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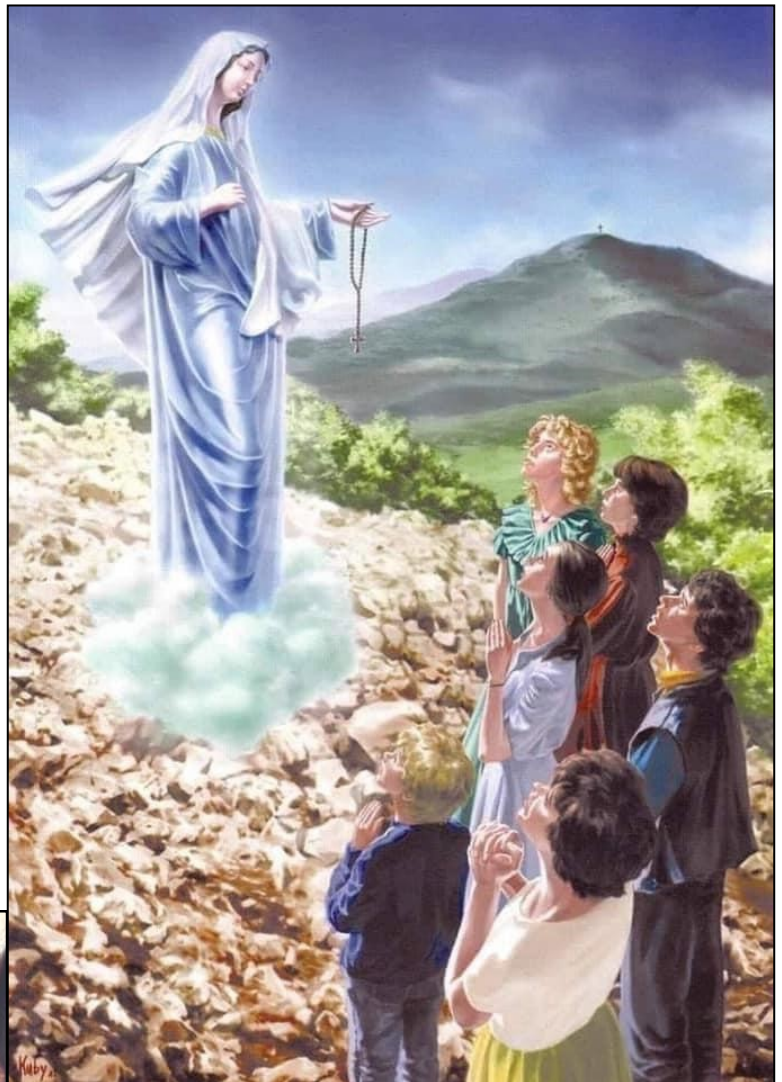
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I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church... (Col 1: 24)

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

Dear children! I rejoice with you and thank you for every sacrifice and prayer which you have offered for my intentions. Little children, do not forget that you are important in my plan of salvation of mankind. Return to God and prayer that the Holy Spirit may work in you and through you. Little children, I am with you also in these days when Satan is fighting for war and hatred. Division is strong and evil is at work in man as never before. 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.



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Medjugorje in the Beginning: Miracles and Wonders

from Papaboys.org

41 years of grace: a look at the first miracles that happened in Medjugorje. The beginning of a journey full of holiness and wonders! Let's look at the fifth chapter from the book *"The Apparitions of Our Lady of Medjugorje"* by Gianfranco Fagioli. One of the first books written about this important place of prayer. In the text you will find the story of some of the first miracles that took place in Medjugorje.

Medjugorje in the beginning: Miracles and Wonders

Paralyzed for five years, Mara Odak, a forty-nine-year-old housewife living in Mostar, suddenly recovered. She has no doubt that this is a miracle. She explains: "A great miracle. I owe my healing exclusively to Our Lady of Medjugorje. Our Lady has answered my prayers and now I come here on pilgrimage, every week, to thank her".

