

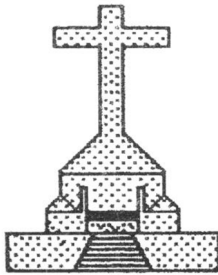
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To spread the messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus,
given through the visionaries in Medjugorje.

PRAYER, FASTING

HOLY-SCRIPTURE, CONFESSION

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OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PRAY FOR US

**The Vicariate for Faith & Mission
Pope Francis –
Prayer to Mary for Protection
during the COVID-19 Pandemic.**



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



**MEDJUGORJE
AFTERNOON OF PRAYER**

led by Fr. Martin Morris

St John Vianney

2nd Sunday of the month

4pm – 6pm

Proposed restart - 13th September

**Numbers will be limited.
Further information in next months
Newsletter.**

Subject to guidelines on the coronavirus

Date for your Diary

Medjugorje Centre (North East)

**MEDJUGORJE RETREAT
MINSTERACRES**

Spiritual Director—Fr. Martin Morris

9th—11th October 2020

To register interest in attending ring Marion Fletcher 0191 4174413 and leave your name, address and tel. Number.

COVID19: Subject to Government guidelines for the Hospitality industry.

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO
MEDJUGORJE 2021**

Spiritual Director—Fr. Martin Morris

**Due to Coronavirus -
Medjugorje Pilgrimage
deferred until 2021**

******* NEW DATE*******

Wed 9th - 16th June 2021

OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

Given 25th July 2020 to Marija Pavlovic



“Dear children! In this peaceless time in which the devil is harvesting souls to draw them to himself, I am calling you to persevering prayer, so that in prayer you discover the God of love and hope. Little children, take the Cross in your hands. May it be your encouragement for love to always win, in a special way now when the Cross and faith are rejected. You be a reflection and an example with your lives that faith and hope are still alive and a new world of peace is possible. I am with you and intercede for you before my Son, Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Reflection by Fr. Martin Morris

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brothers and sisters of Medjugorje North East and beyond some of the first words Our Lady spoke in Medjugorje on 24th June 1981 concerned the gift of Peace. *“Peace, Peace, Peace, Peace must reign between God and Man”*

The peace Our Lady calls us to, is not the peace we experience by the absence of war, but an interior peace of body, soul and spirit.

“My Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give.” (*John: 14; 27*) This peace concerns the reign of God in every person.

So, Our Lady begins this month's message by saying, **“In this peaceless time.”** These words are addressed to the human condition, to all people who feel exposed and insecure at the deepest levels of our being; God created the human person for happiness, and this can only be

found in Him. We cannot have real peace without our creator.

Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace, and it is Our Lady's desire that everyone should know His peace. In this way the expected Kingdom of Heaven on Earth can begin in each human heart. In this sense we should pray with great Faith the words we say at Holy Mass before every Holy Communion. *“My Peace I give you, not as the world gives.”* So Mary as the Queen of Peace calls us to create the conditions for this peace, which means our personal conversion, growing in our friendship with Christ, and allowing His reign within us. The five stones of Our Lady are sure ways of arriving at this peace!

Our Lady links this **‘peacelessness’** in human hearts to the reign of evil.

“The devil is harvesting souls to draw them to himself.”

The devil thrives where there is no

peace. The absence of God creates these conditions. Our entire human life is marked by a spiritual battle between good and evil. A message of May 25th, 1988, says, *“Pray, little children, that satan may not carry you about like branches in the wind. Be strong in God.”*

“Away, with you satan,” says Jesus in his battle with the devil in the wilderness. (Matt: 4: 1-11)

Our Lady’s enemy is your enemy, and your enemy is her enemy! “

We are on the same side as Our Lady!

God draws us to Himself, and He desires our good. We participate actively on the side of good by our thoughts, words and actions. Satan, on the other hand, fights to draw us to himself. He presents evil in a good light, he clouds our minds, and if we allow it, confuses us. This is why our faith puts emphasis on the education of our conscience, through regular examination and reflection, especially at the end of each day, and with regular reception of the Sacrament of Confession. So, let us not allow satan to create disorder in our hearts, our families and communities. Above all we must not become discouraged, this is his most subtle weapon.

