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Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Lk 1: 30-33)

Our Lady of Medjugorje's Monthly Message of November 25th, 2023:

Pear children! May this time be interwoven with prayer for peace and good deeds, so that the joy of the expectation of the King of Peace may be felt in your hearts, families and in the world which does not have hope. 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 Nativity of the Lord

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## Did Baptism Miraculously Save This Drowned Boy's Life?

By Ricardo Sanches from aleteia.org

# While first responders worked, the boy's older brother was on his knees at the edge of the pool praying to God for his little brother's life...

The story of Heitor Nagel, a four-year-old Brazilian boy, is making the news in Brazil and beyond. The boy fell into the brand-new swimming pool at his home in Joinville, Santa Catarina (Brazil), and drowned. According to video from the home's security camera, he remained underwater for around 11 minutes.

#### Half an hour without breathing



The boy's father jumps into the pool to save his son

The boy's father noticed an unusual silence in the house and went out to investigate. Upon seeing the boy in the water, he ran and jumped into the pool to save him. "When I saw him in there, I thought of nothing else. I ran as fast as I could, jumped in and got him out of the pool and started first aid, but he had no pulse, his pupils were dilated, he was all purple," said Jean Paulo, Heitor's father, to a Brazilian TV network.

Of note, the boy's older brother had remained on his

knees at the edge of the pool, praying for his little brother's life during the resuscitation. "I just asked for God's help, not to let him die without me telling him that I loved him," he recalled.

It took firefighters 23 minutes to arrive at the scene, meaning the boy was in cardiorespiratory arrest for nearly 30 minutes. The little boy, was unresponsive. He was intubated in the backyard of the house and taken to the hospital in the military police helicopter. Scans showed severe impairment and apparent brain death. Heitor remained intubated and on life support, and doctors warned his parents that if he did not recover within 72 hours, he would be declared brain dead. They warned the family that the probability of him getting out alive was very small and, even if he did, he would probably have irreversible sequelae.

One of the rescuers who attended to Heitor confirmed that the boy had no respiratory effort, had no reflexes, and was showing signs of brain death when they arrived.

The first responders managed to get the boy intubated, did CPR, and put him on oxygen immediately. Then, they took the boy by helicopter to hospital. There, the doctors told the family that the child's condition was extremely serious and that if there were no signs of brain activity within 72 hours, they would declare the boy brain dead.

#### A miracle?

A few days before the accident, Heitor's mother had commented to one of the boy's aunts that he had not yet been baptized and that she would like the boy to receive the sacrament. When the aunt heard about the tragedy, the woman asked a priest to go to the hospital.

According to *Gaudium Press*, Heitor was baptized in the presence of his mother and Sister Elizabeth, a nun who is the director of the hospital.

In the hours after he received baptism, the boy's vital signs and neurologica



Heitor after his baptism and complete recovery

vital signs and neurological responses began to normalize. He woke up and was lucid.

He asked what had happened, and then began to remember everything. According to his relatives, when he woke up from his coma he wanted to get out of bed. As soon as the tubes were removed he got up and walked to the bathroom.

#### Complete recovery

The boy's parents said that he was still in hospital for eight days for tests. The results surprised even the doctors: Heitor had no sequelae whatsoever. He has made a complete recovery. Videos from after he left the hospital show the boy happily meeting the firemen and EMTs who had given him first aid. Video from the family's security camera in the pool area are difficult to watch. You can see the father run and dive into the pool and start CPR while the older brother kneels nearby and prays. It's intense. If that's difficult for you to watch, you might want to skip to minute 7 where the boy, completely restored to health, gets to play with the ambulance siren and receives a toy fire truck from the firefighters. "For me, it was God. There's no other explanation than a miracle," said the boy's father.



Gravely ill boy being baptized in the ICU with his mother on the far left

## From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On October 25th, 2023, the visionary Marija received the following monthly message from Our Lady:

"Dear children! Winds of evil, hatred and peacelessness are blowing through the earth to destroy lives. That is why the Most High sent me to you, to lead you towards the way of peace and unity with God and people. You, little children, are my extended hands: pray, fast and offer sacrifices for peace - the treasure for which every heart yearns. Thank you for having responded to my call."

