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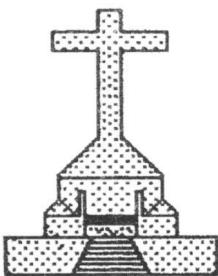
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## OUR MINISTRY

To spread the messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus,  
given through the visionaries in Medjugorje.

**PEACE CONVERSION**  
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## OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

### PRAY FOR US

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**MEDJUGORJE  
AFTERNOON OF PRAYER**

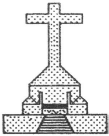
*led by Fr. Martin Morris*

**2nd Sunday of the month  
4pm – 6pm**



*No afternoon of prayer on 11th June 2017  
Resumes—9th July 2017*

At  
St Teresa of the infant Child Jesus  
Heaton Road  
Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 5HN



**Medjugorje Centre North East  
Invites you to celebrate the  
36th Anniversary of  
The Apparitions at Medjugorje**

**4pm –6pm Sunday 25th June 2017**

Rosary, Healing prayers and Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

**Led by Fr. Martin Morris**

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**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO  
MEDJUGORJE 2017**

**Wednesday 7th June—14th June 2017**

*Flying from Newcastle*

*Medjugorje Centre NE would like to wish all our pilgrims a safe and  
wonderful pilgrimage to Medjugorje .  
May Our Lady protect you and keep you safe .*

*During the Pilgrimage Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of all  
Readers and Friends of Medjugorje.*

*Pax Christie*

## OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

*Given 25th May 2017 to Marija Pavlovic*



**D**ear children! “ The Most High has permitted me to call you anew to conversion. Little children, open your hearts to the grace to which you are all called. Be witnesses of peace and love in this peaceless world. Your life here on earth is passing. Pray that through prayer you may yearn for Heaven and the things of Heaven and your hearts will see everything differently. You are not alone; I am with you and intercede before my Son Jesus for you. Thank you for having responded to my call. ”

### Fr. Martin Morris's Reflection

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Medjugorje North east and beyond, Let us begin our reflection on this month's message from Mary Queen of Peace by turning to the Holy Scriptures. Here we shall find the necessary help and inspiration to aid us in our thought's.

In Matthew 19:16, we read of the rich young man and his encounter with the Lord. It is an encounter that opens the possibility of a new life for him with Jesus. he begins with a very noble and sincere request.

*"Good Master what must I do to inherit eternal Life?"* (Matt:19:16)

This is the fundamental question every human being can ask. It connects our everyday choices and living with our eternal destiny.

We should ask it before the Lord in

prayer too. *"Jesus, what must I do to get to Heaven?"*

The question of eternal life is at the heart of this month's message, and Mary, Queen of Peace, wants to assist us on the road to Heaven, to keep us on the right track.

I would like to ask you a question: *Have you read this month's message thoroughly ruminated on it, before you read my words?*

*What does Mary want to say to you personally in this message?*

*Allow with patience, Our Lady to speak to your heart, in her school of Prayer and Love that we call Medjugorje.*

Prayer is the most often conveyed message that Our Lady has given us all these years.

Prayer is contact with God, an

encounter with the Lord who is Love and Freedom. **The Most High** who is The Way, The Truth and The Life, for each one of us, calls us on the road to eternity.

When we are in union with the Lord in prayer, then we discover that it is possible to Love, and to become better.

Every **conversion** is a personal **conversion**, Mary's words are for you!

After thirty-six years Mary calls us to be her **witnesses**.

A **witness** is someone who knows truth.

Truth that leads to something greater. Mary's **witnesses** are those who stand against a worldly mentality and with the power of the **Most High** reflect His Truth and Love.

Mary need's **witnesses** and we can become those **witnesses**.

Our Lady has often told us she can do nothing alone, that she need's us, needs our families, need's prayerful people whose arms are outstretched in Prayer for this world.

Only when we love, and only when we forgive can we become true **witnesses**, and this is the core of everything.

