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I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” (Lk 2: 10-12)

**Our Lady of Medjugorje's
Monthly Message of
November 25th, 2024:**

Dear children! In this time of the grace of expectation, I desire to call you to prayer for Advent to be prayer of the family. In a special way, little children whom I tenderly embrace, I encourage you to prayer for peace in the world; for peace to prevail over peacelessness and hatred. Thank you for having responded to my call.” (With Ecclesiastical approval.)

On the 25th of each month, Our Lady gives a message through the visionary Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti for the villagers in the parish of Medjugorje and for all those who choose to follow her on the path to holiness.



The Nativity of the Lord

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The Death of Unprepared, Young Non-believers

by Sister Emmanuel from medjugorje.altervista.org and Bernard Gallagher @ medjugorjewitness.org

Nowadays, many young people die brutally, whether from a car accident, from an overdose, or from suicide... Filippo Cotel's testimony is interesting, as 3 members of his family drowned during a storm. Since none of them practiced their faith but lived in a rather 'disorderly' way, Philip was quite anxious for them and went to see the venerable Marthe Robin, a French mystic, hoping to receive a word from her about their final fate. Marthe did indeed have the gift of seeing souls. But when he came to her, he dared not ask her anything. Marthe, however, understood his uneasiness, since she suggested the following words to the preacher of the retreat:

"Marthe has let me know that, when young non-practicing people who do not know Jesus die, they will spend several hours and sometimes many days before the final judgment, during which the Lord will show them in all his splendor and ask them: Do you want to know My love? And in general, young people answer yes".

To Father Maurice de Lesseps, worried about the fate of the nephew of a friend of his, who died in a strange way, coming out of a night club, Marthe said: "You know, Father, every soul, at the moment of death, is immersed in a great light, and few of them, especially among young people, say no to God."

During the few spiritual retreats in which I participated, as a young man, at the Home of Charity of Chateaufort de Galaure, I often heard Marthe's words quoted concerning the dying and the dead. He said that "The Lord prepares the soul even unconsciously". I heard a testimony that told of a bilocation of Marthe who had gone to assist a consecrated and dying person who was alone. It seems that this has happened several times. Bilocation has also taken place in China; Marthe was very attracted to that country, because of the countless martyrs who suffered and died there. Only in Heaven will we know the journeys and rescues made by this great saint who never left her bed of pain for more than 50 years.

Marthe said: "There is a time, after clinical death, in which the soul is given the right to make the final choice about its eternity. This time is more or less long. It is shorter if the person has been sick for a long time, longer when death has occurred suddenly." In any case, Marthe took great care of the dying and insisted on the need to pray a lot at their bedside, but also after their clinical death.

Indeed, for each of us, in that moment of truth when falsehood, illusion and confusion have disappeared, the soul finds itself bare in the truth of its life and its heart, and it encounters the true Light which is also Mercy. It is then that he can throw himself into the arms of that God whom he may have never known on earth, or reject him. Our prayers are of capital im-

portance. At that moment, the soul truly chooses between Heaven with God and hell without God, the only two possible and eternal destinations, since purgatory is the provisional antechamber of Heaven.

If we urgently have to make decisions about a funeral or practical details about it, we try to stay as close as possible to the deceased to create a wall of protection with our prayers. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is very powerful in these cases. Jesus Himself recommended its recitation to St. Faustina, because it is even capable of softening the most hardened rebellious hearts.

In her book, *Marija and the Mother of God*, Irish journalist Heather Parsons speaks with the visionary about Purgatory. Marija confirms that Our Lady has shown her heaven, hell and purgatory.

Of purgatory Marija said: "I did not see any people in purgatory, but I could hear them crying and asking us to pray for them. Our Lady said that the suffering of these people was because they wanted to go to heaven, but could not unless they had our prayers to assist them. She said that when we prayed for them, we helped them towards heaven."

"I felt great sadness in purgatory, because I was allowed to understand that these people know that God exists, that heaven exists. They want to be with God, but it is not possible for them to be with Him, because their sins are still on their souls."

"Their cries are not because they are in physical pain, I understood, but because they are in spiritual pain, wishing to be with God. Every day they spend in Purgatory they understand more the situation they are in and the result of their own sins. And they learn the way to love God."

"Our Lady said that we should pray for the souls in purgatory, that our prayers will help them to reach heaven. And she said that we should tell others to pray for them. She said that when we pray for these souls they become our friends and they pray for us in return. And now I pray for all the souls in purgatory, not just those I know, but all souls."