#### To Destroy Lives?

My first reaction when I received this message was to think, "Destroy lives"? Maybe it will be my own? This is indeed a serious message, similar to those from Our Lady over the last 12 months. Faced with such a statement from our Heavenly Mother, who sees the whole world in the Light of God, we have a choice to make:

- Fear the future and its storms, a fear that will paralyze us and increase our anxiety which is exactly what the enemy wants so much.

-Or gain awareness, which will lead us to follow the path of peace, which is what Jesus and Mary expect of us after 42 years of apparitions sprinkled with crystal-clear messages.

Mary gives us a full explanation of how to move forward! She asked us to read one message a day and put it into practice. I hope you are doing that! This is how we grow in our true communion with her.

We need encouragement for deep prayer and fasting! So, I would like to share with you two things that happened right here in our home in Medjugorje. This can happen to any person of good will.

#### Bread does not diminish!

A young girl, Geraldine, came from her distant home in Malaysia to Medjugorje with a friend, with the intention of crying out to Heaven for an important intention. Both of them





Sister Emmanuel

decided to do a novena of fasting with bread, water and prayer (rosary, adoration, etc.) while following the evening program of the parish. On the morning of the first day, they bought a loaf of bread for the day, which they ate, and there remained a little left over. On the second day, to their surprise, they found that their loaf of bread was still there, exactly the same, intact. And yet they hadn't left their room. The same phenomenon occurred on the third day and all the following days. In short, throughout their 9

days of fasting, they bought only one loaf of bread.

The explanation is clear: Jesus wanted to give them a sign! What He did many times during his life on earth, He can still do and continues to do! This is just one example. Were these girls so poor that they could not afford their daily bread? No! They could! On the other hand, the crowds listening to Jesus in Galilee were starving after 3 days without food, and they could not buy any food. In His compassion, Jesus nourished them by multiplying 5 loaves and 2 fish. So why this gratuitous multiplication for these young girls who could actually buy their bread?

Jesus is alive! With tenderness, He loves to encourage and even spoil those who trust in Him, He loves to express His closeness to them. He also likes to give signs of what may happen to us one day, in case of famine, or a lack of essential goods.

#### Jesus still multiplies blessings



Jesus has modernized Himself! During this same period, I left our home for a 10-day mission. As I was leaving, I said to one of my sisters, Florence, "Look, in this closet you will find my audiocassettes. If any pilgrims ring the bell asking for them.

you can give the cassettes to them."

When I came back from my mission, seeing that the cupboard contained the same number of cassettes, I said to Florence: "I see that no one has come to ask for any during my absence!"

"Oh yes they did," she replied. A lot of people came! But every time I came back to the closet, I found the same number of cassettes!"

This happened in the bygone days of audiocassettes. However, since then, the Lord and His Mother have never ceased

## Interview with Vicka about the Secrets

by Stephen Ryan from mysticpost.com

Dear friends, in two live interviews on Radio Maria, spaced over six years apart, Vicka made extraordinary revelations about the time of secrets, some of which were communicated only by her. Here is the exact transcription of the interviews. First, from August 3rd, 2000:

Father Livio: Among the similarities between Fatima and Medjugorje there is also the sign. In Fatima, Our Lady had promised a sign for her last apparition, that of October 13th, 1917. And also in Medjugorje there is talk of a sign. The visionaries of Fatima were very sure that Our Lady would give it. Are you so sure about it too?

Vicka: Yes. You see, Father Livio, Our Lady has given a great possibility, a great gift to see this sign.

Father Livio: Have you already seen it?

Vicka: Yes. We have already seen it and when the time comes there will certainly be a sign on the mountain of the apparition.

Father Livio: Will everyone be able to see it?

Vicka: Everyone and it will remain forever.

Father Livio: It remain forever?

Vicka: Yes, it remains forever as proof that Our Lady was here among us.

Father Livio: Do we have to come to Medjugorje to see it?

Vicka: You have to come here to see it, here on the mountain.

Father Livio: Do we have to go up the mountain or can we see it from afar?

Vicka: But, Father Livio, you want me to slowly tell you everything....

Father Livio: I ask you because Jakov said that to see the sign, one must come to Medjugorje. It is not difficult

to imagine a large crowd of people at that moment...

Vicka: Yes, to see it you have to come to Medjugorje.

Father Livio: Will you still be alive when the sign comes?

Vicka: I don't know. But I hope so.

Father Livio: And will I be alive?

Vicka: But, father, you are not that old yet. But I think so and then there are still many things to do.