All of this serves the same thing: Eternal life.

If we say "Yes" to the **Most High** like Mary at the Annunciation, and all that she requests of us, then we will have a true encounter with Jesus. This real encounter with him will give us Peace, Joy and the Strength for doing good, for life.

To live in the light of eternity is the message for us all.

When we know that we live in the promise of Heaven, with the desire for Heaven, which only the Holy

Spirit can give, then we know with the heart, that death does not have the last word, then we can believe that Love is stronger than hate, Hope stronger than hopelessness and distrust, then we also decide for the dignity of this life too. For our eternal life begins here.

With the desire for Heaven in our hearts, then it is not difficult to walk the path of **conversion** each day, to grow in Faith, Prayer and Love.

**"Your life here on earth is passing. Pray that through prayer you may yearn for Heaven and the things of Heaven, and your hearts will see everything differently."**

Prayer enables this difference to come about.

Our Lady Queen of Peace calls us to prepare ourselves for eternal life-for the eternal Easter for which we were all made.

*"Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Matt:19:16)*

**Fr.Martin Morris**

## Quiz night

**In aid of Medjugorje North East**

at St. Teresa's Catholic Club, Heaton road, Heaton, Newcastle,

**Thursday 6th July, 7.00pm.**

Come along and Join Fr. Martin's team, and have a great night."

Ta, **Fr. M**

## Our Lady's message to Mirjana

2nd May 2017



**“Dear children!** I am calling you to pray, not to ask for, but to offer sacrifice – sacrificing yourselves. I am calling you to reveal the truth and merciful love. I am praying to my Son for you, for your faith, which is all the more diminishing in your hearts. I am imploring Him to help you with the divine spirit, as I also desire to help you with my motherly spirit. My children, you must be better. Only those who are pure, humble and filled with love sustain the world – they are saving themselves and the world. My children, my Son is the heart of the world. He should be loved and prayed to, and not always betrayed anew. Therefore, you, apostles of my love, spread the faith in the hearts of people by your example, your prayer and merciful love. I am beside you, I will help you. Pray for your shepherds to have all the more light, so as to be able to illuminate all those who live in darkness. Thank you.”



### REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

*of The Community of The Beatitudes*  
[www.childrenofmedjugorje.com](http://www.childrenofmedjugorje.com)

May 11, 2017

Dear Children of Medjugorje, praised be Jesus and Mary!

**1. On May 2, 2017, Mirjana received her monthly apparition at the Blue Cross in the midst of a big crowd.** After the apparition, she shared the message from Our Lady: (see above)

#### **2. Long Live the Queen of the Rosary**

It is so sad today to see that some religious communities have to close down because of the lack of vocations coming to its doors! Is there a solution to avoid such a catastrophic situation?

Let me give you an example of one

that I just learned about while on mission in Israel. It happened in 1984 in Quito, Ecuador.

A Carmelite Convent named "Carmen Alto" was very poor, and was languishing because of a lack of vocations. All the sisters were old, and the novitiate had been closed for quite a long time. For many years there had not been a single vocation on the horizon! The Prioress, Mother Maria Helena Del Corazón de Jesus, heard about Medjugorje and began to hope again.

One day, an Italian nun of the Dorotea Community, Sister Luicela, visited "Carmen Alto" and mentioned to the Prioress that she was going to Medjugorje with a group of pilgrims. Mother Maria Helena seized the opportunity, and begged Sister Luicela to pray for vocations to their Carmel

while she was there. (She was hoping that Sr. Luicela could speak to one of the visionaries and pass the intention on to the Blessed Mother. She heard that you could write letters to Mary and receive an answer from her in your heart during prayer, and that sometimes Mary even answered questions.) So the Carmelite Prioress entrusted a letter to Sr. Luicela with her intention. Such a problem was not new for Sister Luicela because the Dorothea Order also lacked vocations. She gladly accepted the job. Unfortunately, Sister Luicela was not able to meet with a visionary while in Medjugorje, but she was able to be present during an apparition. When the visionaries shared what the Gospa had said during the apparition, the Sister was amazed! In fact, Our Lady had answered her request before she even expressed it! This is the message Our Lady gave that day: "I will take care myself of the communities that will pray together the full Rosary (all 3 parts) every day for the intentions of my Immaculate Heart, and I will choose their vocations."