"She told me a very beautiful thing too, that every Saturday she goes to purgatory to take many souls to heaven and that there is great joy in heaven when these souls meet with God."

"Sometimes people ask me if I would be afraid to go to purgatory, but no, I would not be afraid. I have decided to try to live in the way of holiness and I do this with God's help. Little by little, in this way I grow and learn and understand more, and with God's help I am beginning to see and understand how great His love is for us."



Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti

From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

On October 25th, 2024, the visionary, Marija, received the following monthly message:

“Dear children! At this time, as you celebrate All Saints Day, seek their intercession and prayers so that, in union with them, you may find peace. May the saints be intercessors and examples for you, so that you may follow them and live holy lives. I am with you and intercede with God for each of you. If you love God above all else it will be easy for you to pray and open your hearts up to Him. Thank you for having responded to my call.” (With ecclesiastical approval.)

He no longer looked human!!

Paulo Roberto's story is absolutely incredible. I will let Father Enrico tell it to you. “In our Alliance of Mercy community in Brazil (Alleanza di Misericordia), we received the grace to help victims of mercy. Those are people with chronic and even fatal diseases, who offer up and consecrate their sufferings for the conversion of sinners. One of our first victims was a young man, Paulo Roberto, who had skin cancer from the age of 1 and died at the age of 19. In other words, he suffered for 18 years.

“I came to know him under very special circumstances: a priest had gone to take him Holy Communion, but he was not prepared for the shock that awaited him: Paulo Roberto's face was completely disfigured by the illness and was covered with a veil. He had to remove this veil to receive Communion. But the priest, seeing this face, that no longer looked human at all, fainted. Because I was working with lepers, I was called to bring Communion to this young man. I went, and was faced with a child who, from a young age, had offered his suffering to Jesus for the conversion of sinners.

“From then on, as a priest, I accompanied him on his spiritual journey. He told me that when he was little, around the age of 10, he had a very special experience. He saw Jesus, who asked him the following: ‘Paulo Roberto, if you were born again, would you want to be healthy, or sick as you are now?’- Paulo answered: ‘Jesus, I would like to be reborn as You wanted me, because then I would be sure to do only Your will. And if my body was healthy, I would run the risk of losing the health of my soul. So, I'm happy to live the way you wanted.’

“He also had other mystical experiences. I am certain that I was in the presence of a saint, a saint whom I was able to provide support to until his death. He would preach to young peo-



Sister Emmanuel

ple who were getting lost in drugs, sex and all sorts of vices, and he would say to them, ‘Look at me! For my entire life, I have never been in good health. But you who have healthy bodies, you cannot despise that, you can't destroy your body! Look! So many young people like you can't even live as young people anymore!’

“Many drug addicts converted after listening to his testimony. It should be added that when he was preaching, his body smelled like a corpse. Flies would often land on

his wounds, and he would have to go to the hospital to remove the worms that appeared in his wounds. Nevertheless, out of love for these young people, he would take advantage of any and every opportunity to evangelize to them. He wrote many letters, inviting the youth to climb on the mountains, to embrace nature, to play... while he himself could never leave his home! And he would add, ‘I know, I will go to the Lord soon, then I will fly over the mountains and I will go higher than the birds!’



“On the day of his death, in 2002, his mother told me: ‘Paolo Roberto asked for you to put a veil on his face and write the words that God will inspire you with.’ He didn't want anyone to feel bad or be scared in front of his completely disfigured face. The Lord inspired me with these words: The face of a man disfigured by pain; the face of God transfigured by love. Indeed, his face beamed with this wonderful love that he conveyed to everyone, and that gave life to those he met.

We cannot but think of the Suffering Servant described by the prophet Isaiah: “Just as there were many who were appalled at him - his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness... a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces...After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied...” Isaiah (52:14 and 53:3 & 11).

“When I opened the coffin - with a great deal of trepidation because, if he already smelled like a corpse in his lifetime, I was afraid that people would feel sick. But it was my duty to do it. I had no idea of the surprise that awaited me: I had barely opened the coffin when we could all smell a very intense fragrance of roses! I started weeping ... Then I placed the veil over his face. I was certain that I was standing before a saint, a saint from next door, as Pope Francis said, a saint who had given his life so that we, we who have health, can therefore make good use of every moment of our lives. As the Little Flower of Lisieux said: ‘A simple sigh of love can save a soul’. May the Lord grant us this grace through the intercession of Paulo Roberto!

