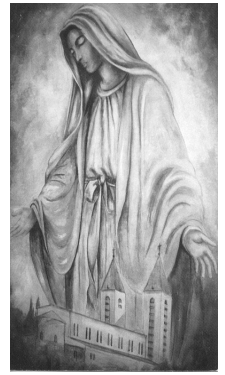


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OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSENGER

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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. (Phil 2 : 6-8)

**Our Lady of Medjugorje's
Monthly Message of
August 25th, 2019:**

Dear children! Pray, work and witness with love for the Kingdom of Heaven that it may be good for you here on earth. Little children, God will bless your effort a hundred fold; you will be witnesses among peoples, souls of unbelievers will feel the grace of conversion and Heaven will be grateful for your efforts and sacrifices. Little children, witness with the Rosary in hand that you are mine and decide for holiness. 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
Sorrrows



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Answering Common Objections to Medjugorje

By Cathy Nolan from SpiritofMedjugorje.com

Often Fr. Leon (the chaplain to the English speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje) will give a little talk before the English Mass, which we call a "Sanctuary Snippet!" (You can listen to all the Snippets at: <https://marytv.tv/sanctuary-snippets-2/>.)

He does short teachings that help us in our spiritual life. Today I thought I would talk to you about possible objections to Medjugorje. Some of the objections that people come up with (these are the sort of things you hear or have already heard, or maybe you have these objections yourself...):

"One of the things people say is that you cannot go to an unapproved apparition site. You cannot go to an unapproved apparitions site. Well, what happened at Lourdes? Lourdes took four years to be approved. Fatima took fifteen years to be approved. When they were approved, the bishops said that one of the reasons they were approved was the continual numbers of people who were coming there while it was still not approved. So that is one of the signs that the Church looks for. So to say that you cannot go to a place that is not approved yet is not true.

"Then people say that the apparitions at Medjugorje have gone on too long. OK, how long is too long? In Laus in France, the apparitions went on for 54 years – daily apparitions. Fatima, we know that Sr. Lucia continued to have apparitions for 88 years! OK? So how long is too long?

"Then they say that the approval is too slow in coming. Champion in Wisconsin took 151 years to be approved. Laus in France took 344 years. So the average number of years for Marian Apparitions Sites for approval is 64.8 years. Here in Medjugorje, we are near 37 years, so we have another 27.8 years to go before we are average.

"Then people say there is a danger in going to a place like Medjugorje. This is true. According to Archbishop Leonard of Brussels, he said there are two dangers in going to Medjugorje. Number 1 – the first danger in going to Medjugorje is that it may be false. And if it is false, we are all in danger of being deceived. If we are being deceived, we are being deceived into what? Praying the Rosary every day from the heart, going to Mass every day, going to Confession once a month, reading our Bibles, fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays. Oh happy deception – I wish the whole world were deceived in this way! Number 2 – then he says there is a greater danger to Medjugorje. This is the danger of 'What if it is true?' Because then it is a grace from God, and how have we responded to it? So that is the greater danger!

Then people say, 'Oh the visionaries' lives! If I had seen the Mother of God, I would have become a monk or nun or something.' Then you have to ask yourselves, 'Why haven't I become a monk or nun?' It's not too late! I have a habit in your size. Now this I call 'Vauzou syndrome'. I name it after the novice mistress of St. Bernadette. Sr. Vauzou said, 'Why would the Mother of God appear to an illiterate, uneducated sister? She should have appeared to a marvelous, fantastic, clever person like me.' Now think about La Salette. In La Salette, which is an approved apparition, the two visionaries were hounded by the public and they both went off the rails.

Melanie, the girl, joined four different orders and she died outside all of them, dispensed from her vows. Maximin, the boy, was thrown out of high school, then thrown out of medical school, then tried to be a soldier and failed at that. Tried to train as a pharmacist, and later lent his name to a man who made liquor, and they called it 'Visionary Liquor'. He was swindled out of a lot of money. Then he died, penniless, alcoholic and in a ditch, alone. But he was a real visionary. So don't confuse being a visionary with being a saint. This is a good reason why we should leave them alone and not hound them.

"Finally, two last things. People say Our Lady doesn't make appointments to appear, because here She appears at 5:40 every day. What did She do in history? Well we know at Guadalupe, She said to come back tomorrow, same time and same place. Fatima: come back every 13th of the month, same time, same place. Lourdes: 'Will you do me the great grace of coming here every day for 15 days?' So from this we see that Mary is perfectly capable of making appointments.