When Sr. Luicela returned to Quito, she delivered the message to the Prioress of the Carmel, who felt in the depths of her heart that this message was for her. At first, she was wondering what Our Lady meant by "the intentions of my Immaculate Heart," but then she realized: 'It is clear! The intentions of the Blessed Mother are those of God!'

During the next community chapter meeting, the Prioress suggested to the sisters that they pray the 3 parts of the Rosary together every day. They gladly welcomed Mary's request. They changed their daily schedule in order to introduce this new feature, and they also prayed the

Rosary while they worked. This initiated a period of great Marian fervor in the Carmel.

A few months later, the first vocation arrived, Sr. Maria de Los Angeles, followed by other vocations. So many postulants entered the monastery that the Prioress had to found another Carmel, the Carmel of Santo Domingo in Ecuador, 18 years ago.

As a rule, when a Carmelite Convent reaches a number of sisters greater than 21, they had to found another Carmel. This time in Panama. It goes without saying that in these new Carmelite communities, the tradition of praying daily the 3 parts of the Rosary together remained alive!

During my recent mission in Galilee, the young Carmelite sister who told me this story in Haifa said to me: "I am a fruit of this message and of these rosaries, because I joined the Carmel of Santo Domingo!"

A few years ago, Mother Maria Helena visited a monastery of Poor Clares. After hearing this testimony, the sisters decided to adopt this prayer as well, following Mary's message in order to obtain vocations. Needless to say that a little while later, new vocations of the Poor Clares started coming in!

This gives us a better understanding of why Our Lady so often says to us "Dear children, I invite you to live my messages!" Today, the issues of the Church and of the world are immense. Not a single path to victory is to be neglected! May this key given by Mary Queen of the Rosary inspire many of her children who are today burdened with problems and losing courage! Mary would never fail in her promises!

### 3. Blessed Francisco and Jacinta of Fatima canonized on May 13th at Fatima.



Blessed Jacinta and Francisco canonized at Fatima on May 13th. There will be great graces associated with this canonization, combined with the Centenary of Mary's apparitions to the 3 little shepherds. They were very innocent and enthusiastically willing to do everything the Virgin asked. Here is an example:

The Blessed Virgin told them to pray for "La Russia". She insisted to such a degree that the children believed that "La Russia" was a very great person who was a sinner doing many evil things. And so they prayed and made sacrifices for her.

Only well after the apparitions did they find out that La Russia was a big country and not a woman! Let us pray to Francisco and Jacinta to protect the innocence of children who are being so severely abused in our day!

In order to welcome the graces of this Centenary and not let them go to waste, take some time to read and meditate on the beautiful messages that Mary gave at Fatima, and reaffirmed in Medjugorje.

If they had been followed, it would have saved millions of lives in World War II, (not to mention many other disasters)! She said:

"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain

peace for the world and the end of the war."

"Jesus wishes to use you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world."

"Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls are going to hell because there is no one to sacrifice themselves or pray for them."

"When the time comes to say it, do not hide. Tell everyone -

That God grants us His graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary;

That we should ask her for them;

That the Heart of Jesus wants us to venerate with Him the Immaculate Heart of Mary;

And that we should ask the Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace because God entrusted it to her.

"Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He might send you? For this would be an act of reparation for the sins that offend Him and also a plea for the conversion of sinners. "

"Oh," said one of the visionaries. "If only I could spread in everyone's heart the fire burning within me that makes me love the Heart of Jesus and the Heart of Mary so much!"

