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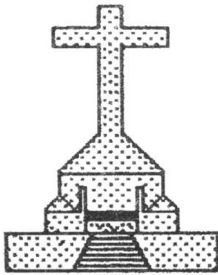
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# **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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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**

**12th November 2023**

**10th December 2023**

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## OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

*Given 25th October 2023 to Marija Pavlovic*



“Dear children! Winds of evil, hatred and peacelessness are blowing through the earth to destroy lives. That is why the Most High sent me to you, to lead you towards the way of peace and unity with God and people. You, little children, are my extended hands: pray, fast and offer sacrifices for peace - the treasure for which every heart yearns. 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, we begin our monthly reflection with some very stark words from Our Lady. However, it is a message full of hope and love for humanity, which points us in the direction for the ‘treasure for which every heart yearns.’ This is why Our Lady is with us in a special way at this time, that humanity might find the true way to peace.

**Our Lady begins, “Dear Children, Winds of Evil, Hatred, and Peacelessness are blowing through the earth to destroy lives.**

“The heart of the call of the Queen of peace concerns not merely the call to avoid war, but foremost it is a call for a renewed conversion towards God and a radical decision for holiness. Life on earth is a gift from God, and the powers of evil want to destroy human life. The path of destruction has its roots in evil, it is the opposite of what God intends for the human race. So, Mary, Queen of Peace tells

us again she has come to help us. Scripture tells us constantly that God does not want death for humanity but rather life in all its fullest.

*“I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” (John: 10:10)*

These opening words of Our Lady are a call to awareness of the forces of evil. Only a few months ago Our Lady told us, “*Satan wants War.*” And more recently in another message,

*“Dear Children, you do not understand the seriousness of the situation.”* So these opening words whilst they are stark are also a call to live Our Lady’s messages with renewed zeal and fervor. To decide for life, for the Good, and for Peace.

**The winds of evil are blowing through the earth,** Mary tells us, so another wind must blow, the wind and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

*“When Pentecost day came round, they had all met together, when suddenly there came from heaven, the*

*sound of a powerful wind, which filled the entire house.” ( Acts: 2:2.)*

When we decide: for Good, for Prayer Conversion then the ‘wind’ of the Holy Spirit blows through our lives and the world. This is why Our Lady then tells us why she is among us today.

**“That is why the Most High sent me to you , to lead you towards the way of peace and unity with God and people.”** Our Lady is sent from God with the Gospel message of Conversion and Repentance to lead us towards peace and unity, among all people and under the Love of God. ‘Peace’ and ‘Unity’ are the key words that Our Lady tells us is part of her plan for the world. It is this peace and unity to which Our Lady asks us to strive and see every person as a brother or sister as part of the one family of humanity.

We see this so visibly in Medjugorje where all the nations are united in a single purpose of Love and Praise. Let us renew our commitment to see every person as a child of God, for this underpins the desire for ‘Peace’ and ‘Unity’ which Mary wants to lead us on.

**“You little children are my extended hands.”**

The gentle, motherly hands of Our Lady , need to be present in our world today. We are part of her Mission, part of her plan for humanity. This is a great privilege which we are given to extend the beautiful hands of Mary into a world full of hatred and division, through our good actions and kind words. The difference we can make to just one person is something.

*“ Christ has no hands but yours” St. Therese of Avila.*

“Pray, Fast, and Offer Sacrifices for Peace- the treasure for which every heart yearns.”

‘ For where your treasure is there will your heart be too.’

So Our Lady asks us at this time to have hearts full of Peace, for Peace is the treasure every heart yearns. Each of us can make a determined effort to Pray for Peace:

- To fast for peace,
- To decide for peace, each in our own way.

We can also, as Mary suggests, offer up something for the gift of Peace to come upon humanity.

- We should never underestimate just one small sacrificial offering made for the cause of peace,
- never underestimate the effectiveness of one Rosary prayed for peace,
- or one act of fasting for the cause of peace.
- Peace is a treasure for which every heart yearns.