Next Our Lady shows us how to combat the devil. **“I am calling you to persevering prayer, so that in prayer you discover the God of love and hope.”**

“Persevering prayer” is when we pray when everything seems to be

against us, and when we do not feel like praying, when the going is all uphill. It is precisely at such times when we need prayer most. For such times are the moments for discouragement and tiredness to creep in.

“Persevering prayer” is when we make a great deep act of entrustment to our Heavenly Father, calling upon all our Faith and Love.

In these times Our Lady tells us, **“you discover the God of Love and Hope.”**

‘I am calling you to persevering prayer, so that in prayer you discover the God of Love and Hope.’

Our Lady 25/7/20

In the school of Our Lady this is her aim; to help us grow in our friendship with our Heavenly Father. To pray means to be with God. In prayer miracles can happen!

We can encounter him who is our Love and Hope.

“Little Children, take the Cross in your hands, may it be your encouragement for love always to win, in a special way know when the cross and faith are rejected.”

Our Lady has often told us in Medjugorje, that great graces are received when we pray before the Cross. This is why in Medjugorje strong emphasis is placed on Cross Mountain, and adoration of the crucifix. Our Lord himself asks us, *“Take up your Cross each day and follow me.”* (Matt: 16:24-25)

The crucifix is the sign of total self-giving and of self-sacrificial love.

“Being in the form of God, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, and became as all men are, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on a

Cross, but God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.” (Phil: 2:6-7)

A self-sufficient person who relies on human strength alone, who does not want to serve will not understand the Cross, but the one who acknowledges their weakness and vulnerability, and relies on God’s grace, will know the power of the Cross. May the crucifix always be with us, may we take it in our hands often, and venerate the five wounds of Jesus, for this is the triumph of Love, the encouragement that wins.

Dear brothers and Sisters Our Lady concludes this message by asking us **“to be reflections, and good example of Faith and Love.”** We live currently in a situation where everything has become destabilised and there is much negativity for the future. But Our Lady asks us to be the reflections and the good example in these times.

When we speak good, good multiplies when we are cheerful, cheerfulness increases. So, let us decide for the Faith, and the Cross, for in these we have the Triumph of Love.

God Bless, Fr. Martin

**THE ‘FIVE STONES’ OF
MEDJUGORJE**

1. PRAYER,
2. FASTING (Wednesday & Friday)
3. HOLY SCRIPTURE. (daily reading)
4. CONFESSION, monthly at least.
5. EUCHARIST, Frequent celebration

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel



St Michael the Archangel

Defend us in the day of Battle

Be our protection against

The evil snares of the devil

*May God rebuke him we
humbly pray*

*And do thou Oh Prince of
Heavenly Host*

By the Power of God

*Cast into hell all evil spirits
who wander through the world
for the ruin of souls*

Amen



REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

of The Community of The Beatitudes
www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

Medjugorje, 21 July 2020

My dear friends, praised be Jesus and Mary!

1. Vicka, the visionary, was in hospital in Zagreb on 13 July for her 6th spine operation that lasted 5 hours and 40'.

The surgeon is satisfied with the outcome of the operation, so we hope that Vicka will quickly regain her strength. The latest news is pretty



good, even though she is just skin and bones and weighs less than 40 kilos. Let us pray fervently for this visionary who remains hidden at this time, but who actively gives her life for each one of us. Through the supernatural joy that emanates from her in all circumstances, even in the midst of painful illnesses, through her love for every single person, Vicka has become a fine example of what becomes of a soul that lives in intense communion with Jesus and Mary. May we see this joy overflowing from the heart, the joy we so ardently

desire, as a sign of Heaven, and also become faithful students in the school of Mary.