***Dearest Gospa, Our hearts are wide open to welcome the very special graces of this 100th Anniversary of your apparitions in Fatima!***

***We deeply desire to collaborate with you for the Triumph of your Immaculate Heart!***

**Sister Emmanuel +**

## How to Interpret the Words of Pope Francis before his flight from Lisbon to Rome,

May 13, 2017

### A Personal reflection from Sister Emmanuel

Before you re-read the words of the Pope, here are 2 quotes from Jesus that we must always keep in mind:

*"A good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree is known by its fruit. People cannot pick figs from thorn bushes, nor gather grapes from briars." (Luke 6: 43-49)*

*Also: "By their fruits you shall know them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?" (Matthew 7:16)*

Another quote from Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska reads:

*"Listen, my daughter, all the works that come into being by my will contain the risk of great suffering! Consider if any of them have been subject to greater difficulties than that work which is directly mine - the work of Redemption. You should not worry too much about difficulties." (Diary §1642)*

After watching the interview of the Holy Father on the evening of May 13, many of those who love Medjugorje and who have found a renewal of their spiritual lives there were greatly hurt at first, and struck by disappointment and sadness. Indeed, seeing the Pope shaking his head in a negative way while comparing the Blessed "Virgin" of Medjugorje to a post office clerk, could create disillusionment in many, including me. But thanks be to God, we took time to carefully consider each point brought up by the Pope, and we have found several good reasons to rejoice!

**1 -The Ruini Commission.** The essential point to focus on is that the Pope labelled as "very good" the document of the Ruini Commission instituted in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI on Medjugorje. The purpose of this Commission was to come to know and to explain the phenomenon. In this interview, Pope Francis used the word "good" 6 times and reinforced it twice by saying "very, very good." This amounts to very emphatic approval. He basically gave high praise to the good work carried out by the good theologians, priests and cardinals. He publicly opposed sending the report to another Congress for inspection. He said, *"It doesn't seem right to me; it's like putting the Ruini report up for auction"*. Now, according to the votes of the experts who participated in this Ruini Commission, 13 among them are in favour of the recognition of the supernatural character of the first seven apparitions in Medjugorje, a single person voted against this, and one member reserved judgment until later. In other words, an overwhelming majority voted in favour of the supernatural character of the first apparitions.

**2 - That's an enormous step in the history of Medjugorje!** If we consider the last official statement from Zadar in 1991: *"Non constat de supernaturalitate,"* it cannot be affirmed that this is supernatural (and not "We affirm that this phenomenon is not supernatural"), the question remains open. Therefore today, Medjugorje can become a place of verifiable Marian apparitions! Of



course, we would prefer that this recognition be extended to a little more than those 7 days. However, there was no question of denying the following apparitions! It's about maintaining doubt, and therefore, leaving a question mark. Let's not forget that these apparitions still occur, and that it is difficult to canonize a saint who is still alive. (Our Lady told the visionaries that she would appear to them once a year during their lifetimes.) Let's not forget as well that the apparitions at the Rue de Bac (Paris) in 1830 and the Miraculous Medal have never been officially recognized, yet there is an authorized Sanctuary there that thousands of people from every country endlessly flow through every day.

**3 - Freedom to Adherence.** The Pope made it clear that he was expressing his personal opinion, which means, in the language of the Church, that we are free to adhere to it or not, according to our own consciences. Even John Paul II expressed his personal opinion when he declared Medjugorje "a centre of spirituality" and repeated his desire to go there. He wrote letters in which he made known his recognition of Medjugorje as a place visited by the Mother of God. (In my book "The Hidden Child of Medjugorje," I attached photos of these letters.) He wrote, for example, to his friends, Marek and Zofia, in Krakow: *"Madame Zofia, I thank you for everything you said about Medjugorje. I, also, travel to Medjugorje each day in pilgrimage through prayer; I join spiritually to all those who pray there, or who feel a call to pray there."* However, he didn't express his personal opinion except in private to a number of

reliable witnesses, among others, the President of Croatia, Franjo Tudjman, and to Monsignor Paolo Hnilica. He didn't speak out in a Press Conference, no doubt so as to respect the opinions of his fellow Priests and Bishops, opinions that were different from his own. He could have used the influence of his position as Sovereign Pontiff, but he chose patience.

