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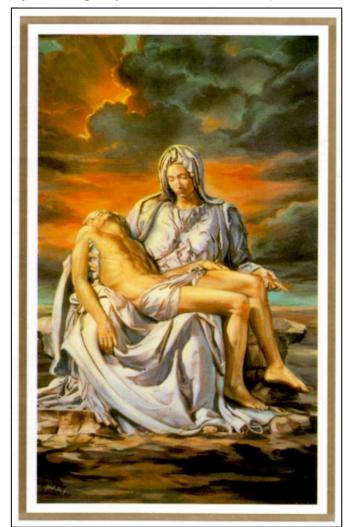
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him ... (Phil 2: 6-9)

Our Lady of Medjugorje's Monthly Message of August 25th, 2020:

Dear children! This is a time of grace. I am with you and anew am calling you, little children: return to God and to prayer until prayer will be a joy for you. Little children, you do not have a future or peace until your life begins with a personal conversion and a change to the good. Evil will cease and peace will begin to reign in your hearts and in the world. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray. I am with you and intercede before my Son Jesus for each of 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.





Our Lady of Sorrows

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A Birthday Present: Rosetta Walks!

From messaggimedjugorje.net

Like the miracles in the Gospel, current healings are the signs that continue to manifest the power of Jesus, "Who came to heal all those who were under the power of the devil" (Acts 10). Healings served to confirm His disciples in the narrow path that He taught; and that path is the same path that Our Lady has proposed to us, a path of prayer and conversion and heaven continues to show its approval with miraculous signs.

"My name is Rosetta Trogu, I am 40 years old, from Capoterra (Cagliari) in Italy. I am a mother of 2 children, a daughter Cecilia, who is close to marriage and a son, Franco. My husband's name is Antonio Cabras. For 17 years I have suffered from rheumatoid arthritis; my knees are so stiff that I could not bend my legs except with excruciating pains. I couldn't do any work, and I was always lying in the house.

I was lying in the room with my friend Gabriella and there was talk of nothing important. Just talking. Then, Gabriella said to me, 'Surely Our Lady will heal you and she said it so convincingly. Then, I sat on the bed and she said, I'm going to give you some physiotherapy, and she started the therapy. And because it hurt, she said to me with a smile: 'Don't worry, let Our Lady do it for you; stay relaxed!' After half an hour she said to me: 'For now enough. We will resume tomorrow. Now get up and walk.' "And I got out of bed. I started walking: "Gabriella, I can move my knees, I can move my knees!" We clung together and we cried with joy.

I knew what I had been like: as soon as I moved my stiff legs a little bit, they felt like they were shattering. This morning I entered the chapel of apparitions to put a chain around Our Lady's neck. They had helped me get in a chair and, clinging to Our Lady, I said, "My Lady, heal me." At lunch we had all wished Our Lady well for her birthday which according to the revelations to the visionaries of Medjugorje, Our Lady was actually born on August 5th."

A Milanese priest and some young people, returning from a spiritual retreat, first entered Rosetta's room and noticed in these humble people, incapable of any deception, the simplicity and amazement of the evangelical scenes.

This is how Rosetta also presented herself to us, surrounded by her pilgrimage friends, modest people, sort of old-fashioned, but full of spiritual joy. At the end of the visit they wanted to sing the long Sardinian Hail Mary.

And what did her husband say? "He had pushed me to come, while I was very uncertain and he said to me: "I would like to see Rosetta healed and then, if she is healed, I would believe that Our Lady works miracles." I had spent time in many hospitals from Bologna to Turin to Rome etc. without any possibility of improvement... I had been coming to Medjugorje for 3 years and because I was very uncertain, my husband Antonio said to me, 'Go to Medjugorje, so you relax; otherwise you will stay all year nervous and anxious.' And so I came.

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Raffaella Regains Her Eyesight

From: *mysticpost.com*



"My name is Raffaella Mazzocchi and I am from Naples. I was 16 when one day suddenly, exactly on December 22, 2001, while I was at school, I completely lost sight in my right eye due to a retrobulbar optic neuri-

tis, that is, a virus that was destroying my optic nerve irreversibly and which also started to provoke painful seizures similar to epileptic seizures several times a day.

