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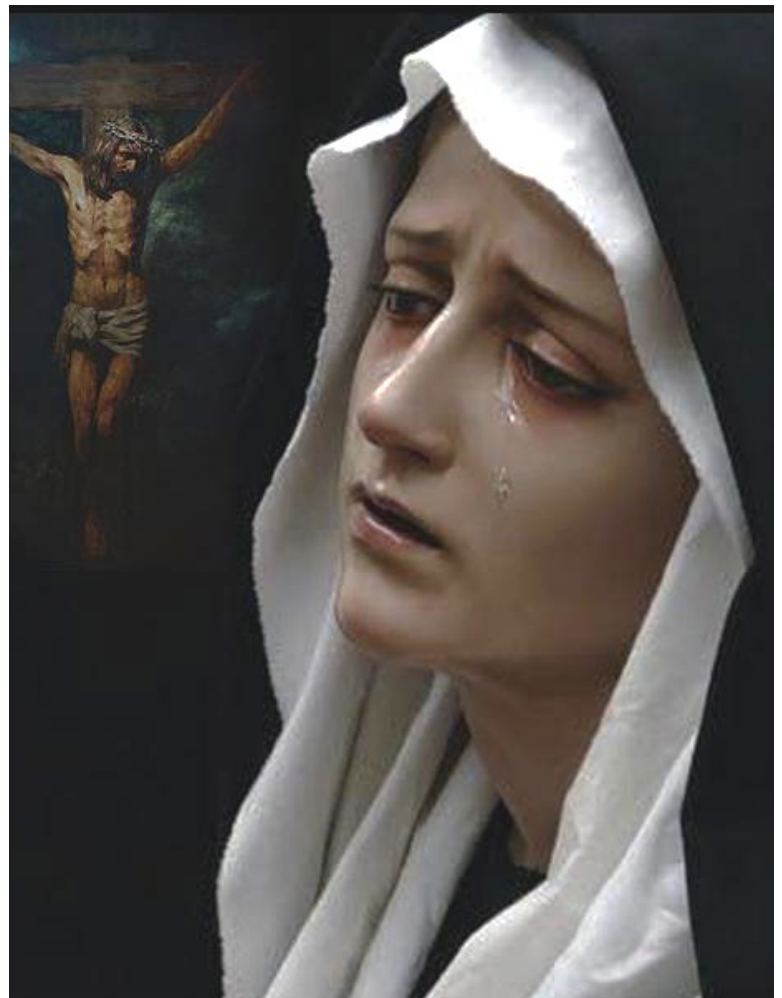
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*Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister...When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." (Jn 19: 25-27)*

**Our Lady of Medjugorje's  
Monthly Message of  
August 25th, 2022:**

*Dear children! God permits me to be with you and to lead you on the way of peace, so that through personal peace, you build peace in the world. I am with you and intercede for you before my Son Jesus, that He may give you a strong faith and hope in a better future, which I desire to build up with you. You be courageous and do not be afraid, because God is with 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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# 50,000 Young People, 500 Priests Attend Youth Festival

from: [medjugorje.hr](http://medjugorje.hr)

On the fifth and the final day of this year's Youth Festival, attended by 50,000 thousand young people from more than 70 countries around the world, Fr. Marinko Šakota wished the young people joy and peace at the beginning of the morning program at 9 a.m., then the blessing was invoked with a prayer to the Holy Spirit. Fr. Renato Galić, former parish assistant priest in the parish of Medjugorje, then gave the morning catechesis to the young people. He recalled at the beginning how he had also participated at the Youth Festival as a young man. The emphasis of his catechesis was based on the motto of the Youth Festival, **"Learn from me and you will find peace"**, and he particularly focused on the word "learn". He said that learning implies one important figure, which is the teacher. He pointed out that one teacher has a special place for Christians, and that is Jesus Christ.

