

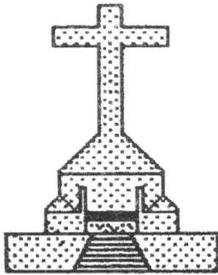
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To spread the messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus,
given through the visionaries in Medjugorje.

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EUCHARIST

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

Cancelled 11th October Cancelled
(Due to Retreat at Minsteracres)

Resumes 8th November

Numbers will be limited.

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

FULL standby list available ring
Marion Fletcher 0191 4174413 and leave your
name, address and tel. Number.

COVID19: Subject to Government guidelines for the Hospitality industry.

**Croatia & Bosnia Hercegovina
Covid—19 restrictions**
(August, 2020)

Travellers returning from Croatia will have to quarantine for 14 days. There are also restrictions on entry into Bosnia Hercegovina. British Nationals have to produce a negative COVID-19 (PCR) test result that is not older than 48 hours.

**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 August 2020 to Marija Pavlovic



“Dear children! This is a time of grace. I am with you and anew am calling you, little children: return to God and to prayer until prayer will be a joy for you. Little children, you do not have a future or peace until your life begins with a personal conversion and a change to the good. Evil will cease and peace will begin to reign in your hearts and in the world. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray. I am with you and intercede before my Son Jesus for each of you. 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, There is a great danger for those who follow the messages of Our Lady Queen and Mother of Peace; that we become used to them.

That we run the risk of thinking we have heard it all before and we no longer recognise the great depth of wisdom and teaching contained in Our Lady's words. So when Mary speaks, “**I am with you and calling you ANEW.**” Then we need to take to heart her call for renewal. To see with fresh eyes her words, to hear with new hearing her call. Anew means a new approach, a new start. Each of us can ask ourselves if we have this way when we receive the messages each month. For in each message is a true gift of heavenly teaching. “**And anew am calling you.**” Each message contains something new for each one of us,

and this requires our diligent attention and openness of spirit. May we take to heart Our Lady's call for a renewed approach to her call, and so live her words ‘**anew!**’

“**This is a time of Grace.**” A spiritual gift is being offered with Our Lady's coming. God in his love is always the dispenser of graces. God is always ready to give Himself, but it requires our availability and openness to receive.

The apparitions are ‘**a time of Grace**’, because Mary is with us and leads us in our following of her Son. So it is ‘**a time of Grace,**’ because there is a special opportunity to become receptive to the call of the Mother of God.

In last month's message, (25th July 2020) Our Lady said, “*In a special way now when the Cross and Faith are rejected.*”. We as her Dear Children are asked to listen “**Anew**”

so as to hear the call to Salvation in a deeper way.

“Return to God and prayer.”

We can only ask ourselves, how these words apply to our own situation.

Where are we in our life of Faith?

In our prayer life?

In our friendship with Christ?

We all need to be progressing in the spiritual life, so we need to have Jesus as the centre, each day. To have our lives focused on doing his will. To return to him means to give him priority, to renounce anything that compromises our love for him. To be listening to his voice.

Our Lady wants us to understand that our lives are a gift from God, and to deepen our understanding of our purpose in this life. So maybe like the young man in the Gospel we too can ask: *“Good Master what must I do to inherit eternal life?”* (Luke 18:18) In asking this question we will recognise what we must do to return to him.

“Little children you do not have a future or peace until your life begins with a personal conversion and a change to the good.”

From the outset of the apparitions Our Lady has taught us the importance of **‘personal conversion.’**

From this flows our interior peace, and our contribution to make the world more peaceful. Our very future is linked to our personal conversion. It begins in the heart of each one of us. When we decide for God and what needs to be changed. To surrender our lives to him in Faith and Love. We have to decide for holiness and prayer. Our future of peace begins with this decision. Note Our Lady’s emphasis on our future, and the link with our own personal

conversion. Our future is in our own hands so to say. In our own heart.

When we Pray, Fast, Love and Forgive , Reconcile, then we open the future onto peace.

“Evil will cease and peace will begin to reign in your hearts and in the world.” Peace begins in the human heart. Gods kingdom will reign within us. A heart that is filled with Prayer and Trust is a peaceful one. And this is the way to overcoming evil.

Our Lady then gives us the threefold call to **“Pray, Pray, Pray.”** All our answers are found in prayer. Our Lady gives this threefold call periodically, and it underscores her request for persevering and trusting prayer.

She does not tire of us, and the necessity of our prayers for her intentions. Our Lady is the Mediatrix of all graces. The fact that she is with us and intercedes for us is certainly encouraging.