I met Mrs. Mara Odak in Medjugorje on June 25, 1982 on the occasion of the liturgical celebrations for the anniversary of our Lady's first apparition on Podbrdo. The woman speaks naturally, her speech is calm and never seems like fanatical enthusiasm. On the contrary, it tends rather to consider, in a certain sense, a normal fact the prodigy of which she is the protagonist. She continues to repeat: "If one has faith, one can ask God and Our Lady for anything". Her appearance retains no trace of past tribulations. Rosy complexion, brown and curly hair, light eyes, she has a strong and robust physique, agile movements, confident step. She says, "I'm fine now and I always have a good appetite." She smiles and, a little ashamed, touching her prosperous hips, she adds: "Maybe I eat too much!"

She has an incredible story to tell: "It was my sister Anda, who lives in Citluk," she says, "who informed me of our Lady's apparitions on the hill of Podbrdo. It was the first days of August 1981... It is natural that my sister Anda was among the first to know about the apparitions: she resides in Citluk, a town just six kilometers away from Medjugorje," she explained. "One day Anda came to visit me and told me about the wonders of Medjugorje and caused me to hope that Our Lady could heal me."

Mara Odak, was married to a clerk named Veselko Primorac and was the mother of two twenty-year-old children. She was seriously ill and infirm; bedridden by paralysis that did not allow her to walk or move her head. This was the result of a frightening injury that had almost cost her life: an accidental fall from the third floor, down from the stairwell of the house, which took place five years earlier, in the spring of 1976. After a hospitalization of more than three months and after countless treatments, the doctors diagnosed her with multiple fractures in the left leg and the injury of two cervical vertebrae with irreversible deformation of the spine no longer considered her curable.

She recounts: "I was therefore at home, confined to bed and now resigned to my destiny, when Anda suggested that I ask our Lady of Medjugorje for a grace. She was well aware of my great devotion to Our Lady and also knew that in the family I would

not encounter obstacles because the expenses of the trip from Mostar to Medjugorje, about thirty kilometers by car, were relatively modest. But there were other difficulties to overcome: communism. My husband Veselko, a modest worker in a state factory, was afraid of possible retaliation by his superiors, and also by some of his colleagues in the department. In short, he feared that the local leaders of the League of Communists, once they became aware of the fact, would accuse him of being a reactionary citizen and thus make him lose his job.

Veselko Primorac's fears were far from unfounded. Precisely in those days, alarmed by the sudden outbreak of Marian faith in the village of southern Herzegovina, the communist authorities had unleashed, through party newspapers, radio and television, a violent anti-religious and anticlerical campaign. It is easy to understand how in this climate of accusations and intimidation Veselko Primorac was afraid of reprisals. But his wife's insistence and the desire to please her led him to the courageous step in the end. In a possible recovery he did not even remotely hope. He rented the car of a trusted acquaintance, loaded his wife in it and with all the necessary precautions took her to Medjugorje.



"I will never forget that day," Mara confided to me. "It was August 15, 1981, a Saturday, the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. A few minutes before six

o'clock in the afternoon we arrived by car to the door of the church, already crowded with faithful. Even in the churchyard there was a large crowd, the mass was about to begin. They dumped me from the car and laid me on an improvised stretcher. Then some willing people helped my husband to take me inside the church, a few steps from the high altar, where in the meantime Vicka Ivankovic and the other young visionaries had already begun to recite the rosary, like every night. When the recitation of the rosary was concluded, Vicka recognized me in the crowd and came to greet me. She stroked my hair and said, "Courage, I will pray to Our Lady for you." Then she disappeared into the sacristy with the other five and the mass began," says Mara.

At this point, her narration of the miraculous becomes vaguely reticent. Perhaps it is the fear of not being believed or perhaps it is the recommendations of prudence made to her by the ecclesiastical authorities. She says, "Everything happened a few moments after the elevation of the Sacred Host...I was suddenly seized by a shiver, by a tremendous chill in the neck, in my back, in my legs. Suddenly the chill turned into heat, like a fire that seemed to burn me and that I saw burning around me, high, in the sky, beyond the roof of the church. Among the flames, in the blue sky, I saw Our Lady smiling and then Jesus among the Apostles. I lost my breath from the emotion, afraid I was dying... Instead I surprisingly found the strength to get up and sit on the stretcher and to shout Gospa, Gospa... I was healed, I could move, turn my head as I wanted, walk, even run."