"Our Teacher is different from all other teachers. Jesus invites all of us to his school, without any special conditions. We are called to always be with the teacher and follow Him", said Fr. Renato, and asked: "What does it mean to learn from Jesus? Learning from Jesus means clinging to Him, holding fast to Jesus, being permanently attached to Him in our daily life, following Him, following His steps and sharing His views on this world... Each of us can ask ourselves who I am learning from in my life, or when I need some professions, some skills, who will I go to? There are many teachers, not only direct ones. We see how the media, especially social networks, want to shape us and be our teachers in an indirect way," said Fr. Renato, and he also emphasized the importance of openness to the Holy Spirit to guide us in every day and in life's situations.

"Our teacher Christ says that He is gentle and humble of heart. He gives us an example of how we can love, how to treat others, how to pray according to his example. This will bring us back to peace and harmony with God. This is the true peace that Jesus wants to give us, to be in union with God," stressed Fr. Renato and added that "Jesus in His teaching calls us to come to Him, and when God calls, He does not force, He offers freedom, to choose freely and come to Him. While others place burdens, God is the one who removes those burdens."

After Fr. Renato's catechesis, the testimony of the members of **Mary's Meals** followed. **Mary's Meals** is the name of an international humanitarian organization and the goal of the organization is to provide nutrition in schools in some of the poorest countries in the world, and they have branches all over the world.

The closing Holy Mass of the 33rd Youth Festival was presided over by the former parish priest of Medjugorje, Fr.



Marinko Šakota, who in his sermon referred to the motto of this year's Youth Festival, **"Learn from me and you will find peace!"**

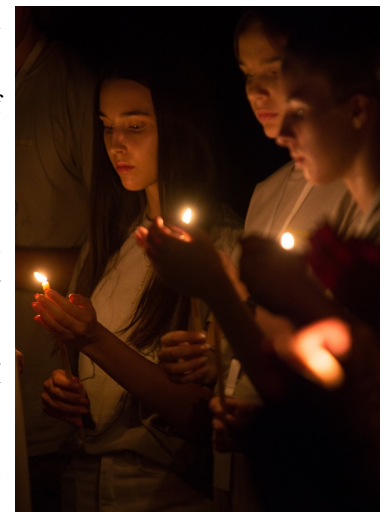
In order to be able to learn from Jesus, he said, we first need to get to know Him from the outside and the inside, so he outlined the conditions for getting to know Jesus, and the main thing is to have an open heart in order to get to know Jesus. Fr. Marinko invited the young people to pray with their hearts, which is what Our Lady in Medjugorje teaches us.

"She teaches us that prayer becomes an encounter with a friend who loves us so immeasurably, but the pearl may not even be recognized. The famous theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar said that there is only one danger for Medjugorje: that it remains unrecognized", said Fr. Marinko, noting that Medjugorje is the pearl of great price.

He invited the young people to discover that pearl and to pray to the Holy Spirit to open their hearts, because when they have an open heart they will discover that pearl. He also told them that if they meet Jesus, they will meet a paradox. He told them to accept the cross, to accept what, at this moment, is incomprehensible because that is how they will discover the pearl.

"Blessed are you, young men and young women, if you found that pearl here in Medjugorje in these days. Blessed are you if you decided to learn from Jesus because you will find true peace, true joy, and you will be blessed even more, if you decide to help others to find that pearl too," Fr. Marinko Šakota concluded.

"The Youth Festival is a meeting of people in simplicity and openness of hearts. No alcohol, no drugs, but so much joy, grace, love, joy, and peace! And an indescribable happiness! Huge crowds from all over the world, and no one is a stranger, all are dear to us! No one in the center of attention, and everyone with the feeling of being accepted and loved! So hot, but nobody minds! Catechesis, testimonies, sermons, for hours and hours but no one is bored! The programs last for a long time, but not too long, on the contrary, everyone would like to continue to worship in song and dance and joy. All these events are of such a nature that they elevate the soul, feed it with healthy spiritual food, fill it with a special peace and a special joy, and give encouragement and a strong incentive to continue living faith and prayer, walking with Our Lady and with Jesus in one's everyday life."