Our Lady concludes by Thanking us for having responded to her call, so we should be full of Hope and Confidence that in the end the Good, will win, her Immaculate Heart will triumph.

God Bless, Fr. Martin

## Ivan's Message from Our Lady 20th October 2023

Dear Friends,  
Blessed Feast day of St John Paul II...

On Friday October 20, visionary Ivan received his daily apparition in his private chapel in Medjugorje. Our Lady gave him a message and Ivan has allowed this message to be spread widely. May each one of us live with the heart this important message!

**Sr Emmanuel**



**“Dear children!**

Today I invite you to pray for peace. At this time, peace is threatened in a special way, and I ask you to renew fasting and prayer in your families and to encourage others to pray for peace.

Dear children, I want you to understand the seriousness of the situation and that much of what will happen depends on your prayer and perseverance.

Dear children, I am with you and I invite you to seriously start praying and fasting,

Thank you for responding to my call!"

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

*Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!  
We have tried so many times and over  
so many years to resolve our conflicts  
by our own powers and by the force of  
our arms. How many moments of  
hostility and darkness have we  
experienced; how much blood has  
been shed; how many lives have been  
shattered; how many hopes have been  
buried... But our efforts have been in  
vain.*

*Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us  
peace, teach us peace; guide our steps  
in the way of peace. Open our eyes and  
our hearts, and give us the courage to  
say: "Never again war!"; "With war  
everything is lost". Instill in our hearts  
the courage to take concrete steps to  
achieve peace.*

*Lord, God of Abraham, God of the  
Prophets, God of Love, you created us  
and you call us to live as brothers and  
sisters. Give us the strength daily to be  
instruments of peace; enable us to see  
everyone who crosses our path as our  
brother or sister. Make us sensitive to  
the plea of our citizens who entreat us  
to turn our weapons of war into  
implements of peace, our trepidation  
into confident trust, and our  
quarrelling into forgiveness.*

*Keep alive within us the flame of hope,  
so that with patience and perseverance  
we may opt for dialogue and  
reconciliation. In this way may peace  
triumph at last, and may the words  
"division", "hatred" and "war" be  
banished from the heart of every man  
and woman. Lord, defuse the violence  
of our tongues and our hands. Renew  
our hearts and minds, so that the word  
which always brings us together will  
be "brother", and our way of life will  
always be that of: Shalom, Peace,  
Salaam!*

**Amen.**



**REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL**  
*of The Community of The Beatitudes*  
[www.sremmanuel.org](http://www.sremmanuel.org)

Medjugorje, October 18, 2023

**Dear friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary.**

**1. A spirit of revelation.** A French-speaking priest who was visiting Medjugorje told us about a surprising event that can help us to reflect on the holy mystery of the Mass and what happens there in the invisible, that we do not see.

One day, he was celebrating Mass in his parish and started praying for the deceased according to the rite of the missal. Out of the blue, a man came and stood next to him in front of the altar. Our friend was very surprised, for this man was neither a priest, nor had he been invited to concelebrate. He was wearing street clothes, and at first the priest felt disturbed by this. What is this man doing here, he wondered? But he soon understood the purpose of this presence, for suddenly the man begged him aloud, "Pray for me!" Pray for me! Then he gave the priest his name and surname. I am XXX XXX (we will keep this anonymous.), he said. Then the priest immediately prayed for him aloud, mentioning his name and surname, just like when Mass is offered for a deceased person. Then the man disappeared the same way he had come.

**The priest understood that this person was a poor soul suffering in Purgatory.** No one in the congregation saw him. Only the priest

did. Then Mass ended very simply. But after Mass, a man rushed up to the priest and, in a state of deep emotion, asked him: "Do you know my son? You prayed for him. You named him in your prayer. He committed suicide."

On that day, seeing that his son had manifested himself, this long-suffering father received a great consolation.