2. The death of young unbelievers. Many young people in this day and age suffer violent deaths, whether it be in a road accident, by overdose or suicide... Philippe Coutel's testimony is interesting, because three members of his family drowned as a result of a storm. Since none of them practiced their faith, but lived a rather 'disordered' life, he was quite worried for them and went to see the French mystic Marthe Robin, now venerable, hoping to receive a word from her about their final fate. Marthe had the gift of seeing souls. However, when he got there, he didn't dare ask her the question. She must have guessed his concern, for she had these words said by the priest who was preaching the retreat:

"Marthe has informed me that when young people who do not practice die in the ignorance of Jesus, several hours pass by before the final judgment, and sometimes even several days, during which the Lord shows Himself to them in all His light

and asks them: do you want my love? And in general, young people say Yes."



To Father Maurice de Lesseps, who was worried about the fate of the nephew of one of his friends, who died tragically outside a nightclub, she said, "You know, father, the soul receives great light at the moment of death, and only a few souls say no to God, especially among the young."

During my rare retreats at the Foyer de Charité (Retreat Home) at Châteauneuf de Galaure, many years ago, I often heard Marthe's words about the dying and those who die a sudden death. "God prepares the soul even unconsciously," she said. I heard testimonies that Marthe would bilocate to assist a dying person who was alone. This certainly happened several times. She would also bilocate in China; she had a particular attraction to this country, given the countless number of martyrs who suffered and died there. We will only know in heaven all the journeys and rescues made by this great saint who never left her bed of suffering for more than 50 years.

She said: "There is a time after clinical death when the soul is given the final choice for its eternity. The time can vary, it can last a longer or shorter time. It is shorter if the person

has been ill for a long time, longer when death occurs by surprise." In any case, Marthe had a deep concern for the dying, she strongly insisted on the need to pray a great deal at their bedside, but also after clinical death. Indeed, for each of us, in this moment of truth when lies, illusion and confusion have disappeared, the soul is naked in the truth of its life and its heart, and it meets the true Light which is also Mercy. It is then that the soul can throw itself into the arms of this God whom it may never have known or even rejected on earth. Our prayers are of paramount importance. In reality, the soul chooses at this moment between Heaven with God and hell without God, the only two possible and eternal destinies, purgatory being only the provisional antechamber of Heaven.

If we have to make decisions rather quickly for funerals or other practical concerns, try to stay with the deceased as long as possible in order to create a protective wall through our prayers. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is very powerful, since Jesus himself recommended it to St. Faustina, it is able to soften even the most hardened rebellious hearts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZa5DL05T-I>

Chaplet of Divine mercy by sister Emmanuel in Medjugorje

3. Little Van's note. This young Vietnamese, who is increasingly known and revered (1928-1959), and now a Servant of God, had the grace of hearing the voice of Jesus since childhood, and then the voice of Little Thérèse of the Child Jesus, who

formed him in the school of her "Little Way".

His famous Conversations are a wealth of wonderful details about the person of Jesus, all expressed with a very touching childlike freshness. Here is an excerpt:

Jesus: "Never does sin offend my love; there is absolutely nothing that offends my love, other than lack of trust in my love... Even the devil must despair of a soul in which the word "trust" still lives. Later on, in heaven, we will certainly be surprised to see in the ranks of saints a large number of souls that we thought were damned... It is perhaps very easy for people to ascend to Heaven, while it can be very difficult for them to fall into hell; because Love cannot readily bear a soul being lost so easily."

"However, little brother, these words must not be manifested to all souls indiscriminately, it must be done with caution, lest some souls, knowing this, harden in evil ways... **And then lose trust in me, and end up with no trust at all.**"

(The Conversations 646-650)

Dearest Gospa, I would love to pass from this life to the next holding your hand. For this to happen, help me follow your school of love more ardently and live every moment of this life hand in hand with you.

