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The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace!" ... (Lk 1: 26-28)

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

Dear children! I am with you and we pray together. Help me with prayer, little children, that Satan may not prevail. His power of death, hatred, and fear has visited the earth. Therefore, little children, return to God and to prayer, to fasting and to renunciation, for all those who are downtrodden, poor, and have no voice in this world without God. Little children, if you do not return to God and His Commandments, you do not have a future. That is why He sent me to you to guide 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.



The Annunciation

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Cavalli in Medjugorje

The Church is following these events closely
from: *The Sarajevo Times* and *Medjugorje.hr*



At the end of 2021, Pope Francis appointed Archbishop Aldo Cavalli as Apostolic Visitor to replace Archbishop Hos-er. Archbishop Cavalli arrived with a special role for the parish of Medjugorje. Recently, Cavalli visited Medju-

gorje and spoke about the phenomenon of Our Lady's apparitions. In an interview with the *Radio Mir*, Cavalli emphasized that he had never been to this part of Bosnia and Herzegovina, but that many people from Italy, as well as many from his own parish, had visited Medjugorje.

"Upon their return, I always noticed one very important thing: these people always came back full of goodwill, filled with faith, filled with a desire to live well, with the desire to pray the rosary. I noticed many positive things. But I had never been here in person. So, when the Pope appointed me, at the age of 75, I was pleased, I was happy to come here and I came gladly, very gladly,"

He pointed out that during his arrival in Medjugorje, his first task was to talk to the Franciscan friars. "They are the ones I first met. And I saw that they love this place. They gladly hear confessions, they gladly preach, they are at the disposal of the grace of God. And that is very positive. This morning I saw the church of St. James, the places where people come and I always ask one question: Why do so many people come here? And there is one profound reason. They don't come for fun, but they come for other reasons. I have always noticed that they come with the desire to meet the Lord, to pray, and to be in the company of the Virgin Mary," the Archbishop explained.

He also stressed that during his departure, Pope Francis spoke to him about Medjugorje. "The Pope welcomed me very warmly. He shared a few words about Medjugorje. He told me: 'You go there; be there, be calm, be peaceful, and remain balanced. Be there and follow the people. And that's it,'" said Cavalli.

During the interview, Archbishop Cavalli also spoke about what his arrival means for the continuation of the ministry of the role of the Apostolic Visitor in Medjugorje. "The Pope represents the universal Church and therefore sends an envoy, and the envoy along with the Pope represents the universal Church. This means that the universal Church is very attentive to this phenomenon, very attentive."

"I saw a beautiful picture in the parish house located in the office of the Apostolic Visitor here. It depicts Medjugorje, the church of St. James, and this church is a recognizable sign in the whole world now. It also shows Mary, it shows the whole world close to Mary, and the rays that radiate from Medjugorje to the whole world. That is what we should become: the rays of the Lord, the rays of the Virgin Mary, the rays of faith spreading all over the world.

"The Pope also represents the whole world, the spiritual world, the visitation of the Son of God among us. That is the meaning of the Apostolic Visitor. The whole Church looks at Medjugorje. And Medjugorje should watch the whole Church and the whole world. The means used here in Medjugorje, I have noticed, are very important to reach the whole world. These means have become normal today. They should be used in the best possible way and with the best possible technique to reach the whole world. That is also something very positive." Archbishop Cavalli concluded.

Fr. Frankie from Manchester in Medjugorje

from: *imedjugorje.com*



I was in show business. My dad's an entertainer, a comedian back in England. I was doing things like that, pantomime and comedy clubs and events. I felt like I could serve God in that capacity and He really did use me thankfully. Roundabout 14 years ago, I felt God was calling me to the priesthood. It was just there. The thought wouldn't go away.

When I was 18, I hit a wall. I suffered with depression. My depression was so bad that I couldn't be in a room by myself because I disliked myself that much. I started to pray for a resolution that if God was there, He would get into the situation. This young priest walked into my life. I shared with him about my depression.