Much Ado About Medjugorje

by Peggy Stanton from *Marian Helpers Magazine*, Winter 2024 issue

Just as startling — and as welcome! — as the famous “dancing sun” above Medjugorje was the Sept. 19 announcement from the Vatican: “The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the assent of Pope Francis, grants approval for devotion linked to Medjugorje, recognizing the abundant spiritual fruits received at the sanctuary of the Queen of Peace, without making a declaration on the supernatural character of the Marian apparitions.”

Could this be true, after so many years and so much controversy? The small village in Bosnia-Herzegovina has captivated the world's attention since 1981, when six young people (‘visionaries’) began receiving apparitions from the Blessed Virgin Mary. More than 50 million people over the past four decades have made the arduous pilgrimage to Medjugorje, including Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, who led a group of 200 in September. The Medjugorje approval from the Vatican was given under the new norms for discerning the authenticity of claimed apparitions, issued last May. Under those norms Medjugorje received the highest possible rating available to claimed apparitions: a “*nihil obstat*,” meaning “Nothing stands in the way.”

The news was received with “great joy” in Medjugorje, where the local pastor, Fr. Zvonimir Pavlicic, celebrated the Mass with 96 priests.

“We are grateful to Pope Francis that he has this little place of great faith in his heart,” he told the congregation. “We are grateful to God because He calls us to His closeness again and again, and feeds us His words and the Body of Christ. We are grateful to the Mother of God, the Queen of Peace, who started all this and guides it all. We are grateful for those who came before us and bore the weight and grace of these events... We are grateful for every pilgrim; for every testimony of faith, hope and love. Finally, we are grateful that God always, always shows us his mercy.”

It must be said that pilgrims like myself whose lives were changed by the numerous journeys we made there are extremely grateful to God that His Church has, at last, after 43 years, given approval to the remarkable spiritual experience that is Medjugorje. Frankly, it has not been easy to profess faith in the apparitions and the spiritual quality of Medjugorje without official Church approval.

Granted, there are some devotees who are disappointed there was no outright declaration from the Holy See that Mary has appeared in Medjugorje and is still appearing there, but that is exactly the problem: The alleged apparitions and messages are still ongoing. The Church, which is rightly cautious, cannot give approval to evidence yet unseen and unheard. What the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) did do was care-

fully analyze the evidence that has been seen, and could not be denied: chief among them, the “abundant fruits” from the amazing spiritual benefits that have resulted for the millions of pilgrims who have traveled to this part of the world for more than 43 years.

“The positive fruits are most evident in the promotion of a healthy practice of the faith in accordance to the traditions of the faith,” the DDF stated. “This applies to those who had been previously distant from the faith, as well as those who had practiced only superficially. The uniqueness of the place lies in the large number of such fruits.” Among these are “abundant conversions; a return to the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation; many vocations to the priesthood and religious life; deeper faith; deeper prayer life; marriages reconciled; renewal of marriage and family life; large numbers of young people present (50,000 at the annual Youth Festival); and increased activity of pastoral work in the parish, including retreats and seminars.”

“Furthermore, Medjugorje has been a major pilgrimage destination for decades, even during wartime and a pandemic.”

The DDF also provided extensive analysis of the alleged messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary given on the 25th of each month, saying, “The messages overall possess great value and express the constant teachings of the Gospel in different words.”

My own favorite message is the reason given for the apparitions: ***“I have come to tell the world God exists. He alone is the fullness of life. To enjoy this fullness and to obtain peace, you must return to God.”***

And this: ***“Dear children, this is the reason for my presence among you for such a long time: to lead you on the path of Jesus. I want to save you and, through you, to save the whole world. Many people now live without faith; some don't even want to hear about Jesus, but they still want peace and satisfaction! Children, here is the reason why I need your prayer: prayer is the only way to save the human race.”***

“A few messages,” however, cautions the DDF, “stray from these positive and edifying contents, and even seem to go so far as to contradict them.” The DDF wants us to be aware of these quotes as “these few confused elements overshadow the beauty of the whole.” Indeed, by my count, the DDF cites more than 80 messages as positive, compared to less than 15 messages questioned.