After the mass, Mara Odak, among the stunned looks of the faithful, staggered out of the church. But as she progressed, her pace became more and more secure. Her husband, stunned and

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From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

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

“Dear children! I am looking at you and thanking God for each of you, because He permits me to still be with you, to encourage you to holiness. Little children, peace is disturbed and Satan wants peacelessness. That is why, may your prayer be even stronger so that every unclean spirit of division and war may be stilled. Be builders of peace and carriers of joy of the Risen One in you and around you, for the good to win in every man. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

At the foot of the Himalaya.

In Kathmandu (Nepal), Mother Teresa's sisters were rescuing the poorest of the poor, in accordance with the mission of the Missionaries of Charity. They didn't at all expect the event that happened to them in 2017. One day, a sister stepped out of the house, saw a young woman passing by in the street, and invited her to come into the convent. She knew nothing about this woman, a certain Maya, of Spanish origin, yet she heard an inner voice telling her: “she is the one!”

Maya was a complete atheist, pro-abortion, pro-euthanasia, she hated the Church, the Pope and priests. She was a defender of feminist theories and women's rights. For ten years, she had worked in one of the most prestigious clinics in Bilbao, performing abortions at the rate of one abortion every 10 to 15 minutes. Later on, she became a brilliant physiotherapist. In her practice, she received well-known people, because she excelled in her work. In addition to all this, she threw herself headlong into sports, even going on ultramarathons. Her great pleasure was to climb mountains, and not just any mountains! She sought perfection in everything, but inside, she felt so empty.



After 20 years of marriage, her husband told her that he was leaving her, and on the same day she made the decision to commit suicide. Then



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she lay down on a sofa and fell asleep. She woke up to the phone ringing, it was her friend from Kathmandu, a Sherpa with whom she had already gone on excursions in the Himalayas. “We had an earthquake,” he said, “and we need well-trained people to help the victims.” Maya decided to answer this call. But she said to herself “When I finish this mission, I will commit suicide”. She gave away all her belongings, so she could disappear after her stay in Nepal.

However, the monsoon was raging in Nepal, and heavy rains forced her to remain in the city. As she was walking through the streets of Kathmandu with her Sherpa friend, that sister of Mother Teresa approached her, and taking her by the arm, pulled at her and said, “There you are at last! We have been waiting for you for a long time!” But Maya, as an abortionist, hated Mother Teresa with all her soul because she defended life.



The sister said to her, “Come see us tomorrow at 9am”. Maya refused, but she couldn't sleep all night, and at 9am the next day she showed up at the sisters' house. It should be noted that these sisters had prayed to the Lord for a whole year, through the intercession of Mother

Teressa, to send them a physiotherapist, as they needed one. Once there, the sister told her, “Come back tomorrow at 6 a.m., and we will start with Mass.” Maya refused outright, but again could not sleep that night. Then, driven by curiosity, she showed up at the convent at 5:45 a.m. the next morning.

She entered the very modest chapel, and a sister said to her, “Sit over there!” Maya thought, “I'll just make myself really tiny, and at the end of Mass I will ask her why she came up to me in the street.” During Mass, Maya suddenly heard a man's voice that was so loud that it seemed like a loudspeaker that could be heard by all of Kathmandu. But she was the only one to hear the voice.

The voice said and repeated, “Welcome home! You have been so slow to love me!” In front of Maya was a crucifix, and she saw Jesus detach Himself from the crucifix, not dead, but resurrected. At that moment, she experienced an illumination of conscience, and even what is called the particular judgment, that each of us will experience at the moment of death. For Maya, this was such a powerful experience that she thought she was going to die. Moreover, she knew that if she were to die at that moment, she would go to hell of her own free will. She then began to cry and cry and sob, repeating over and over again the same words “forgive me, forgive me!” Around her formed a pool of tears.