**This is a significant fact.** It is not surprising that priests or lay people see souls in Purgatory, or just hear them. The sacrifice of the Mass is a very profound mystery, it connects earth to heaven and heaven to earth. The souls of the departed need our help. By God's permission, they sometimes give us signs to ask for our prayer. Offering them our support is a great act of love towards them, it helps them enter Heaven more quickly. Let us not forget that for the soul, the smallest sufferings of purification in Purgatory are more painful than the greatest sufferings on earth. It is therefore urgent to come to their aid.

**2. I only have my soul.** Undermined by modernism, our society is increasingly denying the reality of the soul and its eternal character. What a huge loss. This is why Mary reminds us: **"I understand your pains and your sorrows, and with my motherly love I wipe away your tears. Trust in my Son, for He will do for you what you would not even know how to ask for. You, my children, must concern yourselves only with your soul, for it is the only thing that belongs to you on this earth. Your soul is what you will be bringing, dirty or clean, before the Heavenly Father."** (2. 07. 2016)

**3. A war breaks out in the Middle East.** How many men, women and children have already lost their lives there and in many other places have become victims of merciless conflicts. More than ever, peace is threatened, and many are gripped by fear. But... Be on guard. The enemy's goal is to rob us the little peace we have and to instill fear in our minds and hearts. Then, he can manipulate us as he wants. This is one of his typical ploys. Once again, Mary shows the way of life to all those who have decided to let her guide them:

**"My Son has promised me that evil will never overcome,"** she said, "because you righteous ones are here; you who try to say your prayers from the heart; you who offer your sorrows and sufferings to my Son; you who understand that life is just the blink of an eye; you who yearn for the Kingdom of Heaven; this is all that makes you my apostles and guides you to the Triumph of my Heart. (Nov. 2, 2014)

"If you make peace in your heart, your peace will flow from your heart like a river that will flow throughout the world." (Feb. 25, 1991)

Each one of us can work mightily to protect peace, if we let God dwell into our hearts. *"Christ is our peace"* (Eph 2:13). Big and small, young and old, let us all offer our sufferings to Christ, out of love for Him, so that these sufferings, united with those of Christ, take on infinite value. (See the Diary of Sr Faustina). Without even leaving our homes, we become peacemakers, and we share in the Redemption of Christ. That is so magnificent.

**Here is, for example, a very simple approach:** "Jesus, I offer you my sorrows, my difficulties, my worries, my pains and all my sufferings. I beg you, please unite them with yours so that they may bear much fruit." In this way, a situation that our nature rejects (God did not create suffering.) becomes a source of blessings. By our doing this, Jesus is then able to extend the effects of his salvation to many.

The most magnificent example of this reality is that of the Blessed Mother, who lived her whole life in deep union with her Son, sharing in His joys and His sorrows. Who better than she can now powerfully intercede for us? St. Paul himself clearly expresses the fruit of his trials that he suffered with Christ and that he offered to Him.

**That's why let's take heart.** With God, all things are possible. In God, fatality doesn't exist. He will work miracles if we pray fervently for

peace, in a spirit of reparation and offering on behalf of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East and all those who are victims of the war. Why should we allow ourselves to be demoralized? God is waiting for our intercessory prayer, our cooperation in His divine work. It is up to us to make use of this wonderful gift and power that was granted to us from the moment we were baptized.



**4. A remarkable intervention by Mary.** During my recent mission in Spain, I met a couple whose story filled me with deep joy. As a result of a stroke, Ramón had fallen into a deep coma. The only thing keeping him alive was a ventilator in intensive care. After several months of futile attempts to revive him, there was no hope left and the doctors decided to pull the plug. But his wife remembered that one of her friends had brought her, from Medjugorje, several religious objects that had been blessed by a priest and also by Our Lady during one of her apparitions. In fact, at the end of her apparitions, Mary blesses the articles presented to her, such as rosaries, medals, crosses, rose petals, Bibles, pious images, letters, etc. Therefore, Ramon's wife had the idea of bringing them to the hospital and placing them next to her husband. She gently swept a blessed rose petal over the left side of his forehead, while praying fervently.

