple: When you wake up in the morning, you immediately turn toward God and thank Him for the new day of life He has granted you. Then, you decide to do everything exactly as He pleases - you do your best! From that moment on, you strive to do good at every turn, regardless of whether you feel tired or not; it is He who provides the strength. You welcome everyone with your whole heart, for the Gospa has invited them here (to Medjugorje)—and often they have traveled from very far away. You must share the messages with them, even if your head is spinning and it feels difficult…"

Vicka described her own day to me in this way, along with her awareness that she was merely an instrument in the hands of the Blessed Mother for the many pilgrims who came to her. But this applies to each of us: we have to place God and His immense love first! We should thank Him for everything (and, above all, try to never complain!). As for the rest… we must simply do our best, according to our own individual calling, knowing that God is with us, that He fights alongside us, and that He never abandons those who place their trust in Him.

For 45 years, Mary has been explaining to us, through her messages, the path to holiness and how to go straight to Heaven. ***"The goal of your life is Heaven!",*** she said. She does not tell us that this is easy, for she is well aware of our sufferings and the snares that the Evil One places along our path. Yet, she assures us of her powerful intercession and her maternal presence by our side in the battles we must face. ***"Let your only instrument always be love!"*** she tells us (07/31/86). Medjugorje is a school of simplicity! Mary asks us to read one message each day—do you do so?

Let us not forget Saint Joseph, who died in the arms of Jesus and Mary, before Jesus' public life. He is the "patron saint of a happy death," and anyone who invokes him with faith will not be disappointed on the last day!

A work of mercy for November

Do not let November end without performing a beautiful act of love for your neighbor: help free a soul from Purgatory—perhaps one of your own deceased loved ones—during this jubilee year, which concludes on January 10th, 2027 (in honor of the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi). Could it be that one of them is suffering greatly and awaiting our prayers so that they may enter Heaven?

Why not also pray for the release of a priest who is suffering in Purgatory? Our Lady, who frequently visits Purgatory, could herself choose a priest for this purpose. Once freed from Purgatory, such a priest—overjoyed at his liberation—might then assist some of his brother priests here on earth who have strayed onto the path of sin and are at risk of being lost. What an immense benefit this would be for the Church and for our deeply wounded world! While all our prayers are valuable, the offering of the Holy Mass is the most fruitful means of delivering a soul from Purgatory, for upon the altar, it is Jesus Himself who prays to His Father! Furthermore, in doing so, we gain new intercessors in Heaven who, in turn, will assist us.

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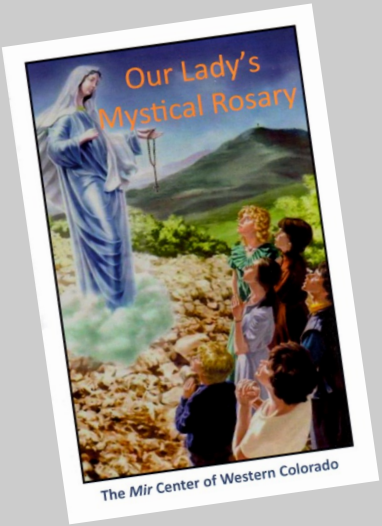

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***(Signs in Medjugorje** continued from page 4)*

What impressed me most is how in a moment they had arrived, and also, in a moment, they had vanished. And immediately a person began to read Our Lady's message which showed that the apparition had just ended. She said:

"Dear children! Already for a long time I am giving you my motherly heart and offering my Son to you. You are rejecting me. You are permitting sin to overcome you more and more. You are permitting it to master you and to take away your power of discernment. My poor children, look around you and look at the signs of the times. Do you think that you can do without God's blessing? Do not permit darkness to envelop you. From the depth of your heart cry out for my Son. His Name disperses even the greatest darkness. I will be with you, you just call me: 'Here we are Mother, lead us.' Thank you." (May 2nd, 2009).

And this person continued: "I don't go in search of these things: I like to observe, and these things happen to me suddenly, and what impressed me most is that within this whizzing of swallows, around this point, there seemed to be Our Lady! It was a very wonderful thing! I have noticed on other occasions, during the apparitions that I have had the grace to attend, that in the time before the apparition the birds sing, and then everything stops, as if time no longer existed and we entered eternity, and when the apparition is over everything begins again, the birds begin to chirp again. There is a moment of eternity; and a peace enters the heart that is not of this world, but comes from above, as if there were a presence!

For having witnessed these facts, the flashes of light, these extraordinary "signs", some of the inhabitants of Medjugorje, under the communist regime, had to suffer imprisonment. "I came home from work and the police called me to the police station to question me. They accused me of manipulating the children. They said that it was all my staging, that the Madonna did not appear. I had witnesses who had gone up the hill with me and who had seen the light, the flashes of light, the rotating cross and the play of the sun's rays of different colors. The police replied that they didn't need witnesses and they put me in jail where I remained for two months, just for my statements".

Finally, we point out one last fact: the scent of roses! Here is what one lady said: "During a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, I was between Vicka's brother's house and her mother's house. There was a group of about fifteen people, and suddenly we all smelled a very intense scent of roses. It was an incredible thing, very strong, even into some rooms of the guesthouse. If you stop to smell it better, you don't smell anything, and then you smell it again. I can't understand why". Jesus says in the Gospel about the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven: "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little ones". I believe that the Lord reserves these sensible signs for the simple, for the little ones, to comfort them in their faith but not for the 'rationalists' those who want to investigate and explain everything with their minds and their human capacities. God reveals himself to the little ones, the simple ones, the childlike.

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 that 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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6	7	8 ***The Immaculate Conception***	9	10	11	12 ***Our Lady Of Guadalupe***
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Upcoming events:

+ The Immaculate Conception, December 8th
+ Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12th
+ The Nativity of the Lord, December 25th
+ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 27th

Our Lady's Five-Point Program
**Conversion*
**Prayer*
**Fasting*
**Peace*
**Reconciliation*

MISSION STATEMENT

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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