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confused, stood by her trying to help her, ready to support her if there was a need. But now she walked safely, advancing more and more quickly. She even managed to walk six kilometers. She walked as far as Citluk, to her sister Anda's house. The two women embraced each other sobbing. They were surrounded by relatives and friends, and a crowd of the curious who rushed to the scene at the news of the prodigious healing. "It's a miracle, I have no doubts. This is confirmed, among other things, by the x-rays and medical certificates I have collected," says the local priest, who attended my conversation with Mrs. Mara Odak and who acted as my interpreter.

The woman concludes: "I am very well and since August 15, 1981 I no longer have disability. Even the doctors, although they cannot explain the mystery, assure me that I am cured, that I can lead a very normal life. And that's what I do: I take care of household chores, knitting, walking with friends, going on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. I made a small vow: I come here to pray and thank Our Lady once a week."

On June 25, 1982, the same day I spoke with Mara Odak, I met with an elderly lady, Agata Vajdic, a resident of the town of Varazdin, near Zagreb. She told me. "I have a granddaughter named Andrea, she is eight years old and is the daughter of my son, a farmer. One bad day, July 3, 1981, Andrea fell off her bicycle and got badly hurt. They took her to the hospital in Zagreb. Complications arose and the child's health condition became very serious. Doctors diagnosed her with congenital bone cancer with metastases to her right leg. They dismissed her telling us that there was no hope, it would be useless to operate and we had to prepare for the worst. But I did not want to accept that. I am a believer, I trust in God and in Our Lady."

Agatha Vajdic decided to go on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje to implore Our Lady to save the life of her beloved granddaughter. She arrived there on November 7th, and attended the evening Mass. She confessed and received Holy Communion and prayed devoutly to Our Lady asking for her intercession. Leaving, she collected in a handkerchief a handful of dirt from the hill of Podbrdo and a bottle some holy water from the church.

"Back home, I approached the child's bed and gently massaged her belly and sick leg with the dirt; then I sprinkled it with holy water. I repeated the prayer the next day and immediately the little girl began to feel better. A week later we took her to the hospital for a check-up: the doctors were incredulous and amazed. They told us that Andrea no longer had any disease, that she was perfectly healed."

The appeals of Our Lady of Medjugorje

Every day thousands of pilgrims arrive in Medjugorje. Many among them are the needy and the sick who ask for a grace from Our Lady, who take home a relic: a handful of dirt collected on the hill of Podbrdo, the hill of the first heavenly visions. They take a little of the holy water of the parish church, a handkerchief rubbed on the wooden statue of the Virgin placed in front of the main altar. Some prefer to avail themselves of the intercession of one of the six visionaries who claim to "converse" daily with Our Lady. More often they turn to Vicka Ivankovic, who is willing to listen to the pleas of the sick and the suffering.

Vicka tells me: "There are always people who are waiting for us at the end of the evening Mass, to give us a letter or a note, to beg for a recommendation, to ask us to invoke the Virgin on their behalf. We try to please everyone, we do our best, even if the requests for help are many and continue to increase to an impressive extent.

"We talk about it precisely with Our Lady when she appears to us in the sacristy after the recitation of the rosary and before the evening Mass begins. We generally make a collective request for all those in need. More rarely, in the most serious and painful cases, we take care of only one person, pleading a single supplication. It has already happened to us many times that, after a few days, the needy come to thank us because they have obtained from the Virgin the grace requested."

An authoritative confirmation of the almost daily succession of small and great miracles also comes from Father Leonard Rupic of the Franciscan convent of Sarajevo. The friar has the appearance of one who speaks with knowledge of the facts, who

does not let himself be overcome by appearances or suggestions. He is also a man of great wisdom and culture: a teacher of sacred scripture, he translated the New Testament from biblical Greek into Croatian. He tells me: "The value lies in faith more than in the miracle in itself. Certain facts are however rationally inexplicable." Fr. Rupic wrote a book on the events of Medjugorje, and an entire chapter is dedicated to the miraculous. Here below, faithfully translated, are some of the most significant cases.