So let us ask ourselves how can we live her messages **“ANEW”** with -

New Enthusiasm,

New Joy,

A New Openness,

New Courage

New Trust.

Thank you Our Lady Queen and Mother of Peace, that you do not tire of us, but ever call us **ANEW**.

God Bless, Fr. Martin

Assurance of God's Protection from all dangers (Psalm 91)

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD, who is my refuge—then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

“Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Let us pray with the Holy Father:

Prayer Intention for
SEPTEMBER 2020

Respect for the Planet's Resources



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We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

”

Pope Francis

Popes prayer for the Lebanon



“Let us pray for the victims of the explosions in Beirut and for their families; and let us pray for Lebanon so that, through the dedication of all its social, political and religious elements, it might face this extremely tragic and painful moment.”

Pope Francis



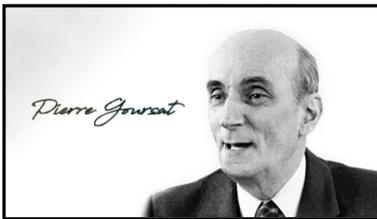
REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

of The Community of The Beatitudes
www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

My dear friends, praised be Jesus and Mary!

1. Where on earth is Divine Providence? In these troubled times, one of the causes of trepidation that has gripped so many people is the fear of not having what they need. Of not having a way of earning a living, no security, sick, not being able to travel the way they did before, of losing freedom in the face of growing totalitarianism etc. In a word, our fears seem to be justified. However, they cause us to forget the most important point: we are not alone. And Jesus said it so many times, "Do not be afraid."

To illustrate this, I would like to share with you an example of my personal life that occurred shortly after my 'conversion' in 1973, when the Charismatic Renewal was being born in Paris. The Emmanuel Prayer Group, founded by Pierre Goursat (assisted by Dr. Martine Lafitte) began its beautiful trajectory that would lead it to a remarkable international development.



Pierre Goursat

At that time, my job was importing Tibetan jewellery and handicrafts

from Asia to France. However, a few days after my conversion, my younger sister came to see me and, seeing Hindu masks and Tantric posters in my living room, told me with the utmost composure: "You know, Emmanuel, you simply cannot sell these objects which represent false deities and lead people towards a spirituality that has nothing to do with the Christian message. You cannot say you belong to Christ, and at the same time sell all these things."

At first, my sister's words really upset me. She hit the nail on the head. I mumbled some defensive words that were beyond ridiculous: "But I signed a contract with the suppliers in India, I have to receive them at Orly airport and pay them..." But it was crystal clear, I had to face the fact that my sister was right. When she left, I was in the grip of a rather violent internal struggle. This order of handicrafts which I had signed in India before my conversion, cost a lot of money, and burning all these things was going to put me into a huge financial hole. (In addition, these posters were very beautiful from an artistic standpoint.) I began thinking, "I'm not going to survive. But I cannot betray Christ either." It took me a few minutes to decide to burn this big shipment arriving from customs at Orly airport.

The next day, there was a prayer meeting at the Emmanuel prayer group. When Martine Lafitte saw me, she said, "What is wrong with you,

Emmanuel? You seem so worried. Where has your peace gone?" I told her my problem, explaining that I was going straight into the abyss, workwise. To my surprise, far from showing me any compassion, she laughed. "There is nothing you need to worry about", she said. "You made the right decision out of loyalty to Christ, you sacrificed the entire order for His sake. Do you think He is going to let you down? Woman of little faith. Tell Him that you surrender yourself completely to Him and that from now on, your work issues are in His hands and are no longer in yours. It is His job to deal with it. We are going to pray, and you will see that He will help you."

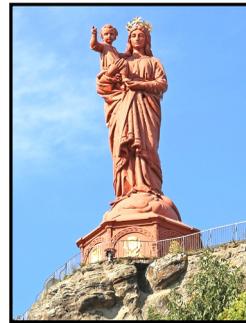
She was right... (With the true charismatics, there is no half-measure for the glory of God.) In the following days, to my amazement, I received so many orders for jewellery and other items that I already had in stock, that in just 2 weeks I had covered my loss. In addition, I had God's blessing over my work.

This simple fact was for me a great light on God's Providence in action. How many graces do we miss in daily life because we lack faith in the love of God who rejoices so much in rescuing those who confide in Him. Thus this crucial Word of Jesus is fulfilled in the Gospel: "Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God, and his justice, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt 6:33) There is that little word "first" that makes everything switch over to the side of grace, or even miracles.