Then the priest said to me, "You should really come to confession. I think you would experience a lot of God's grace, a lot of God's healing." I thought, "I've got nothing to lose and everything to gain." It ended up being the best decision I've made in my life. In confession, you meet Christ. A priest is "*in persona Christi*," in the place of Christ whenever he carries out ministry. The beauty and the wonder of confession. It's one of the greatest gifts. When we go to confession, we're totally honest. When the priest puts his hand over our head, in that moment our soul becomes as pure, as white, as beautiful, and as ready for heaven as it was the day of our baptism.

So I go to confession, get rid of everything that's on my heart, and at the end of this confession, the priest placed his hand over my head, and I felt this incredible peace. I felt this power overshadow me. I didn't know it then, but I know it now, it was the Holy Spirit. I had to make a decision whether I was going to take my faith seriously or not. I was thinking at that point in my life, "Do I believe? Yes, I believe, but how is my life any different from the people that don't believe? What evident sign is in my life to let people know that it's different?"

There was a lady in my parish that was telling me about these messages and that Mary was appearing in Medjugorje. She lent me a book on Medjugorje, and I started reading the messages. I thought, "I don't know if it's happening or not, but what I do know is that She doesn't seem to be saying anything that's outside the gospel. I should be living this more. I'm going to start praying more. I'm going to start going more to daily Mass. I'm going to say the Rosary more. I've got to go to confession more." It started to inspire and set a fire in me.

Along the way, Medjugorje has been a massive influence. It came when I first had the inspiration back in 2001. She was there every step of the way. I've never come to this place and Our La-

From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On January 25th, 2021, the visionary, Marija, received the following monthly message:

“Dear children! Today I am calling you to return to personal prayer. Little children, do not forget that Satan is strong and that he wants to attract all the more souls to himself. That is why, you be vigilant in prayer and resolute in the good. I am with you and am blessing all of you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

A crucial call!

When Jesus was suffering his terrible agony in Gethsemane, he called, called, and called again! But James, John and Peter they were sleeping, while Judas was watching. Today, the Church is suffering terribly! How can we fail to understand that when Jesus sees his Bride treated in this way, he is in agony just like she is? Jesus is crying out in the same way he did 2000 years ago: "Watch and pray with me!" What if Peter had been watching instead of sleeping?



Today we can and we must draw near to Jesus, because he is inviting us to keep him company. In reality, he is begging us to keep him company. We can avoid so many evils from happening by doing so; evils we complain about so quickly without thinking that we have been given the power to overcome them! Is this spiritual laziness, blindness, indifference, or clear refusal??? Are we sleeping souls?

A Moses in Hungary!

We recently welcomed a Hungarian married woman of 60, who is a mother and grandmother. She woke us up! Her eyes are radiant with a joyful light. She works with Father Justo Lofeudo who is known for opening chapels of perpetual adoration in various places. For several years, she has been in charge of an Adoration chapel in Budapest, and she tells many testimonies about the power of Eucharistic adoration. She was able to persevere in this holy work despite the rage of the enemy. Needless to say, that his rage is due to the incredible fruits obtained by the adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist and the



Sister Emmanuel

presence of Mary. Here are some examples that she shared with us:

"A woman came to our chapel several times and I could see that she was not praying. Her attention was focused on her cell phone where she was playing a video about a sordid rite. I felt in my heart that she was coming to harm and disturb the adoration, she wanted to curse this chapel and those who were praying there. I watched her silently for some time. Then I decided to do a simple test, to determine the purpose of her activity and her secret intentions. I began to

pray the Rosary out loud, certain that Mary would take care of this matter. And sure enough, the woman couldn't stand the Rosary. At the 3rd decade, she ran away and never came back."

"Another time, a person came in to disturb the worship. She spoke loudly and aggressively, seeking to provoke us into interrupting the adoration. So I told the people who were there to pray the Rosary out loud. Again the reaction was not long in coming: after a few Hail Mary's, she cried out "Stop!" Of course we kept going, and she kept shouting, "I can't stand hearing that!" I then calmly said to her, "Listen! For 2000 years, Satan has been defeated by the Precious Blood of Jesus!" She immediately left, and never came back. At first, I didn't know how to handle the situation and make her leave. But in prayer, the Lord reminded me of what a lay person can say and do to keep the peace when someone who is disturbed sows trouble." Our Hungarian friend is like Moses, her hands are raised toward heaven to enable so many victories to take place in the world.