Matija Scuban Lauc, born in Studenac, residing in Karlsruhe, Germany reports: "I had paralysis of my leg and left hand. On September 20, 1981, during the prayer in the church of Medjugorje, I felt a strong electric shock piercing my body, especially my left leg. I got up and went to communion without help." Until that day the woman needed help to walk. Three times she had already been operated on, but without success. On March 11, 1982, Mrs. Matija wrote to the parish of Medjugorje announcing her recovery.

Marica Kvesic from Podvranic-Kocerin was ill with muscle weakness. She could not move her limbs. She could not even eat with her own hands. She was treated at many Yugoslav hospitals. Her sister Branka and her mother had been on pilgrimage to Medjugorje six times. Then she also went and one Sunday she obtained grace. Now he walks normally, whereas before she had to use a wheelchair. Her healing took place in the church during the recitation of the rosary. Marica believes that her healing is a gift from God through the intercession of Our Lady. She said this personally on 20 February 1982. On the same occasion he also presented the medical documents.

Jerko Juric of Veljaci (Ljubuski), was residing in Paris. She had a son with a congenital defect of the skull, of the right parietal bone and also of the right eye. Hospitalized, the Parisian doctors declared themselves powerless to treat the child. Then Mrs. Juric took her car and with her little son went on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Arriving in the Yugoslav village, she climbed the hill of Podbrdo and collected a few handfuls of dirt from the place where Our Lady had first appeared on June 24, 1981. With the dirt, she rubbed the head of the child and he was immediately healed.



The First Organized Pilgrimage to Medjugorje in 1984

from marytv.tv and spiritofmedjugorje.org



The following testimony is excerpted from the opening comments by Frano Zubac for the 7/1/20 episode of "Jesus Rosary" on *Mary TV*. "Before I start to pray Jesus Rosary with you, somehow I've been inspired to tell you about the first organized pilgrimage to Medjugorje from abroad."

"In 1981, it was just local people here coming, and as you know, Medjugorje wasn't prepared for any kind of

pilgrims. So they would come for one day and go back home. We didn't have running water, we didn't have toilets, washrooms or any facilities here - just a poor village, simple village, people working very hard in the fields and producing tobacco and grapes. And half of the population went abroad to Germany to work... So no hotels, no accommodations here...Nothing.

In 1982, we were praying in the church and something happened at the beginning of the Mass. Some movement from the back of the church and a group of people are coming in and heading down, pushing the local people (women) and going towards the altar and then just around the altar. And then we can hear... "Madonna, Madonna!" Italian! Italians came over!... They heard Our Lady is appearing in Medjugorje so they came just for two-hour trip for the evening program. And what was very significant - a lot of people would be pushed and they would all run to the altar, and the visionaries would come out from the right-hand side chapel so all of them were kneeling down and crying and very excited.

At that the time, it wasn't allowed for organized pilgrimage to come. You know, police would stop us at that time, communist police (militia). They were going into the bathrooms - they would ask if you have a Bible or rosary - they would take it away from you and confiscate it and take it away.

In 1983, also people from the Italian coast, they were just coming for one-hour, two-hour evening program and they would go back. So it was very interesting. Nobody was able to speak Italian and the Italian people would often ask questions in Italian, but nobody was able to answer their questions whatsoever.

So what happened in 1984, my sister had a phone call from Italy because my aunt from Sarajevo gave our number to our relative who married an Italian and lived in Bologna. Her name is Adriana. She had been working for an agency in Bologna. And they pressured her, the people wanted to go to Medjugorje. She is from the Croatian seaside a beautiful, beautiful place on the Adriatic coast. So she desperately needed somebody from here to know anything, and she wanted to bring the people with a big bus. So she contacted me and she said to me, "Please, please, I've been coming last year just two hours from Adriatic coast and people don't like it because just coming here for two hours and going back. They want to stay as close as possible to Medjugorje, because they are coming just because of Medjugorje, not because of the beach or holiday. It was for Medjugorje they wanted to come."