**At that moment,** she saw her husband raise his right arm in the air. She could hardly believe it. She did the same thing on the right side of her husband's forehead, who suddenly raised his left arm. When she came back the next day, she did the same thing again, and her husband bent his legs. In a word, he was waking up. These signs of recovery were observed by the medical staff. They decided to continue the treatment. Sometime later, Ramón was discharged from hospital in good health.

This couple's hearts are now **filled with immense gratitude.** That evening, I saw Ramón with my own eyes and spoke to him, because he came with his wife to my talk at Villanueva de la Cañada, near Madrid.



**Who acted to bring about this spectacular healing?** Jesus, through the priest who had blessed these articles, or Mary who had also blessed them? Actually, both. Mary tells us, "The blessing of the priest is greater than mine, for when a priest blesses you, it is Jesus who blesses you." But in Mary's blessing there is all the power of her love for us, the power of her intercession and the motherly anointing that belongs to her. **"Jesus listens to His Mother."** she says. (March 2, 2015) Her



motherly blessing is one of the great gifts she offers in Medjugorje.

Certainly, the healing of the body was a wonderful gift for Ramón. But the radical conversion of this couple, of their family and their circle of friends, is an even more precious gift. For we are all called to holiness, and this holiness is what will remain after our short life on earth, and then we will enter eternal life.

*Dearest Gospa, how can we repay you for all the good you do for us? How can we console you, you who cry tears of blood for our humanity which is increasingly ignorant of your Son? Let us live in this safe haven that is your maternal Heart.*

Sister Emmanuel  
(Community of the Beatitudes)

**Let us pray with the Holy Father:**

**Prayer Intention for  
NOVEMBER 2023**

**‘For the Pope’**



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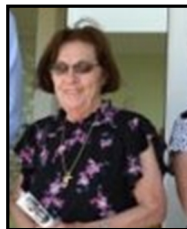
We pray for the Holy Father;  
as he fulfills his mission,  
may he continue to accompany the  
flock entrusted to him,  
with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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*Pope Francis*

### **Mary Walsh's visit to St. Joseph the Worker Institution in Čitluk (Medjugorje)**

We were visited by the humanitarian Mary Walsh with her close colleagues who, along with the late sister Muriel Geisler, are responsible for the construction of our Institution. We introduced her to the contents of the center, which has been additionally enriched with equipment since her last visit.



We would like to point out that Mrs. Mary Walsh was nominated and chosen for the award of the public recognition “Honorary Citizen of Čitluk Municipality” because for many years she put her potential, knowledge and ethics at the service of social and humanitarian work, spreading the idea of humanity and the common good, due to her merits in providing to help the poor and, for the municipality of Čitluk, to provide very significant support to children with developmental difficulties and people with disabilities through the construction of the Sveti Josip Radnik Education and Rehabilitation Center facility. Mayor Marin Radišić presented the public recognition.

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## Medjugorje Annual Retreat at Minsteracres nr Consett

Spiritual Director

**Fr. Jeff Dodds**

PP St. Mary's Hexham

The Retreat 6th – 8th October 2023

We are always filled with a Spirit of anticipation as we draw closer to Minsteracres and respond to the Call of Our Mother Mary.

“Dear Children! I am calling you to Strong Prayer” (extract from 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023)

The Peaceful Tranquille atmosphere of Minsteracres, absorb us back into the Mystical Hills of Medjugorje, Leaving the A68 near Slaley, & The Derwent Reservoir, we Joined the long Giant Sequoia Tree Lined Driveway, leading to Minsteracres Retreat Centre, absorbing the Spirit of Pilgrimage through Our Lady Queen of Peace. The weekend was attended by a small group of Retreatants in the peaceful and beautiful surroundings of Minsteracres which is now so familiar to many of us.