A remedy against war, crimes, violence, drugs...?

One might ask why Satanists are so interested in stealing hosts or preventing the faithful from worshipping Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? If the host is just a simple piece of bread, why do they put so much effort into fighting it? Because Satan wants to be worshipped and take the place of Jesus! Simple! He



knows that when Jesus is worshipped (instead of being abandoned in our tabernacles), the rays of love and mercy that spring from his open Heart spread over the whole world and repel the darkness. They thwart the enemy's disastrous plans. That is

why, wherever there are adoration chapels, the attacks of the Evil One against the children of God diminish or even disappear. Crimes, rape, wars, drugs, abortions, divorces, sexual abuse, pornography, satanic rites, etc. Those who stand and pray before Jesus are like catalysts who attract God's graces, become transformed by these graces and go forth to reach out to many people in the city and in the world. Waves of Divine peace from the Heart of Christ pour out, touching believers and unbelievers and bring them healing, liberation, conversion, reconciliation, etc. Therefore, one of the most powerful acts of charity towards mankind is to worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

An Interview with Marija about the Message of January 25th, 2022

from Marytv.tv

Fr. Livio. Marija then you had the apparition of Our Lady tonight?

Marija. Thanks to Heaven, as every evening, also tonight I had the apparition. Our Lady appeared and gave us a beautiful message in which she calls us to personal prayer.

Fr. Livio. I wanted you to confirm to me about this matter because I went to check the message given to the parish which was given half an hour earlier today and I noticed that in the last four messages: October, November, December and January, Our Lady told us three times that we must return to prayer. Then today she added the word "personal" that we will discuss. But if She invited us three times to return to prayer it means that we listen but we don't do it. What should we do concretely?

Marija. At the beginning of the apparitions, I remembered that at this time of the year Our Lady had called our group and invited us to go out into nature to feel and rediscover that breeze of personal prayer. Eventually and slowly we did it, with the help of Our Lady's very concrete messages like tonight's.

She invited us to choose a person who was the most unpleasant and far away from our prayer group to join us. It was a very hard experience and I recall this girl who at the beginning seemed very unpleasant. But in fact though I didn't know her, after having prayed together with her and having climbed Krizevac we started chatting. And I discovered that she was actually very nice and kind. We often judge others by not knowing them at all and so besides rediscovering personal prayer, we also rediscovered ourselves.

The prayers we did not know we learned together with others who came from different countries: Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, England... We invited the foreigners to learn our language starting with the Pater, Ave and Gloria.

Father Slavko also helped us to translate some expressions of the messages that could have different meanings and we were on the safe side by taking the biblical meaning. In fact, we realized that that was the most beautiful, fairest and most complete translation because Our Lady uses the same language.

Now as an adult, even tonight, many precious memories have passed through my mind of when we began to rediscover personal prayer as the foundation of our life. For example when we went to Surmanci on foot praying the Rosary.

I remember in particular the prayer of Saint Brigid or other novenas and devotions that must often be reviewed because they are forgotten. It was nice to walk together with the prayer group on these cold days when the cold wind was blowing. The air that entered our enlarged lungs made us feel alive, feeling fit both physically and spiritually.

Fr. Livio. I believe that when Our Lady speaks of personal prayer it must be distinguished from spontaneous prayer. Now I'll explain the concept. Personal prayer for me means that one speaks face to face with Jesus, with Mary, opens one's heart,

makes the prayer of request, of forgiveness; in short, as we talk we are aware of who is listening to us. You once told me that your mother didn't pay as much attention to you as Our Lady did; that is personal prayer.