"And finally, people complain that it is the same message, over and over. This I submit to all the mothers here. You know if you repeat yourself, obviously you must be fake. So to all the mothers here, how many times do you tell your children to come down to dinner? How many times do you tell them to clean their rooms? Just once? Because if you repeat yourself, you must be fake. OK, if Our Lady has to repeat Herself, it means that we are bad children!



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From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On August 2nd, 2019, Mirjana received her monthly apparition at the Blue Cross, surrounded by a large crowd of pilgrims. After the apparition, she conveyed this message:

"Dear children, great is the love of my Son. If you were to come to know the greatness of His love, you would never cease to adore and thank Him. He is always alive with you in the Eucharist, because the Eucharist is His Heart. The Eucharist is the heart of faith. He has never left you. Even when you tried to go away from Him, He has not left you. That is why my motherly heart is happy when I watch how you-filled with love - return to Him, when I see that you are coming to Him by the way of reconciliation, love, and hope. My motherly heart knows that when you set out on the way of faith, you are shoots-buds. But along with prayer and fasting you will be fruits, my flowers, apostles of my love; you will be carriers of light and will illuminate all those around you with love and wisdom. My children, as a mother I am imploring you: pray, think, and contemplate. Everything beautiful, painful and joyful that happens to you - all of this makes you grow spiritually, so that my Son may grow in you. My children, surrender yourselves to Him, believe Him, trust in His love, let Him lead you. Let the Eucharist be the place where you will feed your souls, and afterwards, will spread love and truth - will bear witness to my Son. Thank you."



Sister Emmanuel

Little children, trials will come!

The Queen of the Prophets has never been clearer than today, and that is no accident. The worst thing for us to do would be to ignore her warning, because it is serious. For 38 years, she has shown us the way to peace and even to prosperity (see message of 25 Dec. 1999 for the 3rd millennium.) But despite her warnings about the risks we take by not listening to her, her children's response has been too weak. She must now warn us that difficult times are near. As if the world weren't already

going through hard times! Kyrie eleison! Take note, however, we are not talking about the end of the world. In fact, Mary tells us about future generations, she is "preparing us for the New Times", and of course for the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. Obviously, when a mother prepares her child for something, she does not prepare him for an event in the future that he will not experience. On the contrary, she prepares her child for what he will see in his lifetime. In other words, you and I will probably see these New Times!

Every triumph is preceded by a conflict or a battle, for one does not triumph over peace. We are already in the middle of this battle. That much is obvious. So many wounds, so much suffering! The closer victory approaches, the more intense the battle becomes, because the enemy, seeing the end of his power closing in, behaves like an aggressive animal before collapsing having been wounded to death.

With God it is never too late. We may no longer be able to prevent trials from happening, but we can soften and shorten them. Far be it from me to want to explain here the kinds of trials that await us, let us instead focus on ways to draw upon God's grace and His extraordinary mercy so that we may survive in the midst of these waves that overpower us.

Every authentic prophecy contains its share of hope, and today Mary tells us where to find true refuge, the one that never deceives: The Heart of her Son Jesus, who will always remain present to us through the Eucharist. ***"He is still alive with you in the Eucharist, for the Eucharist is his Heart. The Eucharist is the heart of faith. He has never abandoned you, even when you tried to move away from Him..."*** She also said, ***"Those of my children who have faith - true faith - are happy no matter what, because they begin to experience heavenly happiness while on earth."*** Now who are those who have true faith? Those who cling to Christ with their whole being.

The assurances offered to us by the world and its excessive materialism can no longer assure us of anything. If I take out life insurance, it only works when I'm dead! Jesus alone is our true security, our safe haven, our true Life insurance!

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Bishop Sheen's Warning of a Crises in Christendom

By Joseph Pronechen from ncregister.com

"First of all, we are at the end of Christendom," Bishop Fulton Sheen solemnly said during a television show in 1974. "Now not the end of Christianity, not the Church. Remember what I am saying." Then he defined what he meant. "Christendom is the economic, political, social life as inspired by Christian principles. That is ending — we've seen it die. Look at the symptoms: the breakup of the family, divorce, abortion, immorality, general dishonesty." That was 1974. Today we know it's even worse with the definition of marriage and gender drawn into the picture. And the crisis within the Church.