"Lord Jesus, I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief". (Mark 9:24)

2. Exceptional event in Paris!

On August 15th, for the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, Archbishop Aupetit of Paris will dedicate the city to the United Hearts of Jesus and Mary during a Mass celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Montmartre. The Archbishop of Paris will also pray for France so that, under the mantle of Mary and through the current trials (COVID-19 crisis, awful bioethical laws, etc.), our nation can find a path of hope and peace. This dedication is part of a long summer journey of the statue of Notre Dame de France across the country, an amazing popular movement that departed from Lourdes on June 1st and is gathering crowds of all ages and backgrounds around two carriages that are carrying the statues.



This original initiative is named "M of Mary". Its aim is to revive hope in this troubled period. Before the consecration, the Virgin Pilgrim spanned the capital for 5 days, enabling many faithful or anyone curious about the event to gather and pray together around Mary. The day of August 15th will end with a night of prayer for France, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Montmartre.

England also carried out a similar dedication. In 2018 the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham departed from the slipper Chapel in Walsingham and visited every Catholic Cathedral in England for a three day triduum of prayer. This culminated with England rededicating itself as the 'Dowry of Mary' on March 29, 2020 in Westminster Cathedral, Walsingham Shrine and other Cathedrals and Parishes around the country.



Perhaps other countries could adopt this initiative as well?

Dearest Gospa, many of your children cannot come to Medjugorje these days, but you invite us all to be a little living Medjugorje wherever we are. Help us radiate your joy, your peace and your purity in this world that is so ardently yearning for happiness and is often seeking it where it gets lost.

Sister Emmanuel +
Community of the Beatitudes

Success with Fasting

By Mary Momot, OFS

Every day, for weeks, Sr. Emmanuel's post on "The power of fasting" came up on my Facebook newsfeed. For two weeks, I pushed it aside, but it kept popping up. I finally watched the video, which was about 20 minutes long. Her words made sense.

I have followed Medjugorje since 1985. I have tried fasting so many times and have failed miserably. I had a dream one night that stressed to me how important fasting was and so necessary and would I help... of course I would!!! I looked up Sister's fasting bread recipe. I have never made bread in my life. I decided to give it a try and the bread came out pretty good. I have custody of my 12-year-old granddaughter, and she jumped on the bandwagon with me. Needless to say, my 5th batch of fasting bread is in the oven as I write this. It is unbelievable that it has taken me 35 years to get it right!!! It is a wonderful feeling and really is so simple. You can add fruit or nuts, but I do not. It is delicious the way it is and very filling. This bread is very hearty and really sustains one who chooses to fast on bread and water.

No headaches! No anxiety!

Fasting Bread Recipe

from Sr. Emmanuel's book,
Healing and Liberation Through Fasting.

- 3 cups white flour
- 4 cups wheat flour
- 1 pkg. dry yeast
- 1/2 cup of lukewarm water
- 2 cups of very hot water
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 Tablespoon salt
- 2 Tablespoons sugar or honey
- 2 Tablespoons of olive oil
- 1 teaspoon of butter
- 1 cup raisins (or fresh apple peeled and cut) (optional)
- 1 cup almonds or walnuts (optional)
- 1 cup plain oats

In a medium sized bowl, dissolve yeast in 1/2 cup lukewarm water. (You can add 1/2 tsp. sugar to the yeast to help activate it.) Cover with a plate and wait a few minutes until bubbly.

In a large bowl, combine the flours. Make a well in the flour and add the yeast mixture. Mix a bit. Reusing the now empty medium bowl, combine salt, sugar, butter, oil, (raisins, nuts), the beaten egg, and the two cups of very hot water. Pour this over the yeast mixture. Mix/knead the dough, adding flour and or water as needed. Knead the dough until it comes clean from the bowl. Cover with a plate or towel and let it rise ten minutes. (I often skip this step and the bread still tastes fine.) Knead it again until it has spring to it. Place in well-greased bowl and cover, letting it rise until doubled in size, 45 minutes to 1 hour, depending on room temperature. Form into desired shapes. This will make two large or three medium loaves. Place in greased pan. Brush the top with remaining egg (if you did not use it in recipe) and sprinkle with sesame seeds, oats or poppy seeds, if desired. Bake at 375 degrees for 35 minutes, until done and golden brown.