Sister Emmanuel +
Community of the Beatitudes

PS1. The Youth Festival, long awaited by thousands of young people, will take place but not like in previous years. This is a new sacrifice to offer to God. The

Franciscan friars will celebrate the evening mass with special arrangements, and stream it. The choir will be almost the choir of the other Festivals, which will allow us to give thanks to God for all the times that we were able to enjoy this Festival in previous years. This was a very great gift from Heaven. Let us pray that it will take place again in 2021, if circumstances permit.

"Dear Children", Mary tells us, "Thank God for all he gives you, and thank Him for all that He takes away from you." The Lord loves gratitude, and gratitude always attracts new graces.

PS2. The borders of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been open since July 16 for European citizens having a negative Covid 19 test result from less than 48 hours earlier.

PS3. Mgr. Henryk Hoser has returned to Medjugorje after the pandemic months spent in Poland. He has resumed his important task as the Pope's envoy for the pastoral care of Medjugorje.

**New Bishop appointed
Diocese of Mostar -Duvno**
(includes Medjugorje Parish)

On July 11, 2020, Pope Francis named 48-year old, Msgr. Petar Palić as the new bishop of the Diocese of Mostar -Duvno, in which the parish of Medjugorje resides.

The new Bishop comes from a Kosovo Croat Family.

He replaces bishop Ratko Perić who reached the compulsory retirement age of 75 in February last year after a reign of 27 years

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Fr. Marinko Šakota, OFM
confirmed that Youth Festival
would be held in 2020
 (www.medjugorje.hr)

‘Mladifest’
Press conference with
Msgr. Henryk Hoser
Papal envoy

The International Prayer Encounter of the Youth - Youth Festival Medjugorje from August 1 to 6, 2020. The theme of this year's prayer encounter is "Come, and you will see" (Jn 1, 39)

At this time of coronavirus pandemic, all programmes of the international spiritual retreats and this year's Youth Festival go through various challenges and many events have already been cancelled. Thank God, the situation allowed us to organise this year's 31st Youth Festival, however, a bit modestly than normally. Most of the programme from Medjugorje is being now sent to the world via electronic media and many faithful are tuned to those on daily basis, from all over the world. In the same way, this year's Youth Festival is live streamed and online and we remain connected to all those who, unfortunately, will not be able to come to Medjugorje personally this year. Depending on the development of virus, all gatherings will be according to the instructions of the institutions in charge.

Let us continue to be united in the same spirit in the school of Our Lady and let us rejoice that we will be connected together in Medjugorje, both in our hearts and in our spirit.

On Saturday, August 1, at 11 a.m. in the yellow hall of John Paul II. A press conference was held, which in a way was the introductory event to this year's 31st International Youth Prayer Meeting "Mladifest"

In the introductory speech, Msgr. Hoser stressed that his task will be to talk about what this year's Mladifest will look like. He said that due to the crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic, they also considered the complete cancellation of the meeting, but still decided to hold it under slightly changed circumstances. Thus, part of the program will be performed live, with the physical presence of performers and participants, and part of the program will be performed virtually. Each Mladifest has its own motto, and this time a thought from the Gospel "Come and you will see" Was chosen (Jn 1:39). This sentence well expresses the phenomenon of Medjugorje, which has been causing controversy in world and church circles for 40 years. Not only controversy over apparitions, but also over pastoral responsibility, namely, some are against, and some completely dispute or even declare everything unbelievable. Therefore, our answer to all of them is precisely this motto: **"Come and you will see"** - said Msgr. Hoser.

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**Holy Father's Letter to the Youth
for the 31st Youth Festival**

(www.medjugorje.hr)



Dear youth!

The annual encounter of the youth in Medjugorje is the time filled with prayer, reflections and fraternal meeting, time that gives you the opportunity to meet the living Jesus Christ, in a special way in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and in the sacrament of Reconciliation. It thus helps you discover a different way of life, different from the one offered by the culture of the temporary, according to which nothing can be permanent, the culture that knows only the pleasure of the present moment. In this atmosphere of relativism, in which it is difficult to find true and sure answers, the motto of the Festival: **“Come, and you shall see”** (Jn 1,39), the words used by Jesus to address his disciples - are a blessing. Jesus is also looking at you, inviting you to come and stay with Him.