I asked her, "What do you want?" She said, "I need a hotel in Citluk. Go there and book it for us for five days." So I went to the hotel and spoke to the manager and he said, "Are they pilgrims?" I said, "Yes." He said, "No chance - the central committee is having breakfast every morning here (the communist party). No chance. No chance... They told us, "Whoever is coming to Medjugorje, no accommodations for them. All right. OK. Thank you so much."

And then Adriana said to me, "Please, check the surrounding area - you know, go around as close as possible to Medjugorje. Go to Hotel Ljubuški." So I went to Ljubuški Hotel... The manager said to me, "Are they pilgrims?" I said, "Yes." "We received order from top from communist party - no pilgrims, no accommodations." The rooms are empty but no accommodations for pilgrims - no Medjugorje pilgrims. No way."

And I called her and said, "Adriana, second hotel I've been searching and no chance." She said to me, "Go find as close as possible." "OK! For God's sake, I will do it." And no, no chance as far as I can see. So I went down next to the bridge hotel. And a young man coming with a smile on his face. I introduced myself. "I'm Frano and I'd like to accommodate a group of Italian people here for five days and five nights, full board." He smiled, "Oh yes." I said to myself, "I got to tell him they are pilgrims because when they come, he will say, 'Go away because you are pilgrims.'" I said, "Listen, young man, they are pilgrims." He looked at me. He said, "So what? You Frano?" I said, "Yes, I'm Frano." He said, "I am Dušan. Dušan, that is a Serbian name." I said, "OK, Dušan, yes." He said, "Frano, nobody can label me. I'm a Serb. They can label you a fascist or an enemy to the communist party or Yugoslavian enemy against the state ... I am Serb. You are Croat. You are welcome. You are welcome. Bring them here and you can eat without any charge. Bring your wife or girlfriend, whatever, all of you and you are welcome. Just bring them and be free."

Then I called my relative. "Yes. I found hotel." "How far is that?" I said, "It's 20 to 25 minutes." "Oh wonderful! They are so happy - the closest accommodation to Medjugorje." So it happened actually, they stayed there and then coming here for the time of apparition in the church, and then after apparition they came and stayed and were overwhelmed with happiness and joy!"

And a man who was serious, a gentleman, a real gentleman, approached me. He said to me, "Frano, young boy, you are a rich man." I said to myself, "Oh goodness me, because I know how much money I have. I thought he was trying to insult me or something. I said, "Adriana, my cousin, what is this about?... How could I be rich? Is he joking?" She said, "No, no, Frano, he's a very serious man. He's a nobleman from Bologna. He's got his castle and all this property, and what he said to you, he really meant it. You are a rich man." I'm asking myself, How? But in Croatian language, *bogat* means *rich*. It means Godly, with God. OK - *bogat* - but then I'm thinking - to have God with me, I am rich really. To have God, Jesus, as friend and Our Lady as Mother, and She's queen, so I belong to Royal Family! So I'm really *bogat* - a rich man! So that was the first pilgrimage that I remember in 1984, the first organized pilgrimage to Medjugorje. I'm so happy to know I helped them with accommodations as close as possible to Medjugorje.

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This experience seemed to last 10 minutes, but in reality, it lasted three hours! The sisters surrounded her the entire time. To their amazement, they saw Maya wrapped in a fireball, with tongues of fire dancing above her.



We can guess what happened after that... Maya was radically converted and said, "I came to the sisters as Maya, and I came out as Maria. From then on, she was referred to as Maria of the Himalayas, her new name given by Jesus! She educated herself into the Catholic faith and began to walk humbly with Christ. From Him, she received a beautiful ministry, namely to evangelize and give her testimony.

What future awaits us?

I am telling this story of Maria of the Himalayas because I often hear questions about the future of the world, questions that are often filled with worry, even anxiety. This testimony, while extraordinary in appearance, is a very real picture of our future. Evil has no future. It will collapse, as does everything that does not come from God. "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted," Jesus tells us in the Gospel (Matthew 15:13). Our only true future is Christ! Love that has no end, that is our true future, and it is more certain than the coming of the dawn. It is the union of hearts between God and ourselves that will fill us with happiness, a happiness that we can already enjoy here on earth if Christ is really at the center of our life and of our very breathing. Why are we in such a mess today? It is because we have steered our ship in the wrong direction! Then why are we surprised that we are drifting?

