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M y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and Holy is his Name. (Lk 1:46-49)

Our Lady of Medjugorje's Monthly Message of July 25th, 2024:

Dear children, with joy I have chosen you and am leading you, because in you, little children, I see people of faith, hope and prayer. May you, little children, be led by the pride that you are mine, and I am leading you to Him, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. And I am with you so that peace may win in you and around you, because it is with this intention God has sent me to you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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







The Assumption

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# Rosa Mystica Apparitions Approved

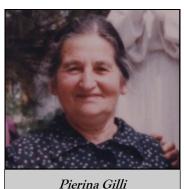
from forosdelavirgen.org

On July 5, 2024, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith published the highest possible approval for a Marian apparition, according to the new norms issued on May 17, 2024. The text reads: "No elements have been found in the messages disseminated by Pierina Gilli (the seer of the Mystical Rose) that directly contradict the teaching of the Catholic Church on faith and morals." This approval finally corrects an unsustainable error. On the one hand, the apparition showed enormous fruits, such as messages free of theological errors and with accurate predictions. Also, a number of congregations were founded since the apparitions, as well as civil associations and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Also, the thousands of miracles of

the image of the Rosa Mystica around the world, which have cried tears of oil, water, blood and even honey, and have been related to numerous physical healings. And on the other hand, it corrects the error of the persecution suffered by the visionary by the first bishop. The then bishop, Monsignor Giacinto Tredici, formed an investigation in 1951 that acted with prejudice. Opinions in favor of the apparition were silenced, to give way only to opinions contrary to its credibility.

Pierina Gilli was placed for forty days without contact with the outside world: she could not go to confession, she could not talk to relatives and she could not receive the Eucharist. And she was told that if she did not deny the apparitions she would be excommunicated. And yet, she never retracted her testimony. Why was so much fury directed against her? Because the message of the Virgin was politically incorrect.

The Blessed Mother, as the Rosa Mystica showed herself to Pierina, first in a white tunic with three swords on her chest. The first sword signified the culpable loss of the priestly or religious vocation. The second sword, the life in mortal sin of persons consecrated to God. And the third sword, the betrayal of those people, who, by abandoning their priestly or religious vocation, also lose their faith and become enemies of the church.



appear to Pierina with 3 roses on her chest. The white rose symbolized the spirit of prayer, the red rose, the spirit of sacrifice to make reparation for sin, and the yellow rose, the spirit of penance. These roses were a call by the Virgin for us to correct the errors of the three specific categories of consecrated persons symbolized by the swords. For the Church at that time, with the seminaries still full, such an

Later, Our Lady would

explicit and dramatic reminder of the shortcomings and negligence of priests and consecrated persons was unthinkable. Like the apparitions at Garabandal, which also fell prey to opposition, Our Lady warned of a great crisis of faith that would strike her favorite sons, the consecrated priests. And she called for a new conversion in the face of the spread of indifference and grave sins. At the time the message seemed to many priests the complete madness of a self-styled seer. But today, after the crisis of clerical abuse, the resounding fall of vocations and widespread apostasy, everyone can recognize that there was a prophecy in the messages of the Virgin. And her warnings were also severe for the laity. In fact, in 1966 the Mystical Rose denounced practical atheism, as the cause of much personal and social suffering, from which also derives indifference to the Eucharist.

The Virgin appeared to Pierina in several stages, the most significant, due to the number of messages, were those at Montichiari. And later the stage in a nearby field called Fontanelle, where today is a sanctuary and a healing water fountain. At the age of 20, Pierina entered the convent of the Servants of Charity sisters, but she had to leave due to health problems. Then she worked as a nurse and at the age of 32, in 1944, she entered the convent again as a postulant, but had to leave again due to a serious ailment, meningitis. And on December 17, 1944, Saint Mary Crucified of the Rose, the holy foundress of the congregation, appeared to her, carrying a small glass vial with oil given to her by the Blessed Virgin, and she healed her. The apparitions of this saint were frequent to Pierina, bringing her strength in the trials to which she would be exposed

Our Lady asked that in each community there be three sisters who offer themselves as mystical roses. One in a spirit of prayer, to make reparation for the offenses to Our Lord of the religious who betray their vocation. Another with a spirit of sacrifice, to make reparation for the offenses of the religious that live in mortal sin. And another in a spirit of immolation, to make reparation for the offenses that the priests, who act like Judas, give to Our Lord, and in particular for the sanctification of the priests.