Changes at the Blue Cross

(May 2020)

Work is being carried out around the Blue Cross to expand and improve the area for pilgrims wanting to pray there. Gradual changes to the location have taken place in recent years and now parts of the ground are being levelled and stones removed. The work is being carried out by members of the nearby Cenacolo Community.

'Restored statue of Our Lady returned to the Blue Cross

On August 5, 2020, the feast of Our Lady of the Snows, on the day when Our Lady said that it was actually her birthday and on the day when Croats celebrate Homeland Thanksgiving,. At the second blue cross placed in memory of the deceased member of Ivan's prayer group Nedjeljko Brečić (4 July 1999) the restored statue of Our Lady was returned to its place next to the cross.

'Fruits of Medjugorje'

from the world for the whole world

(18.08.2020) www.medjugorje.hr

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There have been numerous fruits of Medjugorje recognisable and visible all over the globe, summarised in the newest project called "Fruits of Medjugorje". This project began two years ago and it is project of Information Centre Mir Medjugorje that our viewers and listeners had chance to see at this year's Youth Festival. The project is led by Marija Jerkić.

"Nearly two years ago, the project **'Fruits of Medjugorje'** began and it was initiated by the Provincial of Herzegovinian Franciscan Province, Fr. Miljenko Steko. Radio station Mir Medjugorje has been collecting testimonies and stories of Medjugorje pilgrims for more than 20 years now and they are usually translated and broadcasted in Croatian language at this station. It was our desire to offer similar content to our friends of Medjugorje from all over the world and that is how this project began. It is in the form of video testimonies of people whose lives were changed due to Medjugorje, said Marija Jerkić, and some of those stories were in the programme of this year's Youth Festival.

"Our initial plan was to start the project and to make it available for the public this spring, but due to this pandemic we decided to postpone the project and this turned to be a very good decision since we now contributed to the programme of the 31st Youth Festival", said Marija Jerkić, leader of the project "Fruits of Medjugorje" when two videos were shown along with one documentary

film made in Italy and Medjugorje and produced for several months.

"Most of the testimonies are in the form of the interviews, but it is our desire also to make short documentary movies, depending on finances and logistics. The first such film – Gift of Conversion ("Dono di Conversione") was broadcasted on the second day of the Youth Festival. When we decided which testimony should be made in the form of this film, Fr. Miljenko suggested a couple from Italy - Romano Magnani and Silvana Spalanzani, whose only son was killed in a car accident.

Several years ago, I was able to learn that not a single language in the world has a word for a parent who lost their child. We have words for spouses whose other spouse died, for orphan, but not a word for parents who lost their children. This must be very painful, it is a pain Our Lady encountered also, there are no words to describe this pain and it must be something very, very hard. So, the story of Romano and Silvana, two amazing people who found consolation in Medjugorje for their great loss, seemed to be the right story for our first short film", said Marija Jerkić.

"So far we have testimonies of people from Argentina, Austria, Czech Republic, Italy, Ireland, Columbia, Mexico, Nigeria, Germany, Poland, Ruanda, the United States, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Scotland, and others. Among these testimonies we also have stories of those who received their vocation in Medjugorje, of

people who were physically healed, confessed for the first time after twenty or more years, stories of couples who received a gift of children here or whose marriages were saved here, due to Medjugorje. Indeed, there are many interesting and moving stories and experiences”, said leader of this project believing that many viewers would be moved by these stories that are being translated to many world languages.

"All of the testimonies are recorded in the native language of the speaker and titles are in Croatian, English, Italian, German and Spanish language. Thanks to the interpreters who translated this year's Youth Festival, we have translations in Chinese, French, Czech and Slovakian, and Korean is about to be completed too", said Marija Jerkić, leader of the project "Fruits of Medjugorje".

‘Mladifest’—Youth Festival 2020 *Fruit of Medjugorje*

Mons. Vlado Košić: *Pope Francis opens the door to the recognition of Medjugorje as a Marian shrine*

On the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, on Thursday, August 6, 2020, the evening Holy Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Vlado Košić-Bishop of Sisak. He delivered a sermon to the gathered faithful in which he interpreted the Gospel passage of the Transfiguration of Jesus, conveying it in concrete messages to us today. He also commented on this year's newly completed Mladifest, but also on the position of Medjugorje today in the church, and said, among other things: "Many young people have returned to their homes today and let's hope that here at Mladifest they really experienced an encounter with the face of God that transformed them. ... Medjugorje is known in the world as one of the shrines of the Blessed



Virgin Mary, and we usually return home from these shrines and should reflect on our own faces the divine radiance of our encounter with Jesus.