Do not be afraid! Christ lives and wants you to be alive. He is the true beauty and youth of this world. Everything He touches becomes young, new, full of life and meaning

(cf. Apostolic exhortation. Christus vivit, 1). This is exactly what we see in the Gospel scene, in which the Lord asks two disciples following Him: “What are you looking for?” They answer: “Rabbi, where do you live?”, and Jesus tells them: “Come, and you shall see” (Jn 1,35-39). They came, they saw, and they stayed. The experience of meeting Jesus was so imprinted in the disciples’ memory that one of them even recorded the time of the meeting: “It was around four o'clock in the afternoon” (v. 39) The Gospel describes how, after being in the house of the Lord, the two disciples became “mediators” who made it possible for others to meet, know and inherit Him. Andrew immediately went to share his experience with his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus. The Teacher, seeing him, gave him the nickname: “Kefa”, meaning “the Rock”, which will become the personal name of Peter (Jn 1: 40-42). This shows how in the encounter with Jesus, we become a new person and we receive a mission to pass on that experience onto others, but with a view always focused on Him, on the Lord.

Dear youth, have you met this gaze of Jesus asking you: “What are you looking for?” Have you heard His voice speaking to you: “Come, and you shall see”? Have you felt the urge to set off?

Spend this time with Jesus, to be filled with His Spirit and thus become ready for the adventure of a lifetime. Set off to meet Him, stay with Him in

prayer, confide in Him as He knows the human heart.

The beautiful call of the Lord: **“Come, and you shall see”**, which was conveyed to us by the young and beloved disciple of Christ, is also addressed to all future disciples. Jesus invites you to meet Him, and this Festival is an opportunity to “come and see”. The word “come”, in addition to pointing to physical movement, has more profound spiritual meaning. It points to the course of faith whose ultimate goal is to “see”, that is - to experience the Lord and thanks to Him to see the full and final purpose of our existence.

The great example of the Church that is young in the heart, ready to follow Christ with new freshness and fidelity, always remains the Virgin Mary. The power of Her “Yes” and Her “Let it be unto me” which she said before the angel, delights us at all times. Her “Yes” means to participate and take risks, without any guarantee except knowing that she is the bearer of the promise. Her “Behold the handmaid of the Lord” (Lk 1,38), the most beautiful example that tells us what happens when a man, in his freedom, surrenders himself into God's hands.

Let this example inspire you and be your guideline! Mary is the Mother who watches “over us, her children, on our journey through life, often weary and in need, anxious that the light of hope not fail. For that is our desire: that the light of hope never fail. Mary our Mother looks at this pilgrim people: a youthful people whom she loves and who seek her in the silence of their hearts amid all the noise, the chatter and the distractions of the journey” (Christus vivit, 48).

Dear youth, “keep running attracted by that face of Christ, whom we love so much, whom we adore in the Holy Eucharist and acknowledge in the flesh of our suffering brothers and sisters. May the Holy Spirit urge you on as you run this race. The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith” (Ibid, 299). In this race for the Gospel, inspired by this Festival as well, I entrust you to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, invoking the light and the power of the Holy Spirit so that you may be true witnesses of Christ. Therefore, I pray and I bless you, asking you to pray for me, too.

Given in Rome, at St. John Lateran, on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, June 29, 2020.