The next period of apparitions was from 1944 to 1949, in Montichiari, where the Virgin encouraged Pierina to live from love and for love. Then comes a long period of trial from 1949 to 1960, which were years of great provocations and suffering. In 1951, she would be received by Pius XII. In 1960 the next period of apparitions began, which lasted until 1966, when Pierina visited the place of the apparitions of Fontanelle for the last time. It is during this period that the healing water fountain appeared in Fontanelle. In 1968 the last period of apparitions began, which continued until 1991, when Pierina died. At Fontanelle the Virgin made the following requests: The worldwide union of Reparative Communion for all the outrages and offenses against Jesus in the Eucharist on the 13th of each month, a date linked to the apparitions of Fatima. Also, the Confession of sins, participation in Holy Mass, Holy Communion, the recitation of the Rosary and an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. And on December 8 at noon, the Hour of Grace, where numerous spiritual and corporal graces would be available.



Rosa Mystica

### From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

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

"Dear children! I rejoice with you and thank God for permitting me to be with you, to lead you and love you. Little children, peace is in danger and the family is under attack. I am calling you, little children: return to prayer in the family. Put Sacred Scripture in a visible place and read it every day. Love God above all that it may be good for you on earth. Thank you for having responded to my call."

#### A Priest's heart in danger!

Father Rock, an American parish priest with 15 years of service, was able to overcome an obstacle that he thought would be impossible to survive. From the very beginning of his ministry, he suffered great injustices. Certain people spread all sorts of negative and false things about him, destroying his reputation. His superiors believed these slanders, prolonging this dark shroud over him for a long time. Father Rock suffered terribly, and couldn't bring himself to forgive these slanderers.

One day, he went to confession to a very experienced older priest who listened to the story of Father Rock's misfortunes, and his persistent inability to forgive. However, rather than showing him compassion and understanding, the confessor unexpectedly began to show Father Rock his pride and self-importance, telling him that he was leading his own life instead of letting it be led by God and his Word. He invited Father Rock not only to forgive his enemies, but also to wish them well.



Following this confession, Father Rock felt completely discouraged. But in the nights that followed, Jesus worked hard on his heart and he received the great grace to forgive all those who wanted to harm him. Moreover, in this unexpected outpouring of mercy, he received the inner certainty that if he forgave all this evil, the

Lord himself would protect and defend him in everything. And that is what happened. The badmouthing stopped! From then on, his priestly heart was solidly mended! Today he is a happy priest. He sees this blessing from God, as the great light of his life as a priest, the burst of a divine joy that freed



Sister Emmanuel

him from fear and sadness. Once again, the living Word of Christ unlocked this heart that had been trapped in bitterness for years!

"Love your enemies," Jesus tells us, "Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who defame you... What you want men to do for you, do for them likewise..." (Luke 6:27 -31) Enriched by this experience, Father Rock now helps those who allow their hearts to be undermined and their lives to be ruined through bitter-

ness and the desire for revenge. He told me this story:

#### Ask God to forgive

A young woman, Anna, generously lent her house to her cousin (without charging her rent) so that she could look after her grandmother. The grandmother died three years later, and Anna wanted her house back. She needed to sell it to pay for another house she had bought. But the cousin hired a lawyer, her own nephew, to take the house from her! They both managed to work around the law of the land to fight Anna, and she was forced out. We can imagine how revolted Anna was!

Father Rock offered her a path: "If you want the Lord to reign over your property," he said, "give Him permission to defend you Himself. In order to do that, I am asking you to go against your gut, and ask God to forgive within you all the evil that your cousin and her nephew have done against you, and all the evil that they have spread on you. Also, ask Him to ensure that they cannot keep this ill-gotten property. Shortly thereafter, Anna returned to the priest who questioned her: "Did you ask God for all this? Or have you spoken badly about your cousin to your loved ones?" "Yes, I spoke badly about her, I'm so angry!" "Then you haven't forgiven! Make a commitment not to say a single negative word about your cousin! On the contrary, ask the Lord to grant her great blessings and to save her soul!"