But when I came to Medjugorje back in those days I discovered through your prayer group a type of prayer that I did not know – spontaneous prayer. Everyone prayed spontaneously for about three to four minutes while everyone else listened. So do you think that is personal prayer or is personal prayer is something different?

Marija. This is personal prayer for sure when each of us is able to pray and ask God for things, before the others without being uneasy. It means that we have already made a big step forward. We are ready to read Sacred Scripture. These are all small procedures, steps, needed to be taken for our personal spiritual growth in faith. I recall an awesome experience that I have already mentioned but I'll do it again. It was January and Our Lady sent us searching in the wilderness saying to us: go and bring something that reminds you of God. A boy brought a

large branch, another boy collected the moss still green attached to the stone despite the cold weather, here the cold wind blows! Someone else brought a small flower hidden near another stone.

I remember when Our Lady came back she told us: "Each of you had something to say about it and you all found something good, you had a subject to discuss, what you brought back! How the things you collected hit you most". This was a wonderful breakthrough for all of us realizing

that even in the people we often judge as sinners we are able to find something good, in order to help them to grow on the path of holiness.

Fr. Livio. Listen Marija we realize that in these present times that we are in it is a world where most of the people live as if God did not exist, but in your opinion is there a person who never has even the least desire of prayer; Is there a person who never prays at all?

Marija. I don't know because I think that in difficult moments like when we pass away, for example, we don't have the knowledge of whether that person, deep down in his heart, has called on God for help, or if he has called "the one up above" to use a pagan expression. Thus it will be a secret forever, But I deeply believe yes, that a man needs the supernatural, when he is face to face within himself, I believe he speaks to God. We will find out when we are in Heaven.

Fr. Livio. Yes also because anyway the Holy Spirit is the first missionary, it is He who goes in search of faraway hearts.

Marija. As they say: the Holy Spirit blows where he wills, how he wants and when he wants, we are not supposed to know. For example, I remember so many people who told me that while they were searching for a channel on their radio station they came across *Radio Maria*, and they fell in love with it



and then later became people of God and of prayer. This has been a powerful experience for many people. It teaches us that God speaks and invites us in a thousand ways also through Our Lady, the Saints, and us sinners. Sometimes to bring these people closer to God by wearing a small cross, or by holding a rosary in our hands, we can arouse some desire in their hearts simply by living our life. I experienced many people who are now priests and precisely through us visionaries have come closer to God who has performed not only healings of their soul but also of their bodies.

Fr. Livio. One thing that has always struck me most for someone who goes to Medjugorje, is that beyond the parish, through the esplanade of Medjugorje and then the paths that lead to Krizevac and Podbordo, from morning to evening to night it is always an oasis of continuous prayer for pilgrims who go praying from one part to the other. It is a wonderful thing that has lasted for forty years and that is, it is a piece of Heaven, all the people who come to Medjugorje start praying. This is a special grace for me that I have not found in other shrines.

Marija. It is true and something similar... I found it through the wild of nature in Fatima when I went to the Sanctuary where the Angel appeared. There is a bit of walking to do though.

A short time ago a group of pilgrims arrived and it is immediately noticeable now that pilgrims are very few. I want to tell you about a nice thing that happened. An American priest was wearing a typical handmade sweater knit by grandmothers here in Medjugorje. I asked him where he had bought it and he replied that the same morning he was in the middle of the fields and there was this grandmother who was selling handmade sweaters. She didn't have any for him right away, but told him she would bring it the next day. I have no idea how they understood each other while the grandmother does not speak English and him, being an American couldn't speak any Croatian. However, they set for the following day and the grandmother took the sweater she had already at home with the right colors, namely white, gray and some patches on it. The priest wore it with so much joy because he considered it the most important item of clothing after his cassock of course. It's impossible to remain quiet when the heart needs to witness and involve other people in this love of profound adoration that comes from the soul.

Fr. Livio. Can you tell us which prayers you prayed with Our Lady on the first weeks of apparitions, which prayers Our Lady asked you and if she prayed with you and how she prayed?