**From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel**

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On July 25th, 2022, the visionary, Marija, received the following monthly message:

***“Dear children! I am with you to lead you on the way of conversion, because, little children, with your lives you can draw many souls closer to my Son. You be joyful witnesses of God’s word and love, and with hope in the heart which conquers every evil. Forgive those who inflict evil on you, and go on the way of holiness. I am leading you to my Son, for Him to be the way, the truth and the life for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”***

***Seize the blessing!***

Thanks to the great German mystic, Teresa Neumann (1898-1962), a farm woman with the stigmata who was so humble and ‘normal’, we have a better understanding of what is offered to us through God's blessing, especially that given by priests.

Through a priestly blessing, we are graced with a flood of



divine holiness, no less! Jesus himself said to Teresa, that if the soul opens up to Him, then His blessing can bring it to holiness. Is this not Mary’s’ great wish for us, her children, and the purpose of her visits in Medjugorje for over 41 years, that we become holy, and live eternally with God in extraordinary union? In Medjugorje, Mary urges us to open our hearts wide when the priest gives the blessing because, she says, when a priest blesses you, it is Jesus Himself who blesses you. She added: ***“If priests knew what they give us when they bless, they would be blessing day and night.”***



**Sister Emmanuel**

One day, an English priest came to our house and we asked him for his blessing. Then I quoted this message to him from Mary. He was so moved that his eyes filled with tears. Tears of joy, of course! He told me that from now on, he would live out his priesthood differently. He had never before realized the immense gift that the Sacrament of Holy Orders had bestowed on his priestly hands.

The revelations given by Jesus to Teresa Neumann amaze us, and we are enchanted by the rich promises they contain! They also invite us to reflect on how we receive the priest's blessing at the end of Mass or on other occasions. How many times have we received it without really paying attention, thoughtlessly!

Here are some of the words of Jesus that can heal us from distraction: “A blessing is a heavenly dew for the soul, through which all that is done can bear fruit. Through the power to bless, I have given to priests the power to open the treasure of my Heart and pour out a shower of graces on souls. When priests give the blessing, I give the blessing. And then an uninterrupted stream of graces flows from my Heart to the soul, until it is completely filled.”

“Keep your heart open so as not to lose the benefit of the blessing! Through my blessing, you receive the grace of love, you receive help for your soul and your body. My holy blessing contains all the help that humanity needs. Thanks to this blessing, you are given the strength and desire to seek good, to escape evil, and to enjoy the protection against the powers of darkness. It is a great privilege when a blessing is bestowed upon you. You cannot understand how much mercy this brings to you.”

“Never receive the blessing carelessly or thoughtlessly, instead receive it with all your attention! You are poor before you receive the blessing, you are rich after you receive it. My blessing often produces effects that are unknown to the soul. Have great confidence in this overflow of my Sacred Heart and reflect seriously on this favor. Receive the holy blessing with sincerity, because its graces only enter a humble heart! Receive it with good will and with the intention of becoming better, then it will penetrate into the depths of your heart and produce its effects. Be a daughter of blessing, then you yourself will be a blessing to others.”

***You should understand this!***

Father Streitfelner talks about his own experience with Teresa Neumann, when he went to visit her one day in Waldsassen. This was after World War II.

Resl (as she was called) asked him to bless her. As he blessed her, Resl's gaze was all around the priest and behind him. After the blessing, he asked her what she was looking at: “Why don't you look straight ahead while you are being blessed?” She replied, “Reverend, you should know this. Every time a priest blesses, I see the Savior behind him; I see Him

# Healing of Maria Mann at Youth Festival in Medjugorje

from Marytv.tv

My name is Maria and I am 20 years old. I turned 20 yesterday. I'm from Ireland., I live in Dublin. I was born and raised there. I've always been in my faith. From a young age I was blessed with amazing parents who brought us up in faith. They ran a choir in the local parish for children. And anyone who likes to join in can, and so from when I was born, they had been doing it about 3 years beforehand so once I was old enough to stand in the choir and sing, I was doing that. And we used to say prayers in the evening, usually before going to bed, the Guardian Angel prayer and evening prayer.