He reminded that of 22 civilizations that have decayed since the beginning of the world, 19 rotted and perished from within. "We live in it from day to day, and we do not see the decline." Remember, that was in 1974. "We take it for granted—we get used to things, and almost accept them as the rule."

Sheen pointed out "the press that we read, the television that we see, is in no instance inspired by Christian principles. As a matter of fact, there is, on the part of many of us, the tendency to go down to meet the world — not to lift the world up. We are afraid of being unpopular — so we go with the mob." The good bishop noted we were living in the fourth 500-year period of Church history, explaining "the Church is not a continuing thing — it dies and rises again. It proceeds on the principle of Christ himself as priest and victim. "And there comes the defeat, the seeming decay, we are put in the grave, and then we rise again. We have had four deaths in our Christian history."

The first time the Church was in dire straits was in the fall of Rome, the first 500-year period. It had a rebirth when great saint missionaries like Augustine in England and Patrick in Ireland spread the faith. Then came a second "decay" around the year 1,000 with the Moslem invasions and the split of the Church with a schism in Constantinople. "It seemed to be the end of everything. And then we came to life again," Sheen said. In the third 500-year period he said the Church became "rotten" as nuns and priests were defecting. Then came the reformers who "almost always reform the wrong things. And they began reforming the faith, and there was nothing wrong with faith — it was the morals that needed to be reformed. It's not renewal — it's really a moral reformation that is needed today, too." Remember, that was 44 years ago.

All the more so in our day. On just one point, how many listened to, and took to heart, *Humanae Vitae*? Even theologians defected from it. After that period the Church came to life again, Sheen said. "And now we're at the fourth period, and we're rotting — we're spoiled — no great zeal, no great learning, no great fire." Yet there's hope because "anyone who knows history is not particularly disturbed."

"But the enemy in each of the 500-year periods has been separate and distinct," he continued. "We had, and here I am

speaking generally of enemies within the Church, in the first 500 years, false doctrine centering around the person of Christ...the Christological heresies. So the Church was just split open, and that was one of the reasons that made it possible for the Moslems to develop." The next period saw attacks on the head of the Church, leading to the Eastern Church breaking away. By the 16th century the attack was on "the body of Christ, the mystical body, the Church." It was Reformation time.

"Our enemy today is the world — the spirit of the world," Sheen made clear. "Today we have to conform to the world or we're branded" he said. We must be politically correct. "Our Lord said, I have taken you out of the world. We say, 'No we have to win over the world, and to win it you have to be one with it.' Our Lord says, I pray not for the world. He was praying for the spirit of the world. And this is the easiest kind of

way to fall off the log — worldliness. It's so simple, and it can be justified for a thousand reasons; namely, the Vatican Council said we have to go into the world — indeed, but not to be world, which is quite a different matter. So this is our attack today."

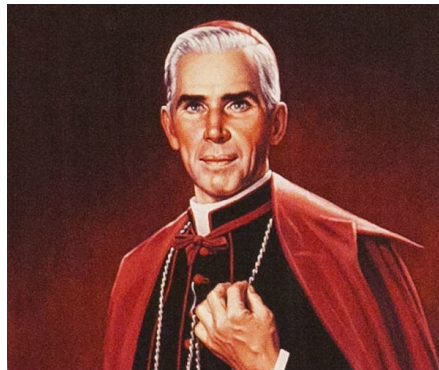
Sheen saw this as "one of the basic causes of our degeneration, of our death. We're dying. What about it? What's the answer?" "The answer is: these are great and wonderful days in which to be alive. I thank God... that I can live in these days, because these are days of testing." Since 1974 the testing pressure has increased.

Sheen explained it was easy to be Christian in the three decades before his talk. "The atmosphere was Christian; morals were Christian; there was no great problem in adapting ourselves to a Christian society. But now, when everything is turned around, these are days when the masks have got to come off, and we reveal ourselves just as we really are. Today the current is against us. And today the mood of the world is, 'Go with the world, go with the spirit.' Listen, dead bodies float downstream. Only live bodies resist the current. And so the good Lord is testing us."

"And he is testing Western Christians with worldliness, and how many of us are falling?" Would Bishop Sheen be surprised on how far the decadence and corruption have piled up? He gives the example of the Israelites being tested by God in the desert. "That is what he is doing to us. We are showing what we really are now," Sheen said. "St. John says in his Epistle: 'They did not love us really from the beginning. That is why they left us.' And so the souls that are falling away have just failed to meet the test. It is very much like the test that the Jews had."