Let us pray with the Holy Father:

Prayer Intention for AUGUST 2020

The Maritime World



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We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

”

Pope Francis

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**Letter from Ivan Dragicevic,
 Medjugorje Visionary,
 to the participants of the 31st
 Youth Festival in Medjugorje**

Dear Priests, dear friends in Christ, and especially young, so gentle and dear to my heart. I would like to welcome you from the heart, in a special way, during this most unusual time, as we pray and celebrate the love of Jesus and Mary. The Lady says: "he who prays should not be afraid of the future.". All events are in God's hands. Jesus invites you to trust him, and pray, to talk to him and share it in your hearts. We have entered a difficult time in church and in the world. But let us remember that during this time we were born in God's wisdom. The Lady continues to say, " kids, I need you to help me make my plans come true." This call is also for you. The Lady keeps you, young people, in a special way, as an angel of her eye. She loves you with gentle love. It is very difficult to describe the love she has for you, when she looks at each and one of you - one by one. It's an indescribable love, so beautiful, so gentle, so raised.

The lady needs you. She first needs to open your heart with prayer. Pray more from the heart. In one of her messages the Lady said: "especialy let the young people from this parish be more active in their prayers." She also said on another occasion: "I want to tell the young people to be more open to the world, because God wants

to attract you To yourself in these days when the satan is at work." The lady keeps looking after you, constantly leads you, more than ever in this peaceful and peaceful weather.

The Queen of Peace asks everyone to return to God. "My dear young people, the world cannot offer the hope and peace that Christ gives. True peace comes only from Jesus. Jesus is your peace. Pray for this peace. Cruel times are born in the hearts of people who do not know God. This doesn't have to be for you. Open your hearts and Pray, Pray, Pray to know God better and that everyone can feel that love and peace of God according to your example. Prayer in Christ brings peace to the heart." Only when the soul finds peace in God will She be satisfied. Today my dear youth live this message of Peace, this Hope. Wear it to everyone in your families, friends, your world.

My dear young people, receive the Sacraments often, especially confession and the Eucharist. Sacraments are your restoration and strength.

My dear young people keep praying for The Rosary. With the Rosary, you will overcome all the troubles that satan is trying to put on you, and the world. Answer her calls to prayer of The Rosary every day and it will bring you peace.

My dear young people, take time to worship Jesus in the most holy text. Spend time in silence to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in your lives. My dear young people, live the

messages of The Queen of Peace. Become a great student at the school of love.

Do not be afraid, "the one who prays does not have to fear the future".

Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Jesus sent His mother and told her to tell all children not to be afraid.

The Lady comes here in a special way to invite young people of the world to pray for peace. She needs you. You are the future of the church; you are the future of the world. The world of peace is possible. It is possible through you. Let's not wait for someone else to start - it's going to be a waste of time. Start today and follow the Lord's call and live her messages better. God bless you.

United in prayer, dear young, through these days in front of Mary, our Mother "Queen of Peace"

**God's blessing,
Ivan**

206 Tours Medjugorje News (Facebook)

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*'Little Children
Pray, Pray, Pray'*

Our Lady to Ivanka 25/6/20

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The 31st Youth Festival opened in Medjugorje

(www.medjugorje.hr)



The 31st International Prayer Encounter of the Youth started in Medjugorje. At the very beginning, representatives of YouFra came forward holding 110 flags of the countries that came to Medjugorje in the previous years but were not able to be here this year due to the coronavirus alerts.

The second day: started for many early in the morning when the youth gathered on Apparition Hill to pray the Rosary with Fr. Marinko Sakota, Medjugorje parish priest.

The programme continued in the afternoon with testimony and a talk given by Fr. Danko Perutina and premiere of the documentary "Dono di Conversione" ("Gift of conversion"). This documentary was made in production of Information Centre Mir Medjugorje, producer was Marija Jerkić, and director Fernando Perez.

This film talks about spouses Romano Magnani and Silvana Spallanzani who experienced a great tragedy in their lives – their child was killed in a car accident. This is the testimony of how they found hope and purpose in their lives again after they arrived in Medjugorje, where their entire life was changed.

Holy Mass was celebrated by the Provincial of Herzegovinian Franciscan Province, Fr. Miljenko Steko who spoke in his homily about St. Francis, his conversion, Portiuncula plenary indulgence and said how Medjugorje to many was their own Portiuncula.