“Some people,” according to the DDF, are apparently troubled when Our Lady is upset that her messages are not being followed. In one instance, she allegedly said, ***“Now it is Lent and you, as a Parish, can adhere to my call out of love. If you do not do that, I do not wish to give you any more messages.”***

While these tones may puzzle the Vatican, they made pilgrims like myself pull up our socks, fearing if we didn't shape up, she might ship out! Consider that her Son shows similar irritation in the Gospels at times when His disciples experience brain fog over His messages. “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you?” (Mt 17:17)

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A silver rosary bought in Rome turned gold when Peggy Stanton visited Medjugorje

Vatican Cited Important Messages in Document Approving Medjugorje

by Michael Brown from spiritdaily.com

When, a couple of months back, the Vatican approved devotion for Our Lady of Medjugorje (which skeptics now have strived to spin as a negative decision), there were any number of intriguing remarks, in the official document, on Catholic spirituality in general.

"Many messages," the decision pointed out, "invite the faithful to recognize the importance of seeking the help of the Holy Spirit." That they do. The Vatican then quoted the Blessed Mother as saying:

"People are wrong when they turn solely to the saints to ask for something. The important thing is to pray to the Holy Spirit to descend upon you. When you have Him, you have everything" (October 21, 1983).

Conversion is a focal point of the messages from Medjugorje, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith asserted.

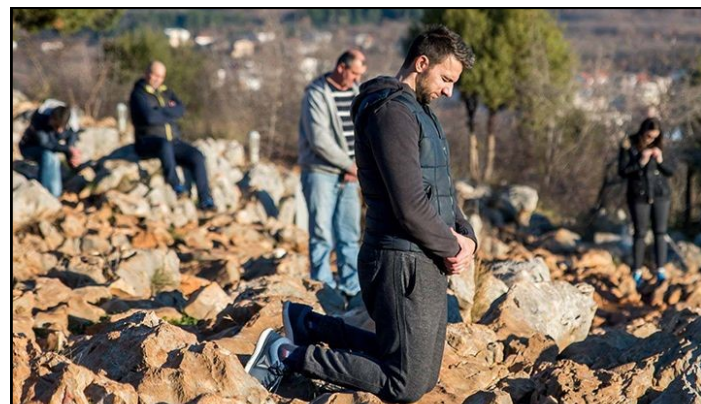
There is "an insistent exhortation, not to underestimate the gravity of evil and sin, and to take very seriously God's call to fight against evil and the influence of Satan," cited as the well-spring of hatred, violence, and division.

When it comes to prophecy, the dicastery honed in on messages from Our Lady such as:

"Those who make catastrophic predictions are false prophets. They say, 'In such a year, on such a day, there will be a catastrophe.' I have always said that chastisement will come if the world does not convert. Therefore, I call everyone to conversion. Everything depends on your conversion" (Dec. 15, 1983).

"You err when you look to the future, thinking only of wars, punishments, and evil. If you always think of evil, you are already putting yourself on the road to meet it. For the Christian, there is only one attitude toward the future: the hope of salvation. Your task is to accept God's peace, to live it, and to spread it" (June 10, 1982).

"Today's world lives amid high tensions and walks on the brink of a catastrophe. It can only be saved if it finds peace. But it can only have peace by returning to God" (2/15/1983).



Such messages are important; they matter. Yet one must at the same time consider the "secrets" given the visionaries, who have portrayed them as warnings of truly monumental coming "chastisements." There is no escaping those warnings from the earliest days: The Seers not only turned serious but even have cried when relating the reception of them.

"I have come to call the world to conversion for the last time," Mary has said. **"Later, I will no longer appear on earth. These are my final appearances"** (May 2, 1982).

"Make haste to convert. When the promised sign is manifested on the hill, it will already be too late" (Sept. 2, 1982).

That's called "sobering." Importantly, there is the message, at Medjugorje, which now has more Church sinew behind it than ever, of ecumenism.

"On earth, you are divided, but you are all my children," Our Blessed Mother said. **"Muslims, Orthodox, Catholics, all of you are equal before my Son and me. You are all my children. This does not mean that all religions are equal before God, but people are. It is not enough, however, to belong to the Catholic Church to be saved: one must respect God's will [...]. To whom little has been given, little will be asked"** (May 20, 1982). **"You are not true Christians if you do not respect your brothers and sisters who belong to other religions"** (February 21, 1983).

Yet there is also a reminder of the need to **"preserve the Catholic faith at all costs, for you and your children"** (2/19/1984).

"I am closer to you during the Mass than during an apparition," the Virgin of Medjugorje, as quoted by the Vatican, said.