It was a diagnosis without hope of recovery: in fact, no cure seemed to be possible. I was forced to leave school because I was unable to study. I couldn't even sleep, I went on psychotropic drugs and in this state, I lived 8 years as in a nightmare. I also lost faith and stopped attending church.

One day, my aunts, my mother and my sister-in-law decided to travel to Medjugorje and at all costs they wanted to take me with them. I was reluctant but eventually succumbed to the insistence of my family members. But I had no intention of asking for my recovery.

On June 26, 2009, around 7.30 pm, after having come down from Podbrdo, while she was at the Blue Cross, my sister-in-law realized that the sun was moving in an unusual way, the sun seemed to be dancing. Then I grabbed my sister-in-law's sunglasses and with the good eye, the left one, I clearly saw the sun first rotate and pulsate and then almost come close to my face and then go back, and then again it changed color continuously becoming red, blue, orange, green.

Eventually I took off my glasses and began to cry desperately because I realized that I had also lost sight in my left eye and therefore I had become completely blind. My screams attracted many pilgrims who came around me but I continued to cry out more and more desperately also because I felt a very strong burning in the eyes. A burning, however, not from pain but from heat. This total blindness lasted five minutes, the longest in my life. Seeing me in panic, my mom sat me down and somehow managed to calm me.

As I kept my head down and my eyes closed, I suddenly had the urge to open my right eye, the sick one, and I realized that I could see my hands. I then also opened the other eye and I realized I could see very well from that eye too.

Moving and passing my hands before my eyes I realized that I had been healed but instead of jumping for joy I was silent and was blocked by fear. My mom, from my gaze, noticed my change and ran to meet me and to hug me. Likewise all the numerous pilgrims present gathered around me. Since that day I have completely recovered my sight and indeed now I have a perfect eyesight. And more importantly, I also regained faith because now, finally, I see in every sense. (Source www.messaggimedjugorje.net)

Sister Emmanuel's Report

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On July 25th, 2020, visionary Marija Pavlovic received the following monthly message:

"Dear children! In this peaceless time in which the devil is harvesting souls to draw them to himself, I am calling you to persevering prayer, so that in prayer you discover the God of love and hope. Little children, take the Cross in your hands. May it be your encouragement for love to always win, in a special way now when the Cross and faith are rejected. You be a reflection and an example with your lives that faith and hope are still alive, and a new world of peace is possible. I am with you and intercede for you before my Son, Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Where on earth is Divine Providence?



In these troubled times, one of the causes of trepidation that has gripped so many people is the fear of not having what they need. Of not having a way of earning a living, no security, sick, not being able to travel the way they did before, of losing freedom in the face of growing

totalitarianism etc. In a word, our fears seem to be justified. However, they cause us to forget the most important point: we are not alone. And Jesus said it so many times, "Do not be afraid!"

To illustrate this, I would like to share with you an example of my personal life that occurred shortly after my 'conversion' in 1973, when the Charismatic Renewal was being born in Paris. The Emmanuel Prayer Group, founded by Pierre Goursat (assisted by Dr. Martine Lafitte) began its beautiful trajectory that would lead it to a remarkable international development.

At that time, my job was importing Tibetan jewelry and handicrafts from Asia to France. However, a few days after my conversion, my younger sister came to see me and, seeing



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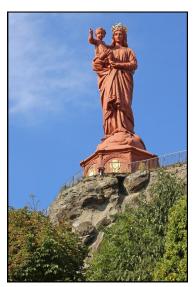
Hindu masks and Tantric posters in my living room, told me with the utmost composure: "You know, Emmanuel, you simply cannot sell these objects which represent false deities and lead people towards a spirituality that has nothing to do with the Christian message! You cannot say you belong to Christ, and at the same time sell all these things!"

At first, my sister's words really upset me. She hit the nail on the head! I mumbled some defensive words that were beyond ridiculous: "But I signed a contract with the suppliers in India, I have to receive

them at Orly airport and pay them..." But it was crystal clear, I had to face the fact that my sister was right. When she left, I was in the grip of a rather violent internal struggle. This order of handicrafts which I had signed in India before my conver-

sion, cost a lot of money, and burning all these things was going to put me into a huge financial hole. (In addition, these posters were very beautiful from an artistic standpoint.) I began thinking, "I'm not going to survive! But I cannot betray Christ either!" It took me a few minutes to decide to burn this big shipment arriving from customs at Orly airport.