John Paul II forgave Mehmet Ali Agca who shot him on May 13th, 1981

A radical NO to hate? Anna felt terrible. She knew that this was impossible for her, her whole being was filled with revolt and hatred. However, she decided to keep this commitment through thick and thin, and to faithfully adhere to Father Rock's proposal, because she saw that the light of God shone through him.

Three months later, she was contacted by a real estate agent who had found a buyer for the house and offered to handle everything, because the buyer himself was a lawyer. In the end, everything went smoothly, without acrimony. The cousin understood that she was wasting her time trying to fight this honest lawyer, and it was a beautiful victory for the Kingdom of God. Anna got her house back; she was able to sell it and pay

# A Look Back: The Healing of Artie Boyle

from spiritdaily.com

When Arthur Boyle, one time president of Cargo Worldwide in Boston, was told there were three nodules in his lung, it came with a sense of doom. Boyle, 46 and the father of 13 children, already had undergone major surgery for cancer of the kidney.

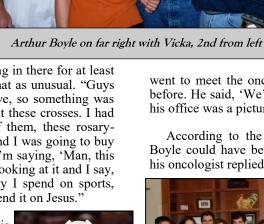
That was in December of 1999. The nodules were found in his right lung about eight months later. With kidney cancer, that's often where it spreads, along with the brain. And all the danger signals were there: Boyle was weak, was losing his memory, and his skin felt like it was on fire. Surgery was set for September 14th. A tremendous sense of doom descended on the normally upbeat, athletic businessman. When his brother-in-law, Kevin Gill, was playing golf, a mutual friends asked how Boyle was doing and suggested a trip the Medjugorje, the village in Bosnia-Hercegovina where the Virgin Mary has been appearing since June 24, 1981 and where many healings have been reported. Within a week the three men were on the way to the remote village.

It was just ten days before the scheduled surgery. "While we were over there all kinds of things happened," Boyle told *Spirit Daily*. "Our guide, Zeljka, was supposed to set us up with Vicka (Ivankovic, one of the six seers), but she said, well, I have some bad news for you. Vicka's gone. She went to Rome to visit a sick nun."

It was bad news because the seer is known to have a gift of healing. The men went to Mass the next morning, came out of church, and went to buy some religious articles for their families. "We stopped

at a jewelry store and we were shopping in there for at least 45 minutes," says Boyle, who knew that as unusual. "Guys like us go in, buy something, and leave, so something was keeping us there. I was staring down at these crosses. I had just bought all my daughters, five of them, these rosary-bead bracelets and I have eight boys and I was going to buy them all gold crosses and chains and I'm saying, 'Man, this is going to cost me a fortune.' So I'm looking at it and I say, "You know, if I can waste the money I spend on sports, hockey sticks, and equipment, I can spend it on Jesus."

"The minute I said that there was this commotion to my left and standing right to my left was Vicka. Zeljka got excited and explained to Vicka what my situation was and she prayed over me right then and there. Apparently her plane was cancelled the night before and she was stopping at this particular jewelry store to buy a rosary ring for this sick nun and she was on her way to the airport."





Boyle's son Brian played in the NHL

Afterward, the men did what most pilgrims there do: they visited the hill of the first apparitions, they climbed the mountain that has a cross at the top, and took pictures. Photographs afterwards showed symbols and inexplicable forms of the Blessed Mother and we'll be trying to bring those to you shortly. "We had Rosary beads turn to gold, we saw the sun spinning," says Boyle, referring to the common phenomenon there of sun miracles.

After attending confession there, the depression — the gloom — left and Boyle began receiving his healing. Boyle knew something was going on because of a strange sensation, a pain, in his lung. "I called up my wife — I had a satellite phone — and I said, 'Get on the phone with the oncologist and arrange for another CT scan, because something's going on. I don't know if it's worse or better or what. But before I go in for surgery, we have to have another scan."

"She called up the oncologist and the oncologist's secretary

called back and said, 'We know you want the doctor to give you a CT scan, but listen, you have cancer, it's not like it's just going to disappear or anything, and we're going to go right ahead and have the surgery done. We're not going to give you another CT scan."

At that point Boyle changed oncologists, was given another CT scan on September 12 — two days after returning from Medjugorje and the scan showed that the large nodule they were most concerned with had "completely disappeared." Meanwhile the other two were very small and insignificant and all they would have to do was watch them. "I

went to meet the oncologist," says Boyle. "I hadn't met him before. He said, 'We're going to cancel the surgery' — and in his office was a picture of Medjugorje on the wall."