Marija. In the beginning of the apparitions we only knew a few prayers and in dialect: while Our Lady sang with us, she encouraged us to recite the *Our Father* but during the *Hail Mary* she remained silent with an approving smile as for not wanting to pray her own prayer, she encouraged us through her intercession; then there was the *Gloria*, the *Salve Regina*, the *Angelus*. Then She asked for seven *Our Fathers*.

Fr. Livio. So tell us about the pious devotion of the seven *Pater, Ave*, and *Gloria Be* that we have recently proposed here at *Radio Maria*.

Marija. We began the seven *Our Fathers*, *Hail Marys*, and *Glory Be to the Father* when we were waiting for her arrival, and each time, often at the seventh prayer Our Lady appeared. Then she taught us many short prayers, many small resolutions, the

same act of daily entrusting by putting us under Her Mantle. We still recite the seven *Pater, Ave, Glory be* and *Creed* even now in the evening, in church every day after Holy Mass led by the celebrating priest kneeling down as an act of entrustment in thanksgiving to Our Lady for her presence. We later learned that the number seven was related to the sorrows of Our Lady.

In these days we are also making special prayers such as devotions and novenas to Saint Francis, to Saint Clare which are used for the preparation of lay people who want to become part of the Franciscan tertiaries. We also learned these prayers from our grandmothers devoted to St. Francis. I remember my own grandmother before going to church putting this white cord around her waist as a symbol of her belonging to the Franciscan tertiary order. The same thing we did when she died.

As we live in total confusion I am receiving many requests for prayers for the Italian Country so that the Lord will send us a good President. We only need prayers with an act of faith for these intentions that redirect us to a well-defined clarification between good and evil.



Scientific tests on Marija during the early days of the apparitions

Fr. Livio. Of course I totally agree with you, since prayer works miracles I also join you Marija as I have already done in these days by asking Our Lady, since She knows our hearts, to give us a person who can do the good for Italy. But now I want to keep on talking about how Our Lady from the very beginning asked you to say the Creed as a prayer.

Marija. Not only the Creed but also many short prayers and songs. I remember we felt inwardly a trembling of joy and emotion singing with the heart the songs we used to sing to Our Lady like (and she pronounces them in Croatian) when we, including my parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, invoked Her as Queen of our people, Protector of our families and of the whole world.

Fr. Livio. Therefore She stirred your faith through the traditional prayers, in order to get the best out of them and you could live them again.

Marija. Not only living them again but singing this consecration song before Her is an inexplicable thing, such a strong emotion that even today it cannot be expressed because it is a straight line from heart to heart.

Fr. Livio. However even with short prayers as she once recommended to fill our days with them.

Marija. Yes, yes, because as they say it is by praying that you learn how to pray. And the short prayers come by doing them more and more. For example, waking up early in the morning, going up the hill, praying long or short novenas, but when you begin the prayer to the Holy Spirit, to St. Francis, to St. Anthony, or to St. Michael the Archangel, you need to lay down a program filling in your thoughts, your precious things that bring you back to when you were a child in need of doing all these things.

Fr. Livio. It seems to me that Our Lady has also urged you to wear a small Cross or a medal because these things are a sign for Satan that: "you belong to Our Lady", right?

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"Peter, didn't you have the strength to watch with me for one hour? Jesus is not only our Divine physician, he is also the remedy that gives us life. In these days when we are drowned in talk about health, about all the human ways of stopping the current evils that are scaring the whole world, have we forgotten that our Creator is also our physician, and that he has for us plans of peace and joy? If we seek healing where it is not, it doesn't work and the next step is despair; but if we return to Jesus, as Mary insistently invites us to, the next step is simply the peace of a fulfilled heart, the delicious fruit that every human being is longing for.