I always had loads of energy. I used to love running around doing sports. I used to do basketball, swimming, hurling, everything—like my whole week would be full. But when I was, I had just gone 11 I started getting a little bit unwell. And I went downhill from there. We tried going to the doctors and they didn't seem to be able to offer a solution. They said just keep doing what you are doing and you should continually improve. But over time I got a bit worse and a bit worse and so after awhile then we started looking in other places for healing. And we went to a number of new age practices thinking they would help not realizing that they are against our faith. So with that some of them helped a little bit but I'd get a little bit better but then a week or two later I'd be in a worse place than I was beforehand. So that happened for awhile. I'd go and get a little bit better then get worse, get better and get worse and I kept going down hill.

So when I turned 18, because I was no longer a child, I was discharged from the children's hospital and that's when I came to know God more and we realized, the family, that it was the way to go. Prayer and just growing closer to God and asking Him for healing. So after awhile, we continually did that and I confessed any of the New Age practices I did, but I found it hard going to Mass, found it hard praying, saying the Rosary and singing praise and worship music. I'd get a bit unwell physically and spiritually I felt quite bad and I knew what we had done in the past was wrong but I knew that this was the way to go, with God, to pray and to grow more in our faith.

So, I was quite unwell for awhile and at the end of August last year, a number of people said that God is putting on my heart that you should go to Medjugorje. So, we were saying maybe not because it would have been a difficult journey for me. I was quite unwell. I went downhill a lot and over the years I ended up in a wheel chair just over 4 years ago.

We went to Medjugorje and I was praying for physical healing but our Lady at that time wanted to heal me spiritually. So, once I got over there I felt an immense peace and joy. I felt so much at peace for the first time in months, maybe even years. It was a fabulous experience. So we were over there for ten days, it was just myself and my Mom who went over. And we came back and I felt so much better with everything. I would go to

Mass when I would be able to and I'd go to Adoration. My prayer increased a lot, we'd say the daily Rosary as well. I was able to sit through Adoration and Mass with complete peace and felt so much better than before.

I was still praying for healing, still in the wheelchair, still struggling but I really wanted to go to Medjugorje again. And I was looking if there were any groups from Ireland going to the Youth Festival because I didn't want to go over alone but I couldn't find any anywhere. So I surrendered it to Our Lady and said, "Holy Mary, if you want me there, you'll get me there." And in a few days we went to a retreat center for young people and they mentioned something about Medjugorje and I was asking when are they going and they said they're going for the Youth Festival. So thankfully they had space and my boyfriend and I were able to join in on the pilgrimage.



So we came here last Wednesday, and it was just amazing, once we arrived here. I could feel the peace and the joy, just when I went to the church and adoration and everything. This town is truly blessed by Our Lady. I was praying for healing as I always am and thank God, we were invited to an apparition 2 days ago. I was expecting a miracle, although it didn't really happen then. But I felt Our Lady put in my heart, I want to heal you. So, I was thinking, she wants to heal me, does that mean she'll heal me or she won't heal me. What does that mean...Will she heal me or will it happen at all. So I just said, God I surrender this to you. Whatever happens, happens.

And then yesterday morning the boys from Cenacolo were able to bring me up Apparition Hill. They lifted me up at half seven in the morning and we stayed at the top for 20 or 25 minutes. And it is such a beautiful sense of peace and joy while we were there. And I was praying again for healing and I was saying Holy Mary is there anything you want to say to me instead of me always praying and asking things. So, I felt her say yes. And I felt her say, I will heal you. So, I always believed God would heal me. But in His own time. As it says in the Bible, ask and you will receive, knock and the door will be opened but it says also its in God's time not in your time. So I would always say when people would ask do you think you will be healed I'd say yes I truly believe that Jesus will heal me but in His time not in my time.

So anyway I was thinking she said she will heal me, that could be in 2 minutes it could be in 20 years. Again I said, okay God I surrender this to you. You take care of it. And then last night as a group we went to the Blue Cross and we lit candles and sang some songs. And it was a wonderful experience, there was so much peace up there. We were praying together and I felt Our Lady putting in my heart, you are healed. And I am saying what does this mean, you are healed. Yes, you are healed. I said, okay, does that mean I can walk? And I felt her saying in my heart, yes you can walk. So I was thinking maybe this is my own thoughts.