The farsighted bishop highlighted how the majority of Israelites scouting the Promised Land told the people they couldn't enter because the dwellers there were too strong. But "the majority is not always right!" Only Caleb and Joshua, "the minori-

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Fatima and Woodstock, Medjugorje and Disneyland

By Carl A. Malito

Fifty years after the Woodstock music festival held in upstate New York, most look back with fond memories of three days of fun and music. Certainly, the media is inclined to look back through rose colored glasses and offer glowing tributes to an event that "changed America." They tend to overlook the mismanagement, the ineptitude, the squalor, the bad trips, the chaos and the mud. They tend to overlook the famous line from Roger Daltry of the Who: "Woodstock wasn't peace and love. There was an awful lot of shouting and screaming going on. By the time it all ended, the worst sides of our nature had come out. People were screaming at the promoters, people were screaming to get paid. We had to get paid, or we couldn't get back home."



Woodstock, wallowing in the mud

had pleaded with our Lady to perform a miracle so that people would believe that they were telling the truth. All witnessed it, believers and non believers alike.

Both at Woodstock and at Fatima, the crowds got rained on and there was a sea of mud. The young people at Woodstock wallowed in it and the party continued. Singer John Fogerty of Credence Clearwater Revival described an early morning scene as "sort of like a painting of a Dante scene, just bodies from hell, all intertwined and asleep, covered with mud."

The crowd at Fatima were miraculously dried in an instant. Many of the sick were healed and they left the Cova di Iria with renewed faith. They knew that despite the carnage of the First World War, and the persecution of the Church in Portugal, God had not abandoned them. Rather, God was with them



Miracle of the sun at Fatima

and He would help them in their trials and they could face the future with confidence.

If Woodstock changed the world, it was certainly not a change for the better. Despite the promise of peace and love it was more a spirit of anarchy and rebellion that pervaded the festival with the smell of marijuana smoke replacing incense and LSD, as their 'sacrament.' Over 6000 needed medical assistance to recover from this distorted form of communion.



Mickey and Minnie and friends

The message of Fatima and the miracle that confirmed the authenticity of the events there should have changed the world. A world devoted to prayer and fasting and a deepening faith with lives based on duty and restraint and obedience to God's laws would look quite a bit different than the world as it is over 100 years later. Woodstock was in many way the antithesis of the message of Fatima.

Sometimes, Medjugorje is described as a Catholic Disneyland and I suppose if one wishes to stretch the analogy a bit, it does sort of apply. People from all around the world travel to a small parcel of land in a far off corner of the earth to spend time and engage in activities that are far apart from their daily routine.



Climbing the mountain at Medjugorje

But while at Disneyland, families will go on 'rides' and stroll the beautiful grounds with carefree abandon, at Medjugorje, there are rocks and a church and a hill and a mountain and almost nothing in the way of amusement. Good food, parades, music, whimsical characters and seemingly endless enticements for the senses abound at Disneyland. At Medjugorje, there is the Mass and Adoration and long lines for confession with solemn penitents and yet, a profound, almost tangible sense of peace. Those looking for stimulation of the conventional sort will have to look elsewhere, for in Medju-

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Sin Will Reign

"Sin will reign", Mary said. **"But if you are mine, you will overcome it because your refuge will be the Heart of my Son Jesus."** That is why the world needs worshipers, to allow the Lord to reign again in the heart of the world. Mary asked that there be a chapel of perpetual adoration in each parish. Seeing her Son adored by His children is her most treasured dream. When we adore Jesus hidden in the tabernacle, or exposed on the altar, even if distractions may disturb us, Jesus is there alive, He radiates in the invisible and He acts in our souls! His whole life is there before us, like an open book with gushing flames. We are gradually transformed, because we are filled and enriched with Him. Why do so many Catholics today doubt the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? Don't they know that Satan himself is aware of this presence? Why do Satanists, who always seek to prolong Christ's passion with their sacrifices, smash tabernacles to steal the hosts? Don't they have enough bakeries near their homes to find bread?