**4 - A Comedy of Deception?** We know that at Mostar, the Bishop had a personal opinion different from that of John Paul II. He actually denied the authenticity of the apparitions, characterizing them as some kind of deceitful comedy played from the very beginning by both the Franciscans and the visionaries. But now we have a Pope who is open to the authenticity of the first apparitions and who recognizes the good fruits over time - 36 years.

The Pope also referred to the position of the '*Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith*', presided over by Cardinal Mueller, a man who has actively opposed Medjugorje for many years. Now, Pope Francis has openly dismissed the Cardinal's overly negative declarations.

According to the "habits and customs" of the Church, such a public dismissal of those negative comments carries weight, even if the Pope doesn't personally recognize all of the apparitions at Medjugorje.

**5 - A Postmistress Virgin?** The Pope cannot believe that this "post office employee," could be the Blessed Virgin Mary. He seems troubled by two facts:

- 1 - That she speaks every day,
- 2 - That she gives precise appointments to the visionaries.

Now, at Medjugorje, Our Lady doesn't speak every day, far from it. Yes, she does come every day to pray with the visionaries, just as she has already done at Notre Dame du Laus (France) for 54 years with the Venerable Benoit Rancurel. That said, we know that Pope Francis is bombarded with so-called messages from the "Virgin", which must certainly exasperate him! But those messages have nothing to do with the Queen of Peace in Medjugorje.

As for setting up a time and date with the visionaries, she has often done that in the recognized apparitions of Lourdes, Fatima, Kibeho, etc. It is part of her maternal care, to make sure no one will be in the dark about her next apparitions. By doing so, she enables her children to gather together, to be with her and to pray with her. That's her joy as a mother. The miracle of the sun at Fatima was witnessed by 70,000 people on October 13, 1917. Our Lady had announced that apparition to the 3 shepherds, and, therefore, permitted that great historic gathering.

We could then conclude this: since the 2 major concerns brought up by the Pope against this "post office employee" are precisely those two hurdles, we can be reassured! When it comes right down to it, it is not impossible that the Pope might take these points into account when he ultimately expresses his thoughts.

**6 - A Positive Point:** The Pope has not rejected the messages. We can, therefore, continue to listen to them attentively, to share them, and to live them in all security according to the intense desire of the Queen of Peace.

**7 - A Paradox?** Let's remember the

words of Christ: "People don't pick figs from thorn bushes. . . A tree is recognized by its own fruits." Pope Francis and the whole Ruini Commission recognize the good fruit of Medjugorje. The evidence is incontrovertible! So, how can this good fruit continue to grow on a bad tree?

The special envoy of the Pope, Monsignor Henryk Hoser, came to Medjugorje, as you know. The Holy Father praised him during this interview as a "good bishop whom he chose." Monsignor Hoser conducted a very serious investigation on site ("Come and see," says Jesus). He met key people, the Franciscans and the visionaries, visited several local communities and has seen various charitable works born from the messages etc. He will submit his report to Pope Francis by the end of June. In view of the encouragement and the comfort he anxious to give to the entire parish as the "special envoy of the Pope," it is probable that the next words of the Holy Father on Medjugorje will be more favourable. Monsignor Hoser is an expert in matters of apparitions. He was an active member of the commission which studied the apparitions of Kibeho in Rwanda, and these ended up being recognized. Let us wait in prayer!

**8 - Chase Away Sadness!** In any case, even if this personal opinion is that of a Pope, it remains an unofficial opinion and doesn't have the authority of the Church (See PS 3 on ex cathedra declarations).

