

