"Many pilgrims would like to be present in the small room of the apparitions, and so they crowd around the rectory. When they swarm in front of the tabernacle, as they now do in front of the rectory, then they will have understood everything; they will have understood the presence of Jesus, because receiving Holy Communion is greater than being a visionary" (Nov. 12, 1986). **"Find peace in nature and you will discover God the Creator, to whom you can give thanks for all creatures"** (July 25, 2001).

Thus we see the key issue here: balance. The messages from Medjugorje are balanced, in a way that evades many modern theologians. A constant call to abandon a worldly lifestyle—excessive attachment—to worldly goods is also a theme.

"Do not let the light of the world seduce you," Mary has said. **"Open yourselves to the light of Divine Love, to the Love of my Son. Decide for him; He is Love and He is Truth"** (May 2, 2016).

"Dear children, you know that I promised you an oasis of peace. But know that next to the oasis, there is the desert where Satan is lurking and trying to tempt each of you." (August 7, 1986). **"Wherever I go and where my Son is also with me, there Satan also joins."** (January 28, 1987).

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Spend 24 hours without a single complaint

Shall we do it again? I was happy to see that my proposal to spend 24 hours without expressing a single complaint was very well received by the pilgrims gathered in our little forest here in Medjugorje, as well as by those who heard about this initiative. Of course, a complaint must immediately be replaced by praise to God. We know that complaining pleases the enemy and damages the soul. It also makes the atmosphere heavy. On the contrary, every praise, every thanksgiving pleases God and makes us grow on the path of holiness. Praise cancels out the negative effect that the complaint would have.

Today, as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, we can offer Our Lady a beautiful gift, and together take another step on the path she has been teaching us for 43 years: we will give up speaking ill of our neighbor for 24 hours! How about that? No backstabbing, no slander shall escape from our mouths. Neither in the hallways, nor at the table, nowhere...! Sometimes this bad habit is so ingrained in us that we no longer realize the harm we do to ourselves and to others, not to mention how much it offends the Lord. The following example really struck me: A woman from the village was going to mass every day, with Father Jozo Zovko celebrating at the time. One day, for health reasons, she was unable to leave home, but after Mass she asked her family what Father Jozo had said in his homily. They replied, "Tonight," he said, "when you are gathered at the table, make sure you do not speak ill of anyone! The woman spontaneously retorted, "So what are we going to talk about?" No further comment is needed.

The worst defilement of the soul

During my 1989 interview with Maria Simma in Austria, she told me that "gossip and slander are the worst defilements for the soul, and they require a long purification in Purgatory". Through slander, you can damage someone's reputation and even push them to suicide. Many mystics have described the horror of this sin in the eyes of God and the terrible suffering that awaits those who slander, in Purgatory, if they do not repent. Moreover, 'willingly listening to slander is also slandering, and incurs the same condemnation' (Dorothy of Gaza). But let us never forget that "charity covers a multitude of sins" (1 Pt 4:8), so it is never too late to beg the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with charity, that divine love which always flows to us from the wounded Heart of Jesus, and which will make us eternally happy.



Sr Emmanuel with Maria Simma

The feast day of Don Dulindo

Don Dolindo Ruotolo was born into heaven on November 19, 1970, so we are close to his feast day.... We know that praying to a Saint (or a holy man of God) on the day of his feast, grants us a special favor: this saint will accompany us when we cross over into eternity. Let us not neglect such an opportunity!

Don Dolindo tells us: "Whoever prays is really well armed; he is strong and invincible, because prayer alone thwarts all human and diabolical plans, and can even lead God to new designs of mercy, in His love. Prayer is an admirable force with many aspects. It has an effect on mind and matter, on creatures and on the Creator himself."



Don Dulindo Rutolo

Dearest Gospa, we definitely want to go to Heaven! Be strong with us! Please help us to silence within ourselves the lies conveyed by the world with its false happiness! Avert jealousy over our souls and, by your presence, drive away the enemy who wants to destroy us! Starting in the morning, enfold us in your maternal embrace and do not let go of us even for a moment at any time!

Remember the Hour of Grace

from medjugorjeusa.org

The 8th of December is an important day - the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. (This year it will be celebrated on the 9th because the 8th is a Sunday.) It is also the day on which Our Blessed Mother gave us the **Hour of Grace**. Our Lady said to Sister Pierina in Montechiari, Italy in 1947: "It is my wish that every year, on the 8th of December, at noon, the HOUR OF GRACE FOR THE WORLD be celebrated. Many divine and bodily graces will be received through this devotion. The most hard-hearted sinners will be touched by the grace of God." The Blessed Virgin promised that whatever a person asked her for during this **Hour of Grace** (even in impossible cases) would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the Will of the Eternal Father. "Our Lord, my Divine Son Jesus, will send His overflowing mercy if good people will pray continuously for their sinful brother...it is my wish that the HOUR OF GRACE FOR THE WORLD be made known and spread throughout the world. If anyone is unable to visit his church, yet will pray at home, he will also receive graces through me...and will find a secure heavenly ladder and receive protection and grace through my motherly heart." Our Lady promised she will hear any prayer we make at this time.