To many of you, Medjugorje is your Portiuncula. You return tirelessly as pilgrims, constantly confirming that you are participating in something that transcends all of us. And by your pilgrimages you speak to others with this motto of the 31st International Prayer Encounter for the Youth – Youth Festival: **"Come and you will see"** (Jn 1:39). Here you were moved by Our Lady's love as St. Francis was moved in the Portiuncula. Medjugorje is a place of grace, because in it Heaven touched the Earth in a special way.

You all came here to Our Lady, the Queen of Peace, your Mother Mary, whom we call the Mediatrix of All Graces. That grace has not dried up. She is waiting for you and says once again: Pray and Pray, Pray until prayer becomes Joy for you.

Even when trials like this one come, pray. When the days of great afflictions come. When today's world wanders mindlessly looking for a way out to the old paths, Pray. Pray, because the man of the modern age does not know that greatness grows only through trials; that role models are born only in afflictions; and that only in the trials of the world can it be determined who is worthy of his own name, and of the vocation he has chosen.

Dear young people, in this communion with the entire world. Many of you who have come here all these

years, tonight you are connected with Medjugorje in a different way. In a virtual way. I am convinced that even in these moments, the words of Francis vibrate in the hearts of many of you: "This is what I want, this is what I long for with all my heart", said Fr. Miljenko in his homily and quoted message from Pope Francis.

"Mary is the Mother who watches over us, her children, on our journey through life, often weary and in need, anxious that the light of hope not fail"

(Popes complete message page 9)

The Procession with the Statue of Our Lady took place before Holy Mass, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was at the end.

The Archbishop of Vienna, Cardinal Christoph Schönborn sent his message to the youth and Fr. Marinko read it at the end of Holy Mass.

"Dear young friends! I send you all my greetings and blessings on the occasion of this year's Youth Festival! Thank you for coming here and thank you all who are watching us through live-streaming service. I was so looking forward to coming this year, but sadly due to the restrictions of coronavirus, I am not able to." In his message he mentioned Pope Francis Letter: "Let us pray for Pope Francis whom Medjugorje needs to be very grateful. Let us pray for peace and end of this pandemic. I wish you all God's blessing, protection of Our Lady and may you all follow Jesus well in your lives! He is faithful! He will never disappoint you", said Archbishop Schönborn in his letter this year.



Medjugorje Centre North East

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RIP Sister Muriel (Geisler) 21st July 2020



Founder of the Charity St. Joseph the Worker - Medjugorje

Sister Muriel died the day before her 96th birthday in Medjugorje.

Sister was from Boston, MA and was a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Cenacle from New York, USA. She came to Medjugorje in 1992. Selflessly helping the refugees from all over. Thanks to her 2 Nursing Homes and a Hospice were built in Ljubuski and a house for special need people/children in Medjugorje.

She developed St Joseph the Worker (charity) and their Food Delivery Program, delivering dry food once a month to the elderly living in the mountain villages, sometimes living in horrendous conditions, without running water and heating.

All of us will remember her as strong, energetic woman who had a heart big as the whole country!

They survived totally on divine providence always grateful for the generous donations from England, Ireland & USA Pilgrims.

Sister Muriel lived almost 30 years in Medjugorje. She is laid to rest in the Cemetery at the back of St. James Church.

Requiescat in pace

Our deepest Sympathy is with friends of Sister Muriels, she was respected by The Guides and People of Medjugorje, especially her Co Worker Mary Walsh a retired Inland Revenue Officer from the USA . Mary a trusted loyal friend supported and joined Sister in her Mission in 1999, she helped develop St. Joseph the Worker Charity, At Sister Muriel's Requiem, Mary gave special thank up to Sister Petra for her support during Sisters illness.

Hexham & Newcastle Diocese

Bishop Robert Byrne CO has announced the phased reopening of churches for Mass and individual prayer.

Further information -
www.rcdhn.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR VISIONARY VICKA



Prayers are requested for Vicka who is recovering from spinal surgery.

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.