That is why we should strive to allow Him to transform us so that we can be His image that radiates love, peace, joy... We should also radiate the radiance of Jesus' Divine Face not only in words but also in deeds...

We are especially grateful to Pope Francis, who sent his message to young people in Medjugorje and thus showed how he also feels that Medjugorje is a place of encounter with God.

Thus, little by little, Pope Francis opens the door for Medjugorje to be recognized as a Marian shrine, which it is de facto! "

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Dr. Johannes Mikl, Cardiologist from Austria,
composer of the song
‘Gospa, majka moja’

Franco Subac (guide) and member of Medjugorje original Prayer Group, tells the story of meeting Austrian students on Krizevac (Cross Mountain) in the early days of the Apparitions.

The communist regime of Yugoslavia tried to suppress the movement behind the apparitions of Medjugorje. State authorities considered the apparitions to be an instrument to be used against the government of Yugoslavia

Dr. Johannes Mikl is a Cardiologist from Austria and composer of the song “Gospa, majka moja” (Dear Lady, My Mother, Queen of Peace...) often sung in Medjugorje parish church.

He was interviewed during a recent visit to Medjugorje by radio station “Mir”.

As a student in 1983 Dr. Mikl heard about Medjugorje, and soon after made a pilgrimage, with his friends. He says “Medjugorje means a lot to me, I need to come here at least once a year so I can find strength in my Faith and feel the Love of Jesus and Mary.

This is where I purify my heart, where I make a new start in my life. On returning Home I always feel that I have received strength from Jesus and Mary, says Dr. Johannes Mikl, who brings his experience of Medjugorje to everybody he meets, either in sickness or in health.

He was asked how he came to write the song “Gospa, majka moja”?

He modestly says; it is fruit of Our

Lady’s messages, and Our Lady’s gift to him, to parish and to the world. Franco Zubac (Guide) retells the story, how his young prayer group came to meet Dr. Mikl in the early days of the Apparitions, while climbing up Cross Mountain to pray. A Group of Austrian Student were climbing down, one of them had a guitar and had made up a song to Our Lady, Gospa Majka.

Franco who played the guitar, took notice of the chords.

Then a boy from the village came up to warn them that The Police were waiting to arrest the Austrian group at the foot of the mountain. To avoid the Police some of the group took a back route down Krizevac.

Four of the students had travelled by car including Johannes,. Having their passports with them, they were sure they would be safe and come to no harm. They thought this would protect them, so they continued to the bottom, where the Police arrested them. The Authorities consequently banned them from Medjugorje for 10 years.

During that time Gospa Majka became a popular theme tune of Medjugorje.

On entering St. James Church Medjugorje, 10 years later Dr. Johannes was amazed and surprised, by the whole congregation singing his song ‘Gospa Majka’.

Johannes had been banned from Medjugorje but his beautiful song to Our Lady had remained.

MaryTV

The Two Precious Vessels in 2020

By June Klins (www.spiritofmedjugorje)

The following is an adaptation from an article from our August 2005 issue:

Our Lady, in Her messages, tells us that we should make the Eucharist the center of our lives. When I first began to follow the messages of Medjugorje, I mistakenly interpreted this to mean that Our Lady says we should go to Mass every day. Nancy Latta, who translated for Fr. Jozo, explained that Our Lady would never say that because some people cannot go to Mass every day, and Our Lady would not want these people to feel guilty that they are not living the messages. Who would have ever guessed that there would come a time when almost the whole world would not have access to public Mass? For those who cannot get to Mass, the Lord has provided an alternative. That alternative is called "Spiritual Communion." St. Alphonsus Liguori, in his book *The Holy Eucharist* wrote: "A Spiritual Communion, according to St. Thomas Aquinas, consists in an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament, and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him." St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Alphonsus both taught that Spiritual Communion produces effects similar to Sacramental Communion, according to the dispositions with which it is made, the greater or less earnestness with which Jesus is desired, and the greater or less Love with which Jesus is welcomed and



given due attention. "How pleasing these Spiritual Communion are to God," St. Alphonsus wrote, "and the many graces which He bestows through their means, was manifested by Our Lord Himself to Sister Paula Maresca, the foundress of the convent of St. Catherine of Sienna in Naples, when (as it is related in her life) He showed her two precious vessels, the one of gold, the other of silver. He then told her that in the gold vessel

He preserved her Sacramental Communion, and in the silver one her Spiritual Communion."