The next day, there was a prayer meeting at the Emmanuel prayer group. When Martine Lafitte saw me, she said, "What is wrong with you, Emmanuel? You seem



so worried! Where has your peace gone?" I told her my problem, explaining that I was going straight into the abyss, workwise. To my surprise, far from showing me any compassion, she laughed! "There is nothing you need to worry about", she said. "You made the right decision out of loyalty to Christ, you sacrificed the entire order for His sake. Do you think He is going to let you down? Woman of little faith! Tell Him that you surrender yourself completely to Him and that from now on, your work issues are in His hands and are no longer in yours! It is His job to deal with it! We are going to pray, and you will see that He will help you!"

She was right... (With the true charismatics, there is no half measure for the glory of God!) In the following days, to my amazement, I received so many orders for jewelry and other items that I already had in stock, that in just 2 weeks I had covered my loss. In addition, I had God's blessing over my work! This simple fact was for me a great light on God's Providence in action. How many graces do we miss in daily life because we lack faith in the love of God who rejoices so much

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The Visionary Ivan Addresses the 31st Youth Festival

From marytv.tv.

The message from Visionary Ivan Dragicvecic to those gathered for the 31st Youth Festival:

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now...for I shall not pass this way again.

Dear priests, dear friends in Christ and especially the youth so tender and dear to my heart.

I would like to greet you from the heart in a special way during this most extraordinary Mladifest where we are praying for and celebrating the love of Jesus and Mary.

Our Lady says "The one who prays does not need to be afraid of the future." You do not need to be fearful. My dear youth, you do not need to be afraid of the future. All events are in the hands of God. It is Jesus who calls you to trust in Him and pray to Him, to converse with Him, and share Him all in your heart.

We have entered into a difficult time in the Church and in the world. But let us remember that we have been born for this time in God's wisdom. Our Lady continues to say, "Children I need you; I need you to help my plans be realized." This call is also for you. Our Lady in a special way holds you the young people, as the apple of her eye. She loves you with a tender love. It is very difficult to de-

scribe to you the love she has for you when she gazes on each of you – one by one. It is a love beyond description, so beautiful, so tender so uplifting.

Our Lady needs you.

She first needs you to open your hearts to prayer. Pray more from the heart. In one of her messages Our Lady said, "...especially let the young people of this parish be more active in their prayers." She also said on another occasion, "I wish specially to say to the young people to be more open to the Holy Spirit because God wishes to draw you to Himself in these days when Satan is at work." Our Lady is constantly looking out for you, constantly guiding you, more than ever in these restless and peaceless times.

The Queen of Peace asks us all to return to God.

My dear young people, the world cannot offer the hope and peace that Christ gives. Real peace comes only from Jesus. Jesus is your peace. Pray for this peace. The peaceless times are being born in the hearts of people who do not know God. This must not be for you. Open your hearts and pray, pray, pray so that you may know God better and that everyone may feel that love and peace of God through your example. Prayer in Christ brings peace to the heart. Only when the soul finds peace in God will it be content.

Today my dear youth live this message of peace, this hope. Carry it to everyone in your families, your friends, your world.

My dear young people, frequent the sacraments: especially Confession and Eucharist. The sacraments are your restoration and strength.

My dear young people unceasingly pray the Rosary. With the Rosary you shall overcome all the adversities which Satan is trying to inflict on you and the world. Respond daily to her call to pray the Rosary. The Rosary brings you peace.

My dear young people, find time to adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Spend time in silence in order to hear more clearly the voice of the Holy

Spirit in your lives.

My dear young people, live the messages of the Queen of Peace. Become an excellent student in the school of Love.

Do not be afraid, "the one who prays does not need to be afraid of the future." Jesus says in Scripture: Do not be afraid. Jesus sends His Mother and tells her to tell the children not to be afraid.

Our Lady comes to us here – Our Lady comes in a special way to you the young people of the world and she calls you to pray for Peace. She needs you. You are the future of the Church;

you are the future of the world. And a world of peace is possible. It is possible through you. Let us not wait for someone else to start – it will be a waste of time. Start today and follow Our Lady's call and live better her messages.

God bless you. Remain united in prayer dear young people and I present you all through these days before Mary our Mother "Queen of Peace"

Also of note, Our Lady gave this message through Ivan on August 15, 2020:

"Dear children, also this evening I bring you Love. Bring love in these troubled times to others. Bring hope, especially to those who are left without hope. Bring peace to all those into whom unrest has entered. Dear children, this is a time of great temptation but at the same time it is a time of great graces; therefore, dear children, welcome this time of trials to be able to come out of this time purified in faith. The Mother prays for each of you and intercedes with her Son for each of you. Thank you dear children because today you have responded to my call."



Pope Francis Sends Greetings to Youth Gathered in Medjugorje

By Carol Glatz from CatholicStan.org



Let Mary inspire and guide young people today, Pope Francis told participants at the annual International Youth Festival at the Marian shrine in Medjugorje.

Mary will always be "the great model of the Church" because she is ready to follow Christ with vitality and docility, he said in a message to those attending the festival Aug. 1-6 in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

He said, "Her 'yes' means getting involved

and taking a risk, without any guarantee besides the certainty of being the bearer of a promise, and her example continues to show the beauty in freely entrusting oneself completely to the hands of God."

"May her example captivate and guide you!" he said.

The pope's message, was read at the festival Aug. 1. Though it was the 31st edition of the annual festival, it was the first time a papal message was sent to the event after it became an officially approved Church festival in 2019. That approval came three months after Catholic pilgrimages to the site in Bosnia-Herzegovina were authorized by the pope.

While an estimated 40,000 to 45,000 people attended the festival last year, including senior Vatican representatives for the first time, organizers were unsure how many people to expect in 2020 because of travel restrictions and safety measures in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In mid-July Bosnia-Herzegovina opened its borders to citizens of the European Union and Switzerland on the condition that they present a health certificate certifying they tested negative for the coronavirus not more than 48 hours before entry into the country. Citizens of neighboring Croatia were exempt from taking the test.

Before the pandemic, the shrine annually attracted up to 3 million people – with foreign visitors making up the bulk of those numbers.

Pope Francis said in his message that Mary is the mother watching over her children who are journeying through life, often tired and in need, but yearning for that light of hope that never goes out.

He said the festival was an "opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ," especially in the Eucharist and in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Young people can discover "a new way to live, different from the one offered by a culture" where everything is tempo-



rary, nothing is definitive "and the only thing that matters is enjoying the present moment."

"Do not be afraid!" he said. "Christ is alive and desires that each of you live. Keep one's gaze fixed on Christ," he told young people, "and take the time to be with the Lord in prayer."

The festival, he said, was an occasion to "come and see" the Lord, to experience his presence and become real witnesses of Christ.

More than 40,000 apparitions have been claimed over 38 years at Medjugorje, where six teenagers reported first seeing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary on June 24, 1981.

Some of the visionaries say Mary still appears to them daily with messages. In May 2018, Pope Francis named Archbishop Henryk Hoser as apostolic visitor to Medjugorje after a papal commission recommended that Medjugorje be designated a pontifical shrine with Vatican oversight.

A ban on pilgrimages organized by Catholic dioceses and parishes was lifted under a papal decree in May 2019. Archbishop Hoser said in August 2019 that the pope had "opened a great door to enter Medjugorje" with the decree, adding that he was "personally and intimately convinced" the Marian center offered "a model for new evangelization."

He said Medjugorje should be seen as "a living, dynamic reality," with more than 700 vocations so far recorded there, adding that the center's importance was summed up "by the people coming here, praying



here, being transformed here and returning to their countries with the Gospel spirit that they breathed here."

"The fact apparitions are still continuing is the main obstacle to a final ruling, since it is not possible to decide on something which hasn't finished. For now, the question of recognizing the authenticity of the apparitions remains in the hands of the Secretariat of State," Archbishop Hoser said at the time.

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in rescuing those who confide in Him! Thus this crucial Word of Jesus is fulfilled in the Gospel: "Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God, and his justice, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt 6:33) There is that little word "first" that makes everything switch over to the side of grace, or even miracles! "Lord Jesus, I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief"! Mark 9:24

Exceptional event in Paris!

On August 15th, for the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, Archbishop Aupetit of Paris will dedicate the city to the United Hearts of Jesus and Mary during a Mass celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Montmartre. The Archbishop of Paris will also pray for France so that, under the mantle of Mary and through the current trials (COVID-19 crisis, awful bioethical laws, etc.), our nation can find a path of hope and peace. This dedication is part of a long summer journey of the statue of Notre Dame de France across the country, an amazing popular movement that departed from Lourdes on June 1st and is gathering crowds of all ages and backgrounds around two carriages that are carrying the statues.

This original initiative is named "M of Mary". Its aim is to revive hope in this troubled period. Before the consecration, the Virgin Pilgrim spanned the capital for 5 days, enabling many faithful or anyone curious about the event to gather and pray together around Mary. The day of August 15th will end with a night of prayer for France, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Montmartre.

England also carried out a similar dedication. In 2018 the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham departed from the slipper Chapel in Walsingham and visited every Catholic Cathedral in England for a three day triduum of prayer. This culminated with England rededicating itself as the 'Dowry of Mary' on March 29, 2020 in Westminster Cathedral, Walsingham Shrine and other Cathedrals and Parishes around the country. Perhaps other countries could adopt this initiative as well?

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"I phoned Antonio: "Do you know what, I am healed?" But don't tell me!' he answered. And I said, "Yes, I will tell you...!" At the end of the evening mass of the Transfiguration, Rosetta was asked to climb to the outside altar and recited the verses of the *Magnificat*, interspersed with the chorus of the Ave Maria of Lourdes, sung by the assembly moved with emotion by her healing.

The next evening, another healing was reported: a missionary priest from Africa. He climbed up to the altar to thank God and the Blessed Virgin Mary in front of the crowd. He is an elderly missionary from Zaire, Fr. John Beaudery, who is 77 years old. At the time of apparition on August 6th, he regained his sight and hearing. He was supposed to undergo a very delicate eye operation on his return from Medjugorje. He also threw away a hearing aid which he no longer needed.

"Also, a 14-year-old Sardinian girl, Alessandra, halfparalyzed, had come here a month ago and left her crutches without feeling any more pain and getting back to walking...



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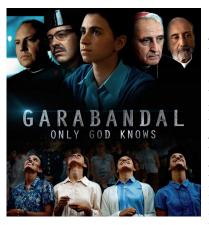
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Two New Films on Garabandal are Now Available to View for Free Via the Internet



The recent movie Garabandal: Only God Knows and the documentary Garabandal, Unstoppable Waterfall are both available online and can be viewed for free. The movie can may be viewed on YouTube. Or visit the website: www. garabandalthemovie.com. The documentary, which was released on June 18th in Spanish, and had its world premiere on July 2nd in English, the anniversary of the first apparition of The Blessed Mother at San Sebastian de Gara-

bandal in 1961, may be found on *YouTube* at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lUYuO7M4k s as.

In less than two weeks, the documentary had been viewed over 500,000 times. The film points out that despite the formation of two commissions, the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to four young girls were never adequately investigated. And despite reports to the contrary, the events at Garabandal were never condemned by the Church. In 1992, Cardinal Ratzinger, then Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, suggested to the Diocese of Santander that the case be left open via a non constat ruling. Rome did not find sufficient arguments to pronounce a definitive judgment. Given the difficulty found in studying the apparitions, often hindered by many obstacles, no further solution has been put forward. Since then, the apparitions were left open to the interpretation of the faithful under the guidance of the sensus fidelium. That is why the attitude of the faithful may be fundamental in reaching a favorable judgment from the Church. What is true is that Garabandal continues to have a very important message for all of humanity. Despite resistance and opposition from civil and ecclesial authorities, Our Lady continues to pour out her blessings in Garabandal because she has committed herself to us in Garabandal in this crucial hour.

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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