According to the **Boston Globe**, when he was asked if Boyle could have been miraculously healed while in Bosnia, his oncologist replied, "I don't have a problem with that."



Boyle with his wife Judy, 13 children and numerous grandchildren

# Without God's Peace and Love, We Have Nothing

by Steve Shawl from spiritofmedjugorje.org (edited for length)

A couple of weeks ago we had a group stay with Ivanka the visionary. During the week Ivanka gave a talk to the group. The visionaries do not speak publicly very often anymore, so it is quite special to hear something current. The following was written by one of our pilgrims who has been to Medjugorje a number of times over the last 20 years.

My present 2024 pilgrimage to this holy site was made more special by staying in the pension of Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez, one of the visionaries. Ivanka was the first to catch a glimpse of Mary on the rocky hillside of Podbrdo on June 24, 1981. Ivanka was a 15 year-old girl who had recently lost her mother. Ivanka is an unremarkably, ordinary, middle-aged woman with nothing that sets her apart from others her age and background. Her face neither shines, nor does she levitate, or carry herself with any sense of superiority or marked blessedness. She is a humble, down to earth, wife and mother, who is presently looking forward to the marriage of her youngest son, Ivan, in June. Ivanka cooks for the pilgrims who stay at the Elez Pension, and her son, Ivan, acts as server and driver for the pilgrims. She gives warm, welcoming hugs and smiling blessings.

Speaking to the dozen pilgrims during our stay, she began by saying she wasn't above asking the Madonna, "Why did you choose me?" Sometimes, it is out of curiosity, wanting to know what it is for; other days, it is with an anger that while it is a great gift, it is also a great responsibility. It has marked her life since her teen years in ways that she did not imagine would happen to her when she was a child. "I am a human being like you. I get knocked down, but I get up again. I find the strength to follow the path that God has given to me. As we all must."

Of the early apparitions, she recalls, the original four who had seen Her, and two others who had not been there the evening before, saw a light that seemed to pull them up the hillside. Despite the thorn bushes, stones and rocks, and with no path, they all ran up to the spot where they saw the same young woman again. No one could stop them from running up the hillside, nor could anyone keep up with them. Ivanka pauses in her recitation of the facts of what happened, then says, "How can you describe with our poor words, the love of God? How can you describe the peace of God, the blessings and happiness? There are no words to describe it."

There was the same young woman again. She was wearing a long, grey dress, with a white veil. She had blues eyes, dark hair, and stood on a small cloud. Never had any of them seen anyone so beautiful. The Lady spoke and said to not be afraid, and that She would be with them.

It was a tradition in the village and area to say seven Our Father's, Hail Mary's and Glory Be's and sprinkle the house with blessed water every Saturday evening. Vicka had been told by her grandmother to take Holy Water and sprinkle it towards whatever they saw, saying, "If you come from God, stay. If you do not, go away." Ivanka says when Vicka did that, the Lady smiled and stayed.

The first message that the visionaries were given were the words, "Mir. Mir. Mir" ("Peace. Peace."). Later the Lady would identify herself as the Queen of Peace. Ivanka saw Our Lady daily from then until May, 1985. Early on, still mourning the death of her own mother, she had asked Gospa where her mother was, and was assured that she was with Mary. The greatest gift came with her last daily apparition of Mary on May 7, 1985.

"I saw my mother and she hugged me and said to me, 'I am very proud of you, my daughter.' This was an enormous gift - a gift for me, and a gift for you. If you ask if there is life after this one, I can assure you that there is. She was real and I felt her hug like a real person." She goes on to say, "God gives us hugs. He asks us not to wander, but to come back to Him through conversion, prayer, fasting, Confession, and Holy Mass. God is asking us to change our lives, and the first step in that is to be at peace with ourselves. He invites us to make use of Confession, to throw out of our hearts what is impure, to open our hearts to be cleansed and healed. He invites us to go to where Jesus awaits us, both in Adoration, and Holy Mass. He will give us

new life, heal our lives, but we must choose which way we will go."