Father Livio: Indeed, *Radio Maria* is installed in various languages in only thirty nations of the world and we would like to reach all of them.

Vicka: You still have a lot to do.

Father Livio: I understand. Retirement is far away. Will it be a sign of hope?

Vicka: Yes, of hope. Father Livio: With joy?

Vicka Yes, with joy, but a beautiful thing, understand?

And from an interview from December 2006:

Father Livio – I too have learned to live "day by day", in the sense that I entrust myself to the Lord day by day without

looking too much into the future but doing the work I have to do every day. You once said in an interview that as regards the events of Medjugorje we are only at the beginning thinking about everything that will have to happen. It seems to me that we have a particularly challenging moment in history before us.

Vicka – Our Lady speaks of her plan that must be realized and that we must help her with our prayers, even now. She still hasn't revealed anything to us about this plan of hers.

Father Livio – What is known, however, is that there will be a time for the Ten Secrets.

Vicka - Of course.

Father Livio – I was impressed by the fact that in the messages she addresses to the Parish she never talks about the Ten Secrets.

Vicka – The fact contained in the Secrets concerns the whole world. Our Lady doesn't talk about it because evidently it's not yet the time to talk about it to everyone. She will give a sign when we can start talking about it, when the time is ripe.

Father Livio – But we logically think, given that this has been

going on for 25 years now, that the time of the Ten Secrets cannot begin until the tenth secret is revealed to you, Marija and Ivan. Because the last time something happened here in Medjugorje from this point of view was in 1998 when the tenth secret was given to Jakov. Eight years have passed since then and nothing has happened yet.

Vicka – The three of us are waiting. I have never asked the Madonna for anything. We don't do it out of fear but be-

cause we know that she has her own plans and I have to do what she wants.

Father Livio – However, I was impressed by the fact that when last June 25th she appeared to Ivanka, Our Lady explained the Seventh Secret to her. So it's something real, something current!

Vicka – Yes, of course that's true!

Father Livio – However, people think that only Mirjana is involved with the Ten Secrets.

Vicka – No, we are all involved. The only difference is that Mirjana chose Father Petar to announce the secrets to the world, but each of us has a task as well.

Father Livio – Our Lady once said that after the Third Secret there will still be one of you who will have daily apparitions.

Vicka – Yes, it's one of us, and then we'll see who it is.

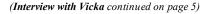
Father Livio – Don't you know who it is?

Vicka – No

Father Livio – But is it one of you three or one of you six?

Vicka – One of us three.

FATHER Livio – But after the Fourth Secret there will no longer be anyone to have the daily apparitions?



Vicka- We will see...

Father Livio – Therefore after the Third Secret someone will remain a seer, among those to whom the daily apparitions now continue.

Vicka – Exactly, one of the three of us: me, Marija and Ivan. The three of us who only know nine of the Ten Secrets. We'll see who



Fr. Livio and Vicka

will have the apparitions after that but it will be to one of the three of us.

Father Livio – Even after the secrets?

Vicka - Even after.

Father Livio – Very interesting. I don't know if people realize the importance of this statement.

Vicka – The Third Secret concerns the sign that Our Lady will leave on the mountain of apparitions, a sign that will remain forever. Another secret is given to each of us visionaries and it is a personal matter. The Seventh Secret has been partly canceled following our prayers but not completely, and Our Lady would like us to pray even more because through our prayers we can also modify others (note that true prophecies are always conditional, ed.)

Father Livio – But you said that during the time of secrets there will still be one of you who will have the daily apparitions. What you told me is very important because it means that during the time of the Ten Secrets, certainly a time of trial, Our Lady will remain among us.

Vicka – Yes, yes.

Father Livio – So she will also be able to give messages.

Vicka - Of course.

Father Livio – This is a great grace.

Vicka – It may seem like a surprise, but Our Lady had said this clearly.

Father Livio – I ask this as an interviewer because I am personally convinced that when the Ten Secrets occur I will already be in Heaven.

Vicka – Father Livio, you don't realize how many graces the Madonna has given to you, because you were ready to respond in such a way. Remember that the Madonna founded *Radio Maria* through you. You don't know how much she loves you and I see that you too have responded with so much love. You must continue to convey Our Lady's messages without getting tired because we still have so much to do.

Father Livio - Instead I think that at my age I will see the Ten Secrets from Heaven  $\dots$ 

Vicka – No, dearest brother, you never know at what age you will leave this earth. I never think about this. I feel inside me that a lot can still be done

Father Livio – So no pension for me.