Let us pray that Eucharistic adoration may be introduced again in parishes, and spark a powerful renewal! If there is no adoration in your parish or if you cannot attend it, you may always worship God in spirit and in truth at home. Likewise, it is good to multiply our communions of desire. For instance, let us set aside a time of prayer for God in our day, let's spiritually position ourselves in the presence of Jesus before a tabernacle or a monstrance that we know of, and pray to Him. Seeing the desire we have for Him and our good will, Jesus will give Himself to us. Many sick or elderly people do this and thus obtain so many graces for their families and for the world! But this is only a small remnant compared to the number of believers. May this little remnant become more and more fervent and grow in number! Mary constantly encourages us! **"Worship my Son,"** she said! **"I am always present when believers are in adoration. They then receive special graces"** (March 15, 1984).

When Jesus intervenes amongst gangsters!

Juarez, in northern Mexico, was considered in 2008 to be one of the most dangerous cities in the world, with 1.3 million inhabitants. Drug trafficking, violence, murders, continuous territorial wars between opposing factions... Father Patricio Hileman, who opens perpetual adoration chapels in Latin America, gave this testimony to Radio Maria, in Argentina in 2017.

In 2013, there were 40 deaths a day. Two gangs were fighting over drugs and spreading death. A group of soldiers was on the side of one gang, while the Police were with the other gang. Terror reigned. They were killing people and burning houses, the fighting seemed endless. In 2013, one of the parishes, the most desperate one, asked the missionaries to open a chapel of perpetual adoration because, they said, "Only Jesus will be able to save us from this, Jesus alone will give us safety." In 3 days, the missionaries opened this chapel, at the height of the crisis.

Crimes fell from 3,766 in 2010 to 256 in 2015. What had happened? "When a parish worships God day and night," Father Hileman explains, "the whole city is transformed!" He also tells the following:

One night, while the city was under siege, a woman was heading to the chapel at 3 a.m. for her holy hour, when she was intercepted by six soldiers who asked her where she was going. "To the little chapel," she replied. "Where is it?" the soldiers asked, "Everything is closed at this hour!" The woman suggested they come with her to see for themselves where she was going. When they got to the chapel, they saw six women in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The woman then said to them, "Maybe you think you're protecting us? We are praying for you 24 hours a day!" One of the soldiers fell to the

ground as he clutched his weapon and began to weep in front of Jesus. The next day, at 3 a.m., he came back to the chapel in civilian clothes, for his holy hour, while shedding "an ocean of tears."

Two months after the chapel had opened, the parish priest stated that since this chapel was opened, the murders had stopped in Juarez, no one had been killed! Then Father Hileman opened ten chapels in the space of a year! And that's not all: The diocese was about to close down the seminary, because there were only 8 seminarians. But thanks to perpetual adoration, their number increased from 8 to 88. The bishop told Father Hileman that these seminarians attended adoration. Now... The ball is in our court!



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dy hasn't given me something. Wherever Mary is, miracles happen. Wherever Mary is, there are life-changing events and life-changing encounters. Come out and see Mary. The first thing you should do is say, "Oh it's so lovely to see you," then go to confession.

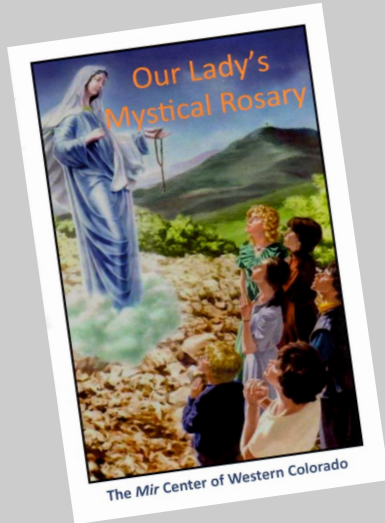
Like any good mother, if you've fallen over in dirt and you've gotten yourself dirty, the mum's like, "Okay, we've got to clean you up because you're going to go see Jesus." Medjugorje is a place of conversion. As a priest, you see people transform in front of you. It's phenomenal what happens in this place. It's a place of encounter. It's a volcano of God's red hot mercy. If you come closed, you won't get anything. If you come open, even slightly open, God will do amazing things. Medjugorje is a place where lives can be changed.