Ivanka's special mission is to pray for families and she says that each one of us has a special mission from God. "I have a family, like you. I experience the same problems that you do. We must put God first in our life, then it is easy to carry the problems. Bless your families. Start each day in prayer. Say, 'O God, stay with me and my family.' At the end of the day, say, 'Thank you, God.' It is one single drop in the ocean of prayer, but it means the world for you." She concludes, that if we have everything, without God's peace and love, we have nothing. "What Our Lady said to us, I am telling you. Do not be afraid. Our Lady is leading us to Jesus. I pray for you. You pray for me." We had six semi-

narians in our group. Ivanka encouraged us to pray for seminarians because the world needs holy priests, going on to say that there is a battle between good and evil going on more strongly than ever. With prayer and blessing, we can be instruments to stop the evil. The greatest weapon is the Rosary.

"If you are feeling lonely, and abandoned, pray the Rosary. If you want to walk through life with smiles, have Our Lady next to you, She will take us to Her Son, Jesus. If we make one small step, it will lead us to having heaven on earth. The hardest thing becomes the easiest if we have an open heart... to Our Lady and Her Son, Jesus." In the end, it seems that the real message of Medjugorje, is to live with an open heart, a heart that is open to God, open to respond to the call to convert, pray, fast, read Scripture, go to Confession, and attend Holy Mass. All must be from the heart, a heart that is ready to believe who God is and to receive what He has for us. This openness of heart must be the enduring source of our life, alone. Nothing else will suffice to prepare the purity of heart needed for us to be in communion with God. From a heart turned to God will come the peace, healing and new life we seek and long for, a heart that pleases Him and gives us access to Him and the eternity He holds in store for us.



Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez

(Sister Emmanuel continued from page 3)

for the new house. She saw that God had acted powerfully, for she had left Him in control of the whole situation and had said a radical no to hatred.

#### It is God who forgives

Let us never forget this: it is God who forgives within us! Forgiveness is not natural to us. But God is the Creator! He alone can produce within us the forgiveness that our wounded human nature rejects. It is like a new creation; it means bringing into existence something that did not exist before. He forgave us, sinners, the unforgivable: for allowing him to die on the Cross, He the author of life. He died forgiving, out of pure love for every one of us. It is now up to us to follow in the footsteps of our Master and believe that if he asks us to forgive, it is because he has a plan of peace for his children, a hidden plan that will later on appear to us as a wonderful gift.

#### The Novena on Podbro

The novena of night prayer on the Podbrdo, was a unique and extraordinary event that took place in June! During the apparition on June 15, to Marija's surprise, Our Lady invited us all to pray the Rosary for peace in the world before the 43rd Anniversary of the Apparitions, between 10 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. During these 9 days, the Blessed Mother appeared to Marija at 11:30 pm, and prayer often continued with the luminous mysteries. There was a huge response! The hill was covered with people, and no one wanted to miss this invitation. Outside of Medjugorje, thanks to internet broadcasts, millions of people accompanied this prayer as if they were actually there...

#### My little personal testimony

Because I am becoming frail in my old age, it was impossible for me to climb this Hill, especially 9 nights in a row. But that made me so sad. So, I said to the Blessed Mother, "at least let me take the first steps with the crowd"! A generous brother supported my arm, but from the first black cobblestones of the Podbrdo, I was desperate, saying to myself "If I get as far as the 1st joyful mystery, that would already be a miracle!" So, we took a break at that mystery, and then we continued. The more we went forwards, the more I felt strength coming to me, it was tangible! So, I was able to follow this novena to the top with all these wonderful people of God, of all races, peoples and languages, which was an unspeakable joy. We didn't want to leave the top of the hill!

What a great lesson! When Mary calls, we must go, and it is by going that we receive from her everything we need to fulfill her desire for us. If I had waited until I felt the strength to climb, I would have stayed at the bottom of the hill... (Of course, this shouldn't be turned into an absolute rule.)

Now, a question, that everyone asked themselves: Why did the Theotokos ask us for this exceptional novena, in the middle of the night, among the rocks? Many responses have been published. As far as I am concerned, it is enough to know that the Queen of Heaven and earth divinely sees the whole world and its inhabitants, she knows the plans of God and also those of our enemy, Satan... Knowing all this, she asked for our help to promote good, to destroy an evil plan, and probably avoid the worst, out of love for her children. She clearly sees and tells us that 'the family is under attack' and that 'peace is in danger'.