"All those who desire to advance in the Love of Jesus Christ," St. Alphonsus continued, "are exhorted to make a Spiritual

Communion at least once in every visit that they make to the Most Blessed Sacrament...This devotion is far more profitable than some suppose, and at the same time nothing can be easier to practice. Blessed Jane of the Cross used to say that a Spiritual Communion can be made without anyone remarking it, without fasting, without the permission of our director, and we can make it at any time we please; an Act of Love does all." Isn't that an awesome thought?! Although any prayer from the heart will suffice, a common prayer used for Spiritual Communion is:

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least

spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

The Cure of Ars said, "A Spiritual Communion acts on the soul as blowing does on a cinder-covered fire which was about to go out. Whenever you feel your Love of God growing cold, quickly make a Spiritual Communion." How awesome our God is, to provide us with Spiritual Communion. Of course, Sacramental Communion, is the preferred means to receive Our Lord. I can't help but see the similarity of the silver and gold vessels to the silver rosaries which turn gold in Medjugorje and elsewhere. Could the message here be that frequent reception of Spiritual Communion will eventually lead to a more frequent reception of Sacramental Communion? St. John Bosco once said, "There are two things the devil is deadly afraid of – frequent Communion and frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament." May we take advantage of all the Eucharistic treasures Our Lord has provided for us.

"Let Holy Mass be your life."
(Our Lady of Medjugorje, 25/4/98)

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*'My heart will triumph,
what I began in Fatima
I will continue
in Medjugorje'*
Our Lady
”

When 'MIR' (Peace) was written in the sky (facebook)

The apparitions of Our Lady had already been occurring two months, when on Monday, 25th August 1981, something extraordinary was witnessed by many of the villagers, the Priests in Medjugorje and people from the surrounding areas and many transcriptions of the incident were written by such onlookers and are held in the archives in Medjugorje. Vicka very briefly described the event in a diary that she kept. 'That evening, a little after Our Lady had prayed for peace a large inscription appeared in the sky over Križevac.

The Croatian word 'MIR', which means Peace was clearly visible, written in gold letters.'

Did they understand the profundity of this miraculous image?

Did they know what this sign was heralding?

After all, Our Lady was coming as Queen of Peace and had introduced herself as Queen of Peace. Up to this point, She hadn't said too much about peace and all the levels that entails, on the third day of the apparitions (26th June 1981) Our Lady said through the visionary Marija Pavlović, 'Peace, Peace, Peace only Peace; Peace must reign between man and God and between all people', and now PEACE (MIR) was written in the sky.

The visionaries were persistently asking Our Lady for a sign and here it was clearly written for all to embrace or ignore.



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Ivanka (Visionary) 'Prays for Families'

Ivanka had daily apparitions from 1981-1985, and during those years, Our Lady was telling her about Her own life.

She gave Ivanka her biography and told her about the future of the Church and the world. All of this is written down. When She tells Ivanka to publish it, she will do so.

Ivanka's ministry is to pray for families. Our Lady said that Satan is so strong. He wants to destroy our families. If we destroy the family, we destroy the whole world. If the family is a holy family, if the stability is strong, we don't have problems. Everything comes out of the family. Out of the family, we get good priests, good family members.

Our Lady invites us to accept the Sacrament of Matrimony. Matrimony should be Holy Matrimony. We should resume family prayer, go to Holy Mass on Sunday and have monthly Confession because we have a problem with being reconciled with ourselves. We need to have Confession in order to be reconciled. And then we will be able to go to Holy Mass, which is the center of our lives. And the Bible should be the center of our family life. In the Bible, you find the meditation, divine meditation for all our wounds and pains, for all our crosses. So it is prayer.

Ivanka prays every day for all families in the world.

Ivanka sees her mother in Heaven



We know nothing about Heaven. The Bible doesn't say much either. But the Visionaries in Medjugorje have all been shown Heaven by Our Lady when they were young, to prove its existence and to show them how happy people were whom they saw there. Its not just a story made up to bring succour to those who grieve

Ivanka one of the first Medjugorje Visionaries to see Our Lady in 1981 and also given the inestimable Joy of seeing her deceased Mother who died of Cancer some months before these events.

She asked Gospa: "Where is my Mother?"

Our Lady replied. "She is here in Heaven with Me!"

During Ivanka's last daily apparition in 1985 Our Lady stayed with her for one hour and she received the great grace of seeing her beloved Mother standing beside Gospa. Her Mother hugged her and told her 'Ivanka I'm so proud of you'

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.