At every Mass or every time we stand in front of a statue of Our Lady or every time we pick up our rosary beads, Our Lady is as present as She is to the visionaries here. We may not be able to see Her like the visionaries, but it's a question of faith. She is as present as She was to the children in Fatima and as She was to St. Bernadette in Lourdes. She comes because She's a faithful Mother. That's what Medjugorje is for me, Our Lady is present. She's always present, but sometimes people don't realize how present She is. Come to Medjugorje and realize how present She is. When you go home, you'll realize how present She is to you at Mass, in confession, in every *Hail Mary* you say and every time you call Her name.

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Marija. Our Lady always, always invited us to bring something blessed with us and it was natural to carry the Sacred Scripture, the Rosary, a kneeler. I remember a mat or a rolled up towel that we carried so as not to dirty our clothes, for when we went up the hill placing it on the rough and cold stone, especially during the winter. The first years with Father Slavko after the apparition and before Holy Mass we learned to sing the litanies which were more modern, not like those sung in the cemeteries during the blessings of the songs which were more repetitive. These were instead more expressive for a young person and gave us a lot of joy in learning them.

A group of men from Poland has recently arrived. A movement was born led by a priest who during the apparition on the hill had a mystical experience and Our Lady invited him to form this prayer group where every member who consecrates himself to Her is welcomed by singing the Holy Rosary in a special and heartfelt way. When I heard it for the first time and by the view of only men, kneeling, singing the Rosary, it struck me a lot, so much so that here we learned this melody and adopted it for our rosary in Croatian; this initiative was taken by a girl who encouraged us to try it. The result is that it has become so awesome that people ask us what song it is. This experience has enriched us a lot and I now sing the Holy Rosary even when I am at home alone doing my house chores. It gives me an immense joy.

I remember at the beginning of the apparitions, Our Lady asked to put Sacred Scripture in a visible place in our homes. We all started making an altar. I don't know if you remember Father Livio that every Saturday morning our parents, usually the mothers went out blessing the house, the stable, the animals and all our properties. Then every time we children wanted to leave the house she made the sign of the cross on our foreheads. During the ceremony of a wedding the bride's hand was put over the one of the bridegroom, both were tied to a crucifix with a stole that the priest blessed by pronouncing these following words: "What God binds, men do not separate". That same crucifix, in Croatian Catholic homes was then hung on the wall of the bedroom above the headboard of the bed.

Then we began to put in our homes some statues of our Lady, of St. Michael the Archangel, of St. Anthony to whom we are so much devoted, or in a small box we collected the money for the missionary priests that we distributed when they arrived to preach in the parish and during the Holy Masses. These traditions that Our Lady enriched with habits already rooted in our faith, in our people, after Her arrival took on an even more important meaning. And it was then that Our Lady asked us to begin praying the seven *Our Fathers*, *Hail Marys* and *Glory be to the Father*, gradually a part of the Rosary, until finally we prayed the complete Rosary...

Aren't the messages of Our Lady too good to keep to yourself? Isn't there a friend or relative that you'd like to add to our mailing list? There is no charge for "*Our Lady's Monthly Messenger*", but donations are accepted. Please Note: if you add more than 2 names, please consider a donation of 20 dollars per name per year. Make checks payable to: *The Mir Center*. And please, no overseas orders... Thanks and God Bless!

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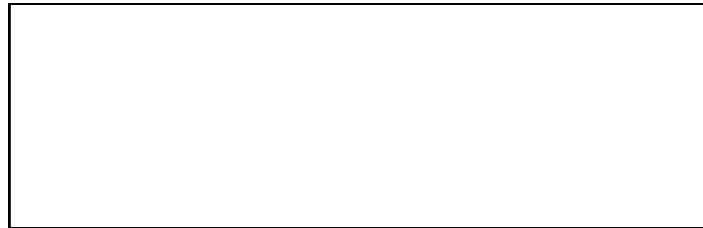
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March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 Medjugorje prayer group 7:00pm St. Francis	2 Ash Wednesday	3	4	5
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Upcoming events:

- + Ash Wednesday, March 2nd
- + Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19th
- + The Annunciation of the Lord, March 25th



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