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# The Girls Who Resisted Boko Haram

A book review by Jonathon Van Maren from [firstthings.org](http://firstthings.org)



***Bring Back Our Girls: The Untold Story of the Global Search for Nigeria's Missing Schoolgirls*** by Hinshaw & Parkinson

On April 14, 2014, Boko Haram kidnapped hundreds of girls from their school in Chibok, Nigeria, taking them deep into the Sambisa Forest. Two weeks later, one militant faced his prisoners as they crouched in the dirt beneath a tamarind tree. He paced in front of them, waving a Quran and a Bible. To say that Jesus is the Son of God, he told them, was blasphemy. For girls to be educated was forbidden—haram. His name was Aliyu Ahmed, and he had once appeared on a YouTube video executing prisoners with an axe. Islam was the true religion, he screamed at them, and the girls were infidels. He offered them a blunt choice: “You can convert to the true Islam, join us, and please God. Or you will be executed.”

This scene is from ***Bring Back Our Girls: The Untold Story of the Global Search for Nigeria's Missing Schoolgirls*** by journalists Drew Hinshaw and Joe Parkinson. It is the definitive account of the kidnapping that triggered a global social media campaign, captured the attention of celebrities and world leaders, and resulted in multinational military operations costing billions of dollars in hitherto unheard-of areas of the Nigerian jungle. The book is the result of six years of reporting on four continents and hundreds of interviews, from presidents to child soldiers. It is also the story of how a handful of girls clung to their Christian faith under unimaginable pressure.

When Boko Haram stormed the school in Chibok, they were not looking for girls—they were looking for a brickmaker to service their far-flung camps, from which the Islamic terrorist group staged shootings, suicide bombings, and kidnappings in major cities. Boko Haram’s usual practice was to kidnap boys to serve as child soldiers, and they had expected the school compound to be deserted. Instead, they found around 270 terrified girls. Impulsively, they herded them into pickup trucks and took them along. The story was only reported locally. It took a tweet to draw the eyes of the world to the violence that had been raging in Nigeria for years. Music mogul Russell Simons triggered the social media campaign. He sent out a short tweet about the story from his yacht off St. Barts. The chain reaction began, and the story hit the social media stratosphere. Michelle Obama and Hillary Clinton tweeted about it. Rallies were held in Washington, Boston, Kansas, and Connecticut. Signs with #BringBackOurGirls were hoisted on the Hollywood red carpet by Mel Gibson and Harrison Ford. The campaign, ironically, had unintended consequences—the attention turned the girls into Boko Haram’s most valuable asset. Hinshaw and Parkinson describe how the terrorist leaders saw the girls as their claim to fame—and likely lengthened their prisoners’ captivity.

While the world demanded their return, the captive girls were under relentless pressure to convert to Islam and marry militants chosen for them. They were threatened with beheading or brutal slavery if they refused. Many of the girls, paralyzed with fear, succumbed. Others buckled under the brainwashing of a militant assigned to inculcate them into the doctrines of Islam. He forced the “daughters of infidels” to take hours-long classes in which they memorized the Quran. The girls were told that if they married, they would receive homes, slaves, and honor. In secret, the girls shared Bible passages and prayed fervently together for strength and rescue. They sang hymns into their hands and cups of water to stifle the sound. A favorite song sustained them:

***It is a must for trials to come. But if we stand firm to the end  
We will receive the crown. And be like the angels***

The girls wrote lyrics they didn’t want to forget in the notebooks they’d been given for copying the Quran. When the militants discovered they had a Bible, the girls buried it for safety. When the beatings intensified, they took turns fasting for strength. And when the roughly two dozen resolute holdouts were told that their choice was between Islam, marriage, or hellfire (they presumed this meant execution), and that they had two weeks to decide, they fasted and prayed. After a week, they told their captors that they didn’t need any more time. They were told to write their names down—in black for Islam, in red for Christ. One by one, they wrote their names in red.

One of the girls emerged as leader of the little group that stood firm. At twenty-four, Naomi Adamu was the oldest of the girls, and she kept a secret diary during her three-year captivity. Her defiance strengthened the other girls and earned her the nickname “Chief Infidel.” When the Islamic instructor offered her the choice of marriage or slavery and she refused, he screamed at her. She shouted back at him while the other girls listened: “Even if heaven and earth come together, I will not marry!” He told her he would kill her and smashed her in the back of the neck with his Kalashnikov, a blow that would leave her permanently scarred. “God will judge you,” she said as he stormed off. When the militants attempted to starve the girls into submission, many chose fasting in response. How could they be threatened with starvation if they chose it?