Everyone remains free then to believe in good conscience that it is the Mother of God who is still appearing today or not to believe it. Free, also, to go to Medjugorje, to

pray there, to read the messages and to live them out. In spite of the sadness that this interview has brought to some people, when we look at it all closely, we find a lot of important and positive points.

The Pope concluded his interview by saying, *"In the end, we will say something!" Let us wait in fervent prayer and trust, as Mary always did in her life. Let us cling to her as never before!*

**9 - Watch Out for Snares!** Given the anti-Christian waves and the persecutions the entire world is facing at the moment, I believe that we should prepare ourselves to experience great spiritual battles. The confusion that reigns should drive us to be more vigilant than ever.

The traps that Satan could lead us into on the occasion of this interview are obvious, and falling into them would be a disaster. Moreover, that would be a great disservice to the plans our Heavenly Mother has. I see two important traps worth highlighting here:

- On the one hand, if we tell ourselves that the Pope does not look very favourably on Medjugorje, we might no longer go on pilgrimages there. That would work against thousands of poor and humble souls (who otherwise claim the attention of the Pope, paradoxically!) Think of all those faithful of Medjugorje who found peace and hope again, who came back to life by embracing the sacraments, and who were finally able to find new courage in the face of very difficult situations! They could feel wounded and discouraged. Not to mention those who have never been to Medjugorje but whom Our Lady is inviting . . . May they not

deprive themselves of this providential source of grace!

- On the other hand, some might be tempted to reject the Pope and perhaps even the Church in view of these contradictions within the institution. God forbid! It is out of the question to oppose the Pope/Gospa as if we had to choose between the two! Let's continue to pray for the Holy Father with all our hearts and for the Church of Christ.

*"Your shepherds do not need your judgments nor your criticisms. They need your prayers, your love, and your help"* (Message given to Mirjana). *"My Son is with you. He is everywhere. He is invisible, but you can see Him if you live Him. He is the light which illuminates your soul and gives you peace. He is the Church that you must love, for which you must pray and always fight for."* (Marjana of August 2, 2015).

We love our shepherds and we pray for them. It's quite simple: We love them because they are our shepherds! Jesus chose them for us. Didn't the Gospa say: *"Only through your shepherds will my Heart triumph. Don't allow the Evil One to separate you from your shepherds!"* (Marjana Sept. 2, 2013)

Let us trust our dear Mother, because all of this is inscribed on a providential path that she is managing with the heart of a Queen. As Queen and Sovereign, she will make everything work out for our good. As Vicka often says, *"The Gospa will fulfill her plan."* And, also, *"The Gospa will defend herself."* Could she have been more clear at Fatima when she declared, **"In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph"?**

**Sister Emmanuel +**

## Medjugorje Commission report revealed...

Published by VATICAN INSIDER,

**Medjugorje; the findings of the Ruini report... Esteemed by the Pope Francis, the report is positive on the first appearances, much less on the current ones while it proposes to turn the church into a pontifical sanctuary. Doubts from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith that discussed the phenomenon in 2016.**

By ANDREA TORNIELLI, VATICAN CITY

Thirteen votes in favour of recognizing the supernatural nature of the first seven appearances in Medjugorje, one vote against and one “suspensive” ballot, which will give a final answer later. A majority of suspensive votes and many doubts instead, concerning the apparition phenomenon from the end of 1981 to today.

These are the results of the work done by the commission on Medjugorje established in 2010 by Benedict XVI and chaired by Cardinal Camillo Ruini.

Pope Francis mentioned this report in the press conference on the return flight from Fatima when he revealed the distinction between the first apparitions and the later ones, saying, *“A commission of good theologians, bishops, cardinals. Good, good, good. The Ruini report is very, very good.”* It is well known that the signal emerged from the Pontiff’s words is positive about the spiritual fruits and the conversions (*“people who go there and convert, people who meet God, who change life”*), but is negative with regard to the current

apparitions *“I prefer Our Lady Mother, and not the head of the telegraphic office, who sends a message every day”*.