Maria of the Himalayas had let herself be dragged into a deep drift, and it took her the experience of her personal judgment in Kathmandu to open her eyes. She experienced the shock of her life when she saw her path of perdition in full light. She did well in crying out to God's mercy! God always hears the cry of the poor, and He is only too happy to offer salvation! He made of Maria a very powerful witness, I would even say that she became a powerful warning to our world that is seeking peace outside of God, where there can be no peace. Let us not wait until the last hour to move along the path of holiness!

What refuge is offered to us? "***Sin will reign,***" Mary tells us, "***But if you are mine, you will win, for your refuge will be the Heart of my Son Jesus.***" (July 25, 2019) You will win?? This is the promise given to us by the Mother of God, before whom the grave diggers of Christ (those who want to bury Jesus) have no power. In the current storm that is raging in so many ways, as our human safeties are fading, Jesus' boat will not sink, even if it takes on water.

Anniversary on June 25th

The 41st Anniversary of the Apparitions will occur this year, on Saturday, June 25th, the day on which we also celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. To thank her for her

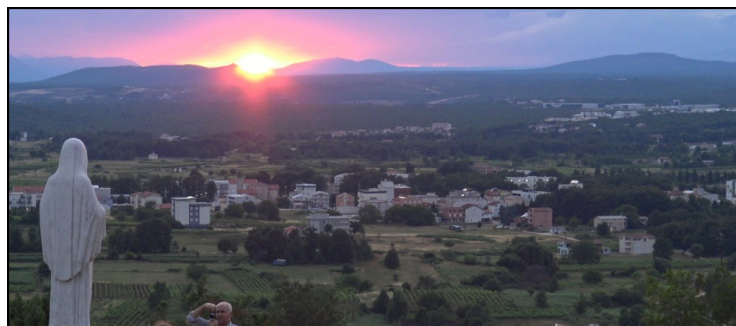
daily comings and for all the countless graces that her intercession obtains for us, the parish of Medjugorje is doing a novena of intense prayer, as it does every year. Each of us can choose what kind of novena we wish to offer to Mary. A gift has to be made with the heart! For my part, I would suggest 4 possibilities:

a. Prayer. Emphasize prayer for sinners and for those who do not yet know the love of God, a prayer so dear to Our Lady. These words of Jesus to St. Faustina will encourage us: "The loss of each soul plunges me into mortal sadness. You always console me when you pray for sinners. The prayer that is most pleasing to me is this prayer for the conversion of sinful souls. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always answered. (Diary § 1397)

b. Forgiveness. A beautiful gift to Our Lady is also a firm decision to forgive and leave no trace of bitterness in our hearts. One day St. Faustina saw Jesus lying on the cross and He said to her: "My pupil, have a great love for those who make you suffer, do good to those who hate you." I replied: O my Master, you can see that I have no feeling of love for them, and it saddens me. – Jesus answered me: The feeling is not always in your power. You will recognize that you have love when, after experiencing annoyances and contradictions, you do not lose your calm, but you pray for those who have made you suffer, and you wish them well." (Diary §1627)

c. Offering up suffering. Mary knows our sufferings because she experienced them, she tells us. At her own request in Medjugorje, every Friday we venerate the cross of her Son, from which great graces are granted to us. Jesus said to St. Faustina, "My daughter, meditate frequently on the sufferings which I have undergone for your sake, and then nothing of what you suffer for Me will seem great to you. You please Me most when you meditate on my Sorrowful Passion. Join your little sufferings to my Sorrowful Passion, so that they may have infinite value before My Majesty." (Diary §1512). Mary tells us, "***Faith helps in suffering and suffering without faith leads to despair. The suffering lived and offered to God elevates! I am with you in life, in suffering, in pain, in joy and in love, that is why you must keep hope!***" (March 2, 2018)

d. A firm NO to fear. Mary tells us, "***My children, do not waste your time thinking about the future and worrying about it. May your only concern be to live well every moment according to my Son, and you will have peace.***" (Oct. 2, 2017)