It is beautiful to see that Jesus extends his divine rays of love and light not only on those who adore Him, but that this powerful radiation of love extends even to the surroundings! We move from the natural to the supernatural, and fruit is borne. I know a priest whose mission is to create chapels of perpetual adoration in the parishes that invite him. He told me that in 1984, the city of Trieste had the highest suicide rate in all of Italy. Not to mention other evils such as crime, rape, theft, divorces, abortions, occult practices, etc. These statistics are in the city's records. That very year, he founded a chapel of perpetual adoration. Well, in just one year, the suicide rate fell by one half!

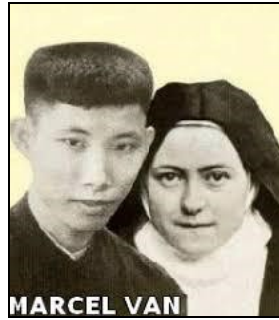
Rome has arrived!

Thanks to the good work of Bishop Hoser, the Pope's envoy for the pastoral care of Medjugorje, many prelates did not shy away from coming to celebrate the Eucharist in Medjugorje in recent weeks! From Rome came Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization and Cardinal Angelo De Donatis; and then the Cardinal of Sarajevo, Mgr. Pulic; The Apostolic Nuncio for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mgr. Luigi Pezzuto. Even France is starting to budge! We already had Mgr. Dominique Rey, Bishop of Toulon, then the Archbishop of Avignon, Mgr. Jean-Pierre Cattenoz. This marks a new turning point for the Marian Shrine of Medjugorje, which is very positive and promising!

Mosquitoes and prayer

When there are too many mosquitoes in a room, a device is plugged in that emits a scent or sound that scares them away. Our prayer, on the other hand, is like an incense that rises to God, like a fragrance that delights His heart. And prayer annoys the demons so much that they run away from this incense. So let us not forget this touching confidence disclosed by Our Lady in May 2017: "The prayers you address to me are the most beautiful roses of love for me. I cannot fail to be there where I smell the scent of roses!" Do you know that each of our Ave Maria's is a rose offered to the Mother of God?

Marcel Van and France



Because several people have expressed a great interest in the young Vietnamese Marcel Van whom I quoted in July, here is a new text that concerns France. I hope it will speak not only to the hearts of my dear people, but also to those from other countries who will take into their hearts this blessed country who should behave as the elder daughter of the Church and who is still so far from it!

On November 12th, 1945, Jesus said: **"O little apostle of my love, everywhere in France my love is calling out for help. And what help is it asking for? For the relief of prayer which, by reviving the flame of love, will make the hearts of the enemies of my love more pliable. In order to do the right thing, wherever there are French people, the incense of prayer should rise up to my love. O France, I love you; and you French people, do you actually know what the feelings of my heart are towards you? Do you see my tears mingling with those of a foreigner who is busy writing down the words I am dictating to him here, for you? O France, I press you in my arms, I give you a kiss. It is not possible that you should take advantage of this mark of tenderness to strike me in the face. Alas! You, the children of the country I particularly love, how will you behave towards my love? Will you deliberately throw it out of your home? O priests of the country that I particularly love, I am a fugitive who is seeking asylum in your home. What welcome do you want to give to my love? Will I be chased away or eagerly welcomed? O my children, I do not want to allow my love to move away from France. O France! Country that I love more than others, hear the call of my love. People of France, my children, if you push my love away from you, what other love could you possibly use to lift up France? If there is no love to lift France, then France will be covered in thick smoke rising from hell, and in that case, she will become a country opposed to my love and will eventually be destroyed. But, my child, humble child of my love, if prayers from trusting, simple and pure hearts are brought up to me, later you will see me smiling happily at the land I love."**

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gorje, there is very little to write home about that would make the neighbors or relatives inclined to visit... unless, of course, the neighbors or relatives were open to the fact that Heaven has opened above this little village and messages from Heaven were coming with astonishing regularity... and Our Lady has come, and continues to come bringing a message of peace.

Disneyland bills itself as the "Happiest place on earth," and to many, the tagline is accurate. I'm not going to belabor the obvious and point out the cost, the long lines and the artificial nature of the place. People travel long distances and spend a lot of money to escape to the wonder and magic of Disneyland and they will not be inclined to listen to what I am about to say. But Disneyland is not the happiest place on earth and what is presented there has not, cannot and will not bring any lasting peace or joy to this world. If all the attractions closed tomorrow, it would make very little difference in the grand scheme of things. We humans can live without the Magic Kingdom, without Mickey and Minnie and all the rest, but we cannot live without God.