So as a mother, how could she not count on the help of our prayer to eradicate a good dose of the evils that threatens us?!

Let us not forget that profound word she said on July 2, 2014: "Dear Children, I want all of you with me in eternity, for you are part of me!"

"Without you, dear children, I cannot help the world! I need you to collaborate with me in every moment of your life..." (August 28, 1986)

#### A child screamed!

The scene takes place at the Magnificat Retreat Center, in the small chapel adjoining the large basement room. A local family was invited to the apparition with the visionary Marija. But when they arrived, the room was full. They decided to try the little gallery, but that too was crowded. So, they went to sit on the steps leading to the gallery. Their 2-year-old little boy, Franjo, was there with his mother. Seated halfway up the steps, they had a bird's eye view of what was going on below. The little boy had often heard about Jesus and Mary at home, because he participated in family prayer every day. And there he was on that busy day, at Marija's Chapel. To make sure he wouldn't disturb others during the prayer, his mother - pregnant with her 2nd - put a pacifier in his mouth. He was calm, although uncomfortably seated on those small steps. Below, everyone got down on their knees at Marija's request.

As she did every day, before the apparition, Marija prayed the joyful mysteries with the pilgrims, and then the sorrowful mysteries. When her voice stops sharply, it means that the Blessed Mother has arrived, and Marija has entered into ecstasy. Her lips move, but the sound of her voice is cut off. At this moment, there is a very collected silence. But no sooner had Marija's voice died down that the 2-year-old baby threw out his pacifier with his left hand, and immediately extended his right hand to the place where Marija was standing, a short distance in front of him. With his right



hand, he sent kisses and greetings, and pointed to the place where the apparition was taking place, in front of Marija. His mother wondered what was happening.

Then the child broke the silence and shouted, "Gopa, Gopa!". His mother and loved ones turned to him, in amazement: Throughout the whole apparition, he never stopped sending kisses, while keeping his gaze fixed in the direction of Marija in ecstasy. He kept his eyes wide open, fully absorbed in what was mysteriously happening in front of him. He stared at that spot without batting an eye. Then, after 4 or 5 minutes, Marija lowered her head, a sign that Our Lady had returned to Heaven. We started praying the Magnificat. The little boy then stopped sending kisses. It was over. He said nothing, and went back to being the 'normal' child he had been just a few minutes earlier. After that, he never saw the Blessed Mother of God again. What experts have analyzed and sought to understand for years. what great saints and prophets have dreamed of seeing, a 2-year -old who does not yet know how to speak, has seen with his own eyes. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the children you have placed among us! At 2 years of age, they are so pure! Their innocence moves us. The Kingdom of God belongs to them, and to all who are like them, Jesus tells us.

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### Jakov Taken to China, Prays For a Dying Man

from mysticpost.com

One day, during an apparition, the Virgin said to Jakov: "You should pray constantly. Say little prayers like 'Jesus I love you, Jesus I adore you; O Father, I surrender to you; O Mary, come, I need you; O Mary, I love you so much; O guardian angel, come, help me.' Jakov received this message in his childish heart and the next day he, who loved football very much, set off to play with his friends from Medjugorje. In love with football, he got dressed and ran to the field to join his friends. And as he ran, he remembered the message from the night before and realized that the Virgin had asked him to always pray small prayers.

As he ran, he thought not of prayer but of the start of the game of football. However, he paused for love of the Blessed Virgin and quickly recited the *Hail Mary*. Then he continued running to play with his friends. The Virgin Mary soon showed him the fruit of this 'incidental' prayer...

That night, the Virgin appeared to him as usual and said: "Jakov, I thank you for the prayer you sent me." And then in a vision, she took him to China where with the Blessed Virgin, Jakov entered a room. In that room was a bed and in that bed was a dying man. The man was lying in bed and the Virgin said to Jakov: "You see, Jakov, this man was dying and he was a very bad man, very bad, and he was going to hell. But thanks to the prayer you gave me, I was able to use it to encourage repentance. Now, this man is saved for eternity. He is not in hell, he had a moment of repentance." "Saved for eternity? Wow," said Jakov who, from that moment to this day, has not stopped praying spontaneous prayers in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary...



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#### **Upcoming events:**

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

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