The girls did not know it, but while they endured these trials, a massive search was underway. The Nigerian government hunted for the captives desperately; American drones flew over their heads; negotiations started, sputtered, and stalled. Ten of the girls were killed in a Nigerian airstrike intended to take out Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau, and the rest—those who did not succumb to the sexual servitude of forced “marriage”—lived in terror. Negotiations finally succeeded in May 2017, when Naomi and eighty-two of the other girls were released into the custody of the Red Cross. Of the 276 that were kidnapped, 164 have been freed, 112 remain officially missing, and at least 40 have died. At the time of writing, Hinshaw and Parkinson write, the Red Cross reports that at least 22,000 northeastern Nigerians are missing. Many who sent out tweets forgot about the story within days. This account details what the girls were enduring throughout their captivity—their courage, their suffering, their faith. Christians especially could learn from this story. As one set of lyrics the girls secretly copied into their notebooks reads: “*Nebuchadnezzar is the king of Babylon, big king of Babylon/ We the children of Israel will not bow.*”

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raise his hand and give the blessing. And I would rather see the Savior than yourself, you should understand this, Reverend!" (Like many mystics, Teresa Neumann was very outspoken and had a strong sense of humor!)

The seminarian who had accompanied Father Streitfelner to her home then, made the following observation: "How beautiful it is to be a priest and to be able to give the blessing! With Jesus, in Jesus and through Jesus! When I become a priest, I will give the blessing often!"

One morning, Teresa Neumann said to her spiritual director, Father Josef Naber: "You went to bed very late last night, Father!" He asked her how she knew. She replied, "I felt your blessing!"

### ***A message that gives you a jolt!***

On May 2, 2009, Our Lady told us: "... ***You allow sin to surround you more and more. You allow it to dominate you and deprive you of the capacity for discernment. My poor children, look around you and see the signs of the times! Do you think you can do without God's blessing? Do not allow the darkness to envelop you. From the depths of your heart, cry out to my Son. His Name disperses even the greatest darkness...***"

Every day, when she appears to the visionaries, Mary gives her blessing, as a mother blesses her children. Vicka told me that this favor is not only for the visionaries. She said that all those who gather in prayer at the moment of Mary's daily apparition, to welcome her into their hearts, receive the same graces as those received by the visionaries, even if they are on another continent.

Mary explains: ***"The priest's blessing is greater than mine, for the priest has received the anointing in his hands"*** (of the Sacrament of Holy Orders). The blessing of the Virgin Mary is very important, it complements that of her Son without substituting it. Just before His Passion, Jesus came to his mother to describe what he was going to suffer and asked her to bless Him, as a mother blesses her child. Then she herself asked her Son to bless her. How can we imagine what happened then between them?! What a sublime exchange! Jesus did not want to surrender himself into the hands of sinners without first receiving his mother's blessing!

The gift of the Blessing and its power goes back to the origins of Revelation. There are thousands of examples to share, but that would take an entire book! Long before Abraham, as early as in Genesis, God blessed His creation, man and woman in particular.

Jesus' last gesture on the Mount of Olives was to bless His apostles and this blessing continues for all generations. The Hebrew term in the Bible (Berakhah) is very rich in meaning. The Latin word (benedire), which came later, impoverished this meaning, for it is not a matter of "speaking good", but of receiving the treasures of the Heart of God in true divine communication. This communication is given directly to the soul, without going through the mind. This is why it is normal not to 'feel' it. Thank you, Moses! I wish to end this report with the magnificent Blessing that God gave Moses to bless his people (Numbers 6:25-27). These words come to us from the very mouth of God! Many priests use this blessing at the end of Mass, and St. Francis of Assisi gave it often:

*"Adonai spoke to Moses and said, ... This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace! So they will put my name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."*

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At the end of the Holy Mass, at which 501 priests concelebrated together with him, Fr. Marinko thanked everyone who participated in organizing this Youth Festival and invited everyone to support the new Medjugorje parish priest, Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić, and the whole evening was especially emotional when the Apostolic Visitor for the parish of Medjugorje Msgr. Aldo Cavalli thanked Fr. Marinko Šakota for his service in these previous years.