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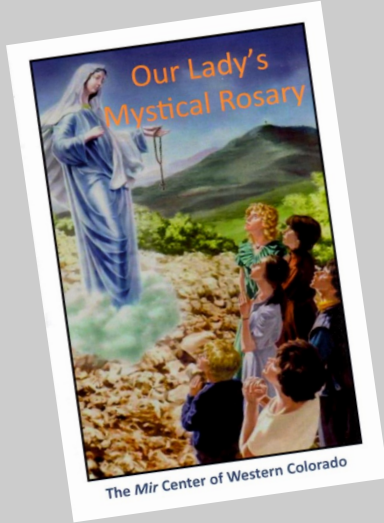
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A Birthday Present: Rosetta Walks!

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“My name is Rosetta Trogu. I’m 40 years old and married to Antonio Cabras. I come from Capoterra (Cagliari, in Sardinia). We have 2 children: Cecilia who is about to get married, and Franco. I have been suffering from rheumatoid arthritis for 17 years. My knees have been stiff for the last 4 and only with immense pain am I able to bend them. I cannot do any work at home. I have to stay in a horizontal position all day long.” That’s how Rosetta described herself to her fellow pilgrims from Cagliari. On the 5th August, about one hour after Rosetta had been healed, we went to visit her at the boarding house where she was staying. This is what she said: “I was lying down in my room and my friend Gabriella was with me. We were chatting about various things and Gabriella said to me: “I’m sure that Our Lady will heal you,” and she said it in such a convincing way. Then I sat up on the bed and she started massaging me, but because it was hurting me she said to me: “Try not to think about the pain. Imagine that it is Our Lady doing it to you and stay relaxed.” Half an hour later she said: “That’s enough for now. We’ll do more tomorrow. Now get up and walk.” And I got up from the bed. I started walking. “Gabriella,” I said, “I can bend my knees! I can bend my knees!” We hugged each other and cried out of immense joy.

“I knew that before then, the pain was terrible whenever I tried to move my stiff legs. This morning I went into the chapel where the apparitions took place to place a gold chain around Our Lady’s neck. I was helped to climb up onto a chair, and clinging to Our Lady I said: ‘Our Lady, heal me.’ Then at lunch we all wished Our Lady a happy birthday.” A priest from Milan, together with a group of young people who had just finished doing spiritual exercises, were the first to enter Rosetta’s room. Their impression of Rosetta was that of a humble person, someone unable to deceive others. They saw simplicity and wonder in her. And we saw the same things in Rosetta, who was surrounded by her friends and fellow pilgrims - simple people, old fashioned, but spiritually joyful. Before we left they sang the *Ave Maria*, Sardinian style, for us.

“What does your husband think?” She replied: “He was the one who wanted me to come in the first place, while I was very uncertain about coming here. He said to me: “I would like to see you healed; and then I will believe too that Our Lady does miracles.” I had been to many hospitals, in Bologna, Turin, Rome and others, but no-one could help me. I have been coming here for 3 years and I wasn’t sure about coming this time, but Antonio told me to come: ‘Otherwise,’ he said, ‘You’ll be anxious all year long.’ So I came. I telephoned him to tell him I had been healed. He was astounded.” At the end of the evening Mass, Rosetta was asked to go to the altar of the church to give thanks to God before the entire assembly.

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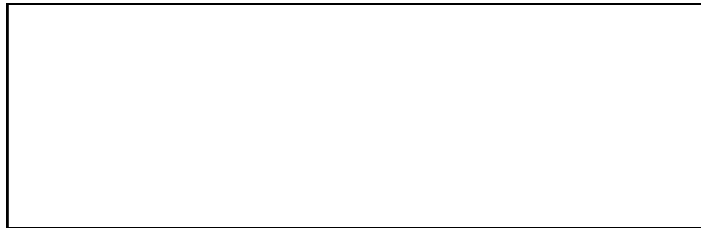
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Upcoming events:

- + Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16th
- + Our Lady's birthday, August 5th
- + The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15th
- + The Queenship of Mary, August 22nd



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