Vicka – No! Life is beautiful, it is we who complicate it. He who loves himself loves life, he who does not love himself cannot love anything.

#### Sister Lucia's Examination of Conscience

by Michael Brown from Spiritdaily.com

Many think Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fátima fame was a saint. In that, we concur. But she wasn't a born one, and it wasn't automatic due to the apparitions of an angel in 1916, the appearances of the Blessed Mother to her in 1917, and the appearances of Mary



Sister Lucia as a child of 10 and as an adult

and Jesus in years after. No question: she received extraordinary graces from Heaven. But that didn't mean she lived a pitch-pure life in the convent. We all have to work every moment for Heaven, often on "minor" imperfections we rarely consider. And so it was, as the well-known chronicler of Fatima, Father Robert Fox, first revealed in a book entitled: *The Intimate Life of Sister Lucia*. The book listed the imperfections the future saint needed to take to the confessional. Here is her list of faults:

- Resentments which do not allow me to forget the defects of others.
- Faults against charity which these resentments lead me to.
- Egoism which leads me so many times to choose the best for my-self
- Self-love which leads me to have my view prevail.
- Excessive propensity to be grieved with trifles.
- To remain quiet many times in order not to have my opinion rejected with people who I know beforehand have to win the argument, even without good reason.
- Lack of respect and disdain for those who contradict me.
- Sadness and weariness produced by wounded self-love.
- Consenting to complaints of self-love.
- Concentrating on the faults of others without seeing my own.
- Curt replies to the Sisters.
- Not valuing the work of others.
- In my eyes I think my work better than others.
- To want others to esteem my work.
- Resistance to Grace.
- Distractions which diminish insights of faith and touches of grace.
- Curiosities.
- Useless words in moments of silence.
- Uncharitable thoughts and words.
- Omissions of charity.
- Carelessness in the practice of small sacrifices.
- Lack of patience in unforeseen events.
- Lack of patience with others.
- Lack of respect for the opinion of others.
- Not listening to others people's opinions.
- Difficulty in allowing others people's opinions to prevail.
- Allowing myself on many occasions to be very happy or very sad.
- Not being punctual enough.
- Not taking correction willingly.
- Being rude to those who displease me.
- Failing of devotion in my spiritual duties and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.
- Failing to be diligent in obedience.
- Failing to be pleasant with others.
- Failing to use ejaculatory prayers during the day to maintain my union with God.
- Failing to visit the Blessed Sacrament in my free time. May Lucia's examination of conscience help us to examine our own!

(Sister Emmanuel continued from page 3)

to show us that they are very much alive, real, powerful, active, faithful, compassionate and merciful! Many believers have shared similar experiences with us. In the spiritual warfare of every Christian, so difficult at this crucial time for the future of the world, what a joy it is to know that we are loved by such a God! The living and true God, so close to us! And to know that this God is and always will be THE King and Master of the world!

Of course, Providence has many other ways of expressing itself. Providence has its secrets, and one of its secrets is this: the more you give, the more you receive! The little boy in the Gospel gave all the food he had, and it was from this sacrifice that Jesus fed thousands (*Jn* 6: 1-14). An important example to remember...

#### A consecration that has been too often forgotten

In the face of the numerous uncertainties that are affecting people today, many hearts are seized by the fear of death. However, it is important to remember that we have the remedies for this subtle and destructive wound that paralyzes and prevents the streams of divine peace from flowing through us. In a video, I made this exhortation: "Consecrate your death, heal from fear! This is needed now more than ever... How to do it?

Have the unshakable certainty that we are born of God, the Creator, God who has a loving plan for our lives, a perfect plan that aims to give us fulfilment on earth and eternal happiness in heaven. Our Creator knows the moment of our conception, just as He knows the moment when He will come to take us back with Him.

We can therefore have full confidence in Him and abandon ourselves to this plan of love which is always unfolding on our behalf. And yet we are tempted by our imagination, (rightly called the chatter of the mind), and we torment ourselves by thinking: what if it were to happen tomorrow, or this year...? And there we are, getting all anxious. We suffer in anticipation of a fictitious, unfounded ordeal. We then lose the light we need to make right choices, and we become agitated.