"Our parish priest Fr. Marinko will soon leave the parish of Medjugorje, in order to continue his mission in another parish. Fr. Marinko, on behalf of the Holy Father, whose ambassador I am and in the name of all of those gathered here, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you have done here with your love, knowledge and wisdom. May the Lord Jesus always accompany you, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, the Queen of Peace, always intercede for you. Thank you, Fr. Marinko, thank you. Thank you very much", Archbishop Cavalli said. After the Holy Mass, then Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar followed.



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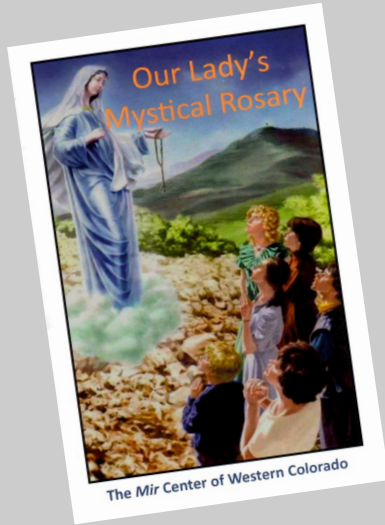
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Maybe this isn't Our Lady speaking to me. So I said if this is you, Holy Mary, confirm it through someone else. And then within 30 seconds, the bishop that was with us went up and said I was planning to do this tomorrow but I am going to anoint anyone who would like with the oil of the sick. So I was thinking maybe this is a sign. I suppose it could be but it also could be a coincidence. So I asked him to anoint me with the Sacrament of the sick. So I said to Our Lady show me something else, if this is really from you. And within maybe 2 minutes



somebody else went up and gave their testimony and it really spoke to me, not in a way they might have realized but I know the Holy Spirit was speaking through them because they talked about God's will and they said everybody's prayer is heard, no matter how big or how small the prayer it's heard but it won't necessarily be answered straight away and it won't be answered in a way that you necessarily want but He will hear your prayer and He will answer it in His own time. So when he said those words, I am like this is a

definite confirmation because I have been telling everybody, it's in His own time His perfect time and then this man last night said, in His perfect time and I knew that was from God.

So, I was thinking what do I do now. Do I try to get up and walk or do I not, like maybe later on because there were loads of people around and these doubts were coming, and the evil one was getting in. So I said okay, should I do this now or later and I felt now. Then I thought not now, there are too many people around but then I really felt now is the time with witnesses around. So, eventually I got the courage to say look I feel Our Lady is putting something on my heart and I am not fully sure if its from her or its just my own thoughts. So I asked for confirmation and I got two. And then I asked for a hand and my boyfriend came over and gave me his hand and I stood up and I walked for the first time in over 4 years, which was a miracle, it was amazing and everybody just started praying and thanking God and like we were all in awe. I'm still processing it even now because it is so amazing. But thanks be to God and Holy Mary I can walk now. I just need to hold onto somebody a little bit, I need a little bit of a hand still. I'm not used to walking but I praise God for this miraculous healing.



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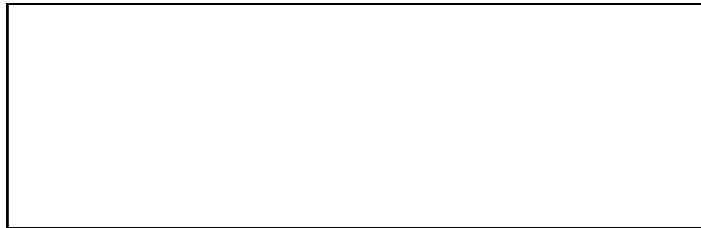
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## Upcoming events:

- + *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8th*
- + *The Exaltation of the Cross, September 14th*
- + *Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15th*



Our Lady's Five-Point Program  
 \*Conversion  
 \*Prayer  
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