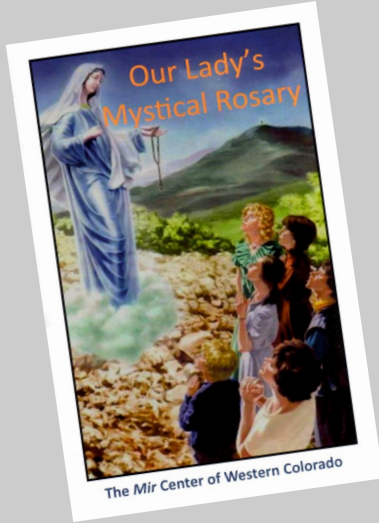
THE REQUEST OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER FOR THE HOUR OF GRACE:

1. Day and time of the Hour of Grace: December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, to be started at 12:00 noon and continuing until 1:00 p.m. for one full hour of prayer.
2. During this hour, the person making the Hour of Grace either at home or at church must put away all distractions (do not answer the telephones, or answer any doors, or do anything but totally concentrate on your union with God during this special Hour of Grace).
3. Begin the Hour of Grace by praying three times the 51st Psalm with out-stretched arms.
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And honestly: would the “old apple vendor” (as I like to call the evil one) be selling such products of peace, love, and conversion? The DDF cites as “particularly beautiful” this message regarding the quality of signs: **“You ask me for a sign that my presence may be believed. The sign will**

come. But you do not need it. You, yourselves, must be a sign for others.”

The human “signs” are the reasons I believe in Medjugorje. In ten pilgrimages (my first was in 1988), I have never seen Mary myself, nor witnessed the famous spinning sun, nor the Cross on Mt. Križevac lighting up without benefit of electricity, though I have had friends who claimed to have seen all of the above.

My Rosary did turn from silver to gold, but that was not the sign that impressed me. What moved me most was the behavior of people, both the local residents and pilgrims from all over the world.

I personally have witnessed lives changing; conversions to Catholicism; Protestants on pilgrimages; priests marveling at the quality and quantity of Confessions they hear; nuns telling me Medjugorje is where their vocations bloomed. One Dominican Sister related her father was miraculously healed in Medjugorje. Twice, I have accompanied people who risked their lives to travel to Medjugorje. That little mountain village changed my life so dramatically I wrote a book to catalogue the revolution: ***From the White House to the White Cross***. In the end, can we not perhaps abide by Jesus Christ’s prescription for discerning the truth about the authenticity of spiritual claims?

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns or figs from thistles? So every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit. A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.” (Mt 7:15-20)

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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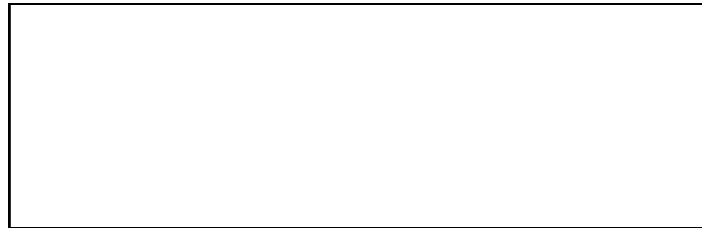
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Upcoming events:

- + **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 9th**
- + **Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12th**
- + **The Nativity of the Lord, December 25th**



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MISSION STATEMENT

Our primary goal, our main focus, is to bring Jesus Christ to the world and to bring the world to Jesus Christ. To accomplish this task, the MIR Center of Western Colorado was established to provide accurate information about the messages and events originating from Marian apparitions occurring in Medjugorje and elsewhere. We are committed to living and sharing the messages of Medjugorje and helping others to live the messages as well. By living the messages of Medjugorje, which are in essence the message of the Gospel, we hope to spread peace into our families, into our communities, and into our world. As a nonprofit organization, we intend to use any and all funds raised or donations received to aid in spreading the messages of Our Lady to all who will listen. With regard to the apparitions occurring in the world today we humbly submit to the final authority of the Catholic Church.