**A commission wanted by Ratzinger**

From 17 March 2010 to 17 January 2014, a commission chaired by Ruini was set up for the will of Benedict XVI. In addition to the former chairman of the CEI, Cardinals Jozef Tomko, Vinko Puljić, Josip Bozanić, Julián Herranz and Angelo Amato took part. The psychologist Tony Anatrella, the theologians Pierangelo Sequeri, Franjo Topić, Mihály Szentmártoni and Nela Gašpar, the Mariologist Salvatore Perrella, the anthropologist Achim Schütz, the canonist David Jaeger, the speaker of the causes of the saints Zdzisław Józef Kijas, the psychologist Mijo Nikić and the official of the Doctrine of the Faith Krzysztof Nykiel. Their task was to “collect and examine all the material” about Medjugorje and to present “a detailed report” followed by a vote on the “supernatural nature or not” of the apparitions as well as the most appropriate “pastoral solutions”. The committee met 17 times and screened all documents filed in the Vatican, the parish of Medjugorje and the archives of the secret services of the former Yugoslavia. The commission heard all the seers and witnesses involved, and in April 2012, they carried out an inspection in the village of Herzegovina.

**Positive Findings on First Appearances**

The commission noted a very clear difference between the beginning of

the phenomenon and its following development, and therefore decided to issue two distinct votes on the two different phases: the first seven presumed appearances between June 24 and July 3, 1981, and all that happened later. Members and experts came out with 13 votes in favor of recognizing the supernatural nature of the first visions. A member voted against and an expert expressed a suspensive vote. The committee argues that the seven young seers were psychically normal and were caught by surprise by the apparition, and that nothing of what they had seen was influenced by either the Franciscans of the parish or any other subjects. They showed resistance in telling what happened despite the police arrested them and death threatening them. The commission also rejected the hypothesis of a demonic origin of the apparitions.

### **The doubts about the development of the phenomenon**

With regard to the second phase of the apparitions, the commission took note of the heavy interference caused by the conflict between the bishop and the Franciscans of the parish, as well as the fact that the apparitions, pre-announced and programmed individually for each seer continued with repetitive messages. These visions continued despite the youngsters had said they would end, however that actually has never happened. There is then the issue of the “*secrets*” of the somewhat apocalyptic flavor that the seers claim to have been revealed from the apparition. On this second stage, the committee voted in two steps. Firstly, taking into account the spiritual fruits of Medjugorje but leaving aside the

behaviors of the seers. On this point, 3 members and 3 experts say there are positive outcomes, 4 members and 3 experts say they are mixed, with a majority of positive, effects and the remaining 3 experts claim there are mixed positive and negative effects. If, in addition to the spiritual fruits, the behaviors of the seers is also taken into account, eight members and four experts believe that an opinion cannot be expressed, while two other members have voted against the supernatural nature of the phenomenon.

### **The Pastoral Solution**

Having noted that Medjugorje’s seers have never been adequately followed on the spiritual side, along the fact that for a long time they have no longer been a group, the commission has endorsed the end of the ban on pilgrimages organized in Medjugorje. In addition, 13 members and experts out of the 14 present voted in favor of the constitution of “an authority dependent on the Holy See” in Medjugorje as well as the transformation of the parish into a pontifical sanctuary. A decision based on pastoral reasons - the care of millions of pilgrims, avoiding the formation of “parallel churches”, clarity on economic issues - which would not imply the recognition of the supernatural nature of the apparitions.

### **The doubts of the Doctrine of the Faith**

Francis mentioned them on the airplane. The Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith led by Cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Müller expressed doubts about the phenomenon and about the Ruini report, considered an authoritative contribution to be

compared with other opinions and reports. In 2016 a “Feria IV”, the monthly meeting of Dicastry members, was summoned to discuss the Medjugorje case and the Ruini report. Each of the cardinals and bishops who members of the Feria IV received the text of the commission but also other material in the hands of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. During the meeting, members were asked to give their opinions.