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ty report,” disagreed. They were right. Sheen warned “what we are going to have in the Church is a minority report: a minority report of sisters, a minority report of priests, a minority report of laity — not the minority that is aggressive and troublemaking, but the minority that like Caleb and Joshua, trusts in God. So we are tested just as the Jews were tested.”

He went on, “not far after our time, and perhaps in the time of some, then will come the battles and the testing. Our Lord said, Satan would sift you as wheat. And we are being sifted as wheat. So we can all thank God that we live in these days. Really, it’s beautiful. Now we can say, ‘aye’ or ‘nay,’ and we can bear up under assault, criticism and ridicule, because this is the lot of the Christian in the days of the spirit of the world.”

The saintly bishop made clear the situation was really not “gloomy.” Why? Because “it is a picture of the Church in the midst of increasing opposition from the world. And, therefore, live your lives in the full consciousness of this hour of testing, and rally close to the heart of Christ.” Be the “minority.” And if there is anything that has to be restored in our day, I would say it would be violence. Violence! The kingdom of heaven is won by violence. And only the violent shall conquer it.”

Shouldn’t it be about peace? Let’s hear the great Bishop Sheen explain. And Biblically too. He observed how when the Church drops things, the world picks them up but twists them in the wrong way. For example, mysticism drops, and the young turn to pharmaceuticals and drugs. “And we drop violence, discipline, commitment to the Cross, and the world picks it up...That’s why there’s no stopping the violence of this country. We just have to...hire more police guards, build more hospitals for the addicts. Why? Because there’s no moral reason on the inside why they should stop.” Isn’t he exactly right? What’s the usual first response? More government spending and more laws will fix the problem. Not really. Sheen explained, “Our Blessed Lord said I have come to bring the sword. Not peace! We are always talking about peace, peace, peace! Yes, because that war (World War II,

Korean War, etc.) happened — but we aren’t making war on ourselves — and there’s not going to be any peace in the world until we make war. Our Lord said, I came not to bring peace, but the sword! He never used the word ‘peace’ until after Easter. The Lord brought a sword. It’s not the sword that’s thrust outward against the enemy. It’s a sword that’s thrust against ourselves, cutting out the seven pallbearers of the soul: pride and covetousness and lust and anger, envy, gluttony and sloth. And we’ve given up the sword — someone else has taken it up, and we have to restore it! Then we’ll get peace! And peace is never corporate — it’s never social — until it’s first individual.

Social peace, world peace, is the extension of individual peace in our hearts. When we are right with God, then we will be right with our fellow man. When are not right with God, then we will be wrong with everyone else.” He told everyone to take seriously spending an hour before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every day “not only for our own souls, but for the world, and to strengthen our minority.” It’s a “violence” to ourselves, easily enough understood but it requires discipline...

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Medjugorje is, to many, the happiest place on earth. It is the place where faith is renewed, where conversions occur, where lives are changed. It is the spot where we learn that this world not a playground but a battleground. We discover we are not here to be amused and entertained. It is the spot where we begin to make sense of the evil of our times. Yes, all times are evil. Paul wrote about the evils of his times in his letter to the Ephesians. The war between good and evil started with Satan’s rebellion and continued with Adam and Eve’s disobedience in the garden. But something more is happening in our day. The hatred of the Church, the desecration of churches, the persecution of Christians, the glorification of sin and the mockery of the ways of God has been picking up momentum for over a century. In our times the division that Jesus predicted has become glaringly obvious. But the fire that Jesus desired to cast upon the earth, the fire of his love that He yearned to spread is also accelerating. It began with a spark ignited by His mother in a most unlikely spot, a pile of rocks really, a little village named Medjugorje 38 years ago. Who would have thought that rocks would make such good kindling?

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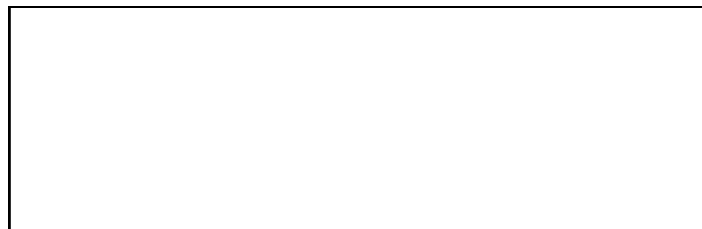
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Upcoming events:

- + The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8th (celebrated)
- + The Exaltation of the Cross, September 14th
- + Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15th



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