A warm welcome awaited us from Marian Fletcher Medjugorje NE & the friendly Passionist Community, so helpful nothing was too much to ask.

It was a privilege to meet other Retreatants who were taking part in The Parish Minsteracres Retreat, led by the Community.

As we socialised together they were very interested to hear of our retreat and ‘Our Lady’s School of Love’ They all listened intently and hoped one day that Marian or one of Our Medjugorje Priests would come to

their Parish to lead a Talk on ‘Our Lady Queen of Peace Medjugorje.’ The inspired weekend brought to Life in Our Hearts once again ‘Our Lady’s school of Love’.

Fr. Jeff reminded us to be armed with the 5 Stones of protection of Our Lady:-

- Pray the Rosary
- Confession
- Fasting
- Scripture
- Holy Mass

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October – The Feast of The Holy Rosary

The Story of Medjugorje sung by Daniel O'Donnell *‘Sweet Queen of Peace’* started the day, Along with a young man who sang *‘Give me Jesus’* at the 2019 Medjugorje Youth Festival.

After Breakfast We Started the Day with The Holy Rosary. ‘I am the Handmade of the Lord.’

A lot of people struggle to pray the Rosary – but it’s recommended that we slow the pace of prayer down and meditate on the combination of the Scripture & Life of Jesus. ‘I am the Handmaid of the Lord.’

Love in The Rosary promotes meditation in the Life of Jesus.

The Beautiful Music of Medjugorje accompanied our group of Christian Travellers throughout the weekend. Each evening in Medjugorje, the haunting violin music of Melinda Dumitrescu 'Jesus, we adore you' replicated the atmosphere and Medjugorje was established throughout the Retreat.

During this this time together, we recognise a unique gift of Holiness to a Spiritual World.

- Invitation by God & Our Mother Mary
- Our Response
- Being confident in a Grace filled journey.

Fr Jeff connected us to Our Holy Mother Mary and the Hills of Medjugorje to the tranquil Countryside of Minsteracres as he shared his personal Journey to the Priesthood.

Before becoming a Diocesan Priest Fr. Jeff felt drawn toward The Passionist Congregation.

The Passionists proclaim 'Gods Love for the world revealed through the Passion of Christ.'

The atmosphere of the presence of Our Lady joined us 'in Continuous Prayer' as we remembered Fr Jeff's Dad who recently died.

His dad 'John Dodds' from Wallsend was a man of great faith. A Living Saint,

As Christian Travellers. We remembered Fr. Jeffs Dad and his Journey toward Death.

Recently Fr. Jeff attended a Meeting with the Diocesan Priests and our

New bishop of Hexham & Newcastle Diocese, the Rt Rev Stephen Wright, at St Benet Biscop High School, Bedlington.

Fr Jeff was drawn to the inscription in the School Hall above the Door by St Oscar Romero, a mantra we can all adopt "*Aspire not to have more, but to be more*".

He assured Bishop Stephen that The Medjugorje Group NE would pray continually for him.

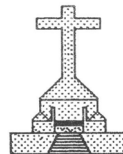
God Speaks through the wonders of creation, and sacred Scriptures.

The Sacraments are signs to point the way.

Fr. Jeff directed us to read and Live Our Lady's Message to the World, given to Maria 25<sup>th</sup> of each Month:.

There is True Peace in Medjugorje the 'Shrine of Peace.'

'Our Lady comes to remind the world that God exists'



The Five Stones of Medjugorje bring Conversion.

We continue to follow our Lady's message '**Pray, Pray, Pray.**'

*Medjugorje Centre NE*

## “Medjugorje Pilgrimage drew me to the Retreat at Minsteracres”

By Ross Marsden

June 2023 saw the Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from the Medjugorje Centre for the North East.