However, Pope Francis, unwilling to have the Ruini report, which he esteems, to be put up for “auction”, decided that the opinions of the Feria IV members had to be sent directly to him. And that's exactly what happened.

### Francis' decision

After examining the Ruini report and the opinions of the members of the ‘Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith’, the Pope decided to entrust to the Polish Archbishop Henryk Hoser a “special mission of the Holy See” to “acquire more in-depth knowledge of the pastoral situation “In Medjugorje, and “above all, the needs of the faithful who come to pilgrimage” to “suggest any pastoral initiatives for the future.” By summer 2017 the Polish Archbishop will deliver the results of his work with which the Pope will make a decision.

### RIP

Friends of Medjugorje

We pray for the repose of the souls of -

**Mary Gallacher**

Ashington, Northumberland

**Rita Desai**

Bishop Auckland

Remembered in Holy Mass at Medjugorje during the pilgrimage.

## OUR LADY'S MESSAGE TO IVAN on MAY 29 2017

Ivan had his apparition at the Blue Cross. Here is what the visionary Ivan shared with the pilgrims about the apparition that took place Monday 29 May 2017, at the Blue Cross, at 22.00: “Also tonight Our Lady came to us especially joyful and happy. She greeted us all with Her maternal greeting: “**Praised be Jesus, my dear children!**” Then Our Lady paused to pray for a period of time on us all, She prayed in particular for the sick people present.

Then She said:

*“Dear children, also today I desire to invite you to put God in the first place in your life, to put God in the first place in your families: receive his words, the words of the Gospel, and live them in your lives and in your families. Dear children, especially in this time, I invite you to the Holy Mass and to the Eucharist. Read more the Sacred Scripture in your families with your children. Thank you, dear children, for also today having responded to my call .”*

“Our Lady blessed all of us with her motherly blessing and blessed all that was brought for me to be blessed. Then I recommended all of you, your needs, your intentions, your families, and especially the sick and all those you have recommended in prayer. Then Our Lady continued to pray for a time here on us all and in this prayer She went to the sign of light and the Cross with the greeting -

*“Go in peace, my dear children!”*



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Friday 11th August 2017

7.30pm to 9.30pm

*Rosary : Holy Mass : Talk : Witness*

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### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady's Apparitions at Fatima

*Medjugorje is a continuation of Fatima.*

*"I desire to realise the secrets I began in Fatima may be fulfilled"*  
(Medjugorje message 25 Aug 91)

In Fatima Our Blessed Mother appeared to three simple shepherd children six times in 1917 so they could warn the world of upcoming trials and tribulations. The three children were, siblings Jacinta, age 7, and Francisco Marto, age 9, and their cousin Lucia Dos Santos, age 10. Since that time, many of the prophecies have come true, and there is much debate about the happenings involving the Third Secret and Our Lady's request to consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart.

### At Fatima Our Lady asked for consecration to her Immaculate Heart.

"She looks at us like a Mother, with tenderness, with mercy, with love. The same way she looked at the child Jesus, in every moment of his life... When we are tired, discouraged, overwhelmed by the problems, look to Mary"

*(Pope Francis)*

### VIRGIN STATUE (NPVS) AND THE RELICS OF BLESSED JACINTA & FRANCISCO.

Will visit 18 Catholic Cathedrals in England and Wales including the North East - Diocese of Middlesbrough 9th -15th Sept and St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne Sept 16th and 17th 2017 (Hexham & Newcastle Diocese)

*Further details : [www.worldFatima-england-wales.org.uk/visitation.html](http://www.worldFatima-england-wales.org.uk/visitation.html)*

***The Centre recognizes and accepts that the final authority regarding the apparitions at Medjugorje rests with the Holy See of Rome. We willingly submit to that judgement.***