How to regain serenity? By consecrating to God, in advance, the moment of our passage from this world to the next. "Lord, I believe that your plan for my life is the best, I dedicate to you the moment of my death, the one you have chosen for me, and I adhere with all my heart to this plan, whatever it may be. I fully trust you! May that moment be entirely to your glory!" If our death is consecrated to God, it belongs to Him and it is up to Him to think about it. Here too, surrendering into God's hands sets us free and heals us.

We can do the same as regards the manner He chooses to take us back. How many useless fears our imagination imposes upon us! "*Dear children,*" Mary tells us, "*Your life does not belong to you.*" (Message of December 25,1992).

Let us go a step further in this process of liberation! Let us consecrate to God the moment of departure of our loved ones, and also the manner in which they will die. This step is just as important as the first one, because our imagination causes us to anticipate the pain of absence, and this is something we find unbearable. And yet surrendering and accepting God's plan for our loved ones is key to our inner peace. A woman once told me that the thought that her husband could die any day had haunted her throughout her life. But I found out later that she died before him!



Peace in our heart is born out of overcoming struggles, and our surrender into God's hands is a grace to ask for, because by our nature we want to control everything! It should further be added that prayer is a conversation with God, with our greatest friend, so it is possible to express our wishes to Him, as children do to their father. We receive so much from God through humble prayer!

Little Flower of Lisieux said, "The secret of happiness is to find magnificent everything that God sends us."

#### What sacrifices can we offer for peace?

Small or large, sacrifices have an immense impact on the Heart of God. Especially hidden sacrifices. Here are a few examples, but the range is much wider! Every person will find in his heart the sacrifices inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Calling someone who suffers from loneliness. Having a cold shower from time to time. Not asking for seconds from a dish you like. Delay sending a non-urgent message or reading a message. Abstaining from a TV show or turning off the TV for a whole day. Offering a Chaplet of Mercy or a rosary for a priest who no longer walks with Jesus. Doing a favor for a person who is overwhelmed with work. Shutting down your cell phone for a set amount of time. Offering a Mass for a deceased member of the family, or for a person who has upset us. Getting up a few minutes earlier to offer your day to Jesus and Mary. Smiling at someone who is in a bad mood and not arguing with them. Reading and memorizing a Gospel passage that resonates with us instead of watching a TV program. Heartily forgiving an offense received instead of dwelling on bitterness. When upset, thanking and blessing God instead of complaining. Praying the Litany of St. Michael for a person tempted by the devil. Offering a rosary to Mary for a mother tempted by abortion. Refraining from expressing negative judgment about someone who annoys or bores us, and praying for that person. Giving up all sweets for a day, Renouncing a nice cup of tea... Etc.

Ask Jesus which sacrifices would most please Him! Then offer these to Him with love, which will lead Him to send you a downpour of grace! Here is a beautiful encouragement on the road to holiness: At the age of 8-10, little Thérèse Martin was able to find up to 100 little sacrifices in a day when she counted the knots on her sacrificial cord in the evening!

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## Our Lady Teaches on the Eucharist

From To the Priests: Our Lady's Beloved Sons by Fr. Stefano Gobbi

"By a miracle of love which you will be able to understand only in paradise, Jesus has given you the gift of remaining always in your midst in the Eucharist.

In the tabernacle, under the veil of the consecrated bread,



there is kept the same Jesus Whom I was the first to see after the miracle of His resurrection; the same Jesus Who in the splendor of His divinity, appeared to the eleven apostles, to many disciples, to the weeping Magdalen, to the holy women who had followed Him all the way to the sepulcher.

In the tabernacle, hidden beneath the Eucharistic veil, the same risen Jesus is present Who appeared again to more than five hundred disciples and who struck with a bolt of light Saul, the persecutor, on the road to Damascus. He is the same Jesus Who is sitting at the right hand of the Father, in the splendor of His glorified body and of His divinity, even though, for love of you, He hides Himself under the white appearance of the consecrated bread.

Beloved sons, today you must believe more in His presence among you; you must spread with courage and with force, your priestly invitation for a return of all to a strong and witnessed faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. You must orientate the whole Church so that she will find herself before the tabernacle, with your heavenly Mother, in an act of perennial reparation, of continual adoration and of unceasing prayer. Your priestly prayer must become wholly a Eucharistic prayer."

(Words of Our Lady to Fr. Gobbi, August 21st, 1987)

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- + The Immaculate Conception, December 8th
- + Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12th
- + Christmas Day, December 25th

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