Medjugorje, a place of Pilgrimage that I knew of but never had any desire or thought to visit, after all it had not been fully approved by the Church. However. The Lord and Our Lady had other plans. After some disappointment earlier in the year, my planned visits to Walsingham and Lourdes failed to materialise. An unexpected opportunity to join with the Medjugorje Pilgrimage came up. Initially my reaction was to say ‘NO’ but after a little thought and a friend saying “It is a gift to you from Our Lady” the answer was YES.

We arrived at our hotel in the early hours of Sunday morning and found our Rooms very quickly as everyone was ready for some sleep.

Morning arrived and with some concern for finding my way around, things fell into place, everyone friendly and helpful. The Sun was shining but we were advised to take our raincoats as heavy rainstorms were forecast, happily they didn’t materialise the whole time we were in Medjugorje. After breakfast we had Mass and walked around Medjugorje to familiarise ourselves with that part of town as there were several people, like myself, it was their first visit. We were introduced to Slava, our guide, a catholic Croation Lady who explained there was not a set programme, and we would ‘play it by ear’. Slava is an amazing person and couldn’t do enough to help us, even finding a wheelchair for me, a first

time I might add! Many kind people were willing to push me and there was no shortage of helpers, and we soon became friends.

Initial concerns sorted out, it became easy to relax and to open my mind and soul to the graces given to us at Medjugorje. There were so many. Seeing people walking around praying the rosary, the Rosary Square where people prayed the rosary on their knees, stories from Slava of the tremendous faith of the local people through all the troubled history of the area which they had endured, the opportunity for place of prayer inspired by artists and sculptors sharing the same faith .

The enormous square seating ten thousand people, almost full of people of all nationalities from all over the world. Truly a place of Prayer, Peace, Joy and Holiness which touches everyone who visits Medjugorje.

**This is what drew me to the Medjugorje Retreat at Minsteracres;** the desire to reconnect with those whom I had met and make new friends. We were able to talk and share our faith together, hearing where God had been present in their life and mine. An opportunity to re connect with the blessings we received in Medjugorje and remind ourselves that they are still there. Once again, we felt free to talk with one another and share our faith journey, deepen our commitment to the Lord with the intercession and support of Our Lady.

## Medjugorje Weekend Retreat—Knock Shrine

Guest speaker—Fr. Zvonimir Pavicic PP Medjugorje

*Fr Zvonimir PP Medjugorje, Supported by Medj. Guide Mojca Carapina, Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill PP of Cill Mjuire, Newbridge, Carach, Co. Kildare and Philip Lawlor Pastoral Minister, Pastoral Team.*

**Fr Zvonimir** shared a sense of Joy with the Irish Faithful followers of Our Lady of Medjugorje. He asked us to Pray for Priests, Pray for Vocations. Sharing a memory he said I was amazed seeing the 30.000 who attended The Youth Festival in Medjugorje 2023. He realised - **‘Wow – God You Really do exist.’** He pointed out that we continue to learn together in Our Lady's ‘School of Love’. He brings The Message of our Lady- **‘PRAY, PRAY PRAY’.**

He explained we have been given the 5 Stones of Medjugorje to protect us:

- Pray The Rosary
- Confession
- Fasting
- Bible
- Holy Mass

When ‘Archbishop Aldo Cavalli’ (Apostolic Visitor to Medjugorje) met with Pope Francis. Pope Francis was Happy to hear that in Medjugorje we Pray Pray Pray .

Pope Francis said “that is very good.”

Last Sept Fr. Zvonimir met with the Rectors of the Marian Sanctuaries from Europe & beyond, in Marseilles. In comparison **Marseilles** has a beautiful Historic Basilica; the Sanctuary is surrounded by Museums but 92% of Vistors spend their time Jogging & Sight seeing.

**Medjugorje** has no Basilica or Historic Museums but 98% of Pilgrims spend

their time in Prayer, On Cross Mountain, Hill of Apparitions and St James Church.

Pilgrims spend their time in Faith & Prayer learning together in ‘The School of Our Lady’ , learning how to be better Christians.

Fr. Zvonimir ended by asking the faithful to ‘Pray for Priestly Vocations and God will do great things.’

**Philip Lawlor** during his witness encouraged Parents and Grandparents to **‘Give your children a tool set to carry in their pocket, Teach your children to Pray’.**

( Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be)

Let your children know God Loves them with no mention of Sin.

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*23rd Anniversary of*  
**Fr. Slavko Barbaric—**  
**Medjugorje**

**24th November 2023**



Spiritual Father of Medjugorje  
 and Founder of The Mother Village

A great inspiration to millions of  
 Pilgrims—He travelled throughout  
 the World spreading the message of  
 ‘Peace and Reconciliation’

“

*Your Brother Slavko  
 has been born into  
 Heaven  
 and intercedes  
 for you.*

Our Lady's Message—25th Nov, 2000

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**Two testimonies  
 from Father Slavko**

**The doctor rebukes him: You can't  
 drive the car.**

At the Triuggio meeting in Italy, Fr. Slavko spoke briefly about the case of a Croatian man, a certain Danijel, who retired 4 years earlier was in the hospital in Zagreb after 5 operations. He was sent home and returned to his elderly mother because there was nothing else to do: his illness was incurable. But neither he nor his mother surrendered and they resorted to the intercession of the Virgin of Medjugorje, seeing their trust rewarded. In fact, not long after, Danijel could resume work by going to the construction site every day in the car. Invited by the National Commission in charge of ‘Facts of Medjugorje’ to return to Zagreb, he came back with all the documents and x-rays of his disease and handed them over to the same doctor who sent him home to die four years ago. The doctor was really surprised to see him and asked him many questions. When she found out her ex-patient was driving the car and going to work, she told him, "You can't drive the car, you can't go to work." I'll make you revoke your license, you can't be cured... ". The man came home mortified and told his mother everything, who said, "What do you want from you now?" Four years ago she sent you home to die and now she claims to be in charge of your life! Take the car to work. The Virgin Mary is the best doctor of all: you only have to listen to Her! ". And Danijel has done this and continues to do it and tells everyone: "I don't

know if the Virgin Mary appears in Medjugorje or not. The only thing I know is that the doctors sent me home to die and after praying to the Virgin Mary, I'm fine and going to work. But they don't believe it.... “

### **The crutch becomes a "memory"**

January 1988 a group of American Catholics arrived in Medjugorje, one of whom was dragging himself leaning on a crutch. His body was tormented with untold suffering so much that he had to avoid making any movement in order not to increase it. On January 21, his fellow pilgrims climbed the Hill of Apparition, while he remained in the church praying. At one point he felt an impulse to come out and slowly dragged towards the bottom of the church, then headed toward the sacrament walking on the left sidewalk while observing the Hill of Apparitions in the distance. At a certain point he felt warmth in his chest and wanted to take off his jacket, thinking; “t's very hot for this season!”. But then he felt that the heat was spreading all over his body and he wanted to walk: then he realized that he could do without the crutches and that the pain disappeared.

He was heading to the road from where his companions were supposed to arrive, coming back from the hill. When he saw them from afar, he ran to them throwing his crutch at them, which became useless. It was an explosion of joy: tears, laughter, yelling, singing... and then everyone went church to praise the Lord and Virgin Mary.

Now, the American still has his crutch, but as a memory of his miracle.

## November



*The month of November is dedicated to the Faithful Departed .*

*While we should pray always for those who have died, this is a special time of comfort and prayer for those that we lost.*

*It is a further consoling thought knowing we are united with the entire Church to pray for all the faithful departed.*

*Let this November be a good reminder to pray for family, friends, and those who have no one to pray for them, so they may be with God in heaven!*

Eternal Rest,  
grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light  
shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.

May the souls  
and the souls of all the faithful  
departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.  
Amen

All Saints Feast day 1st November  
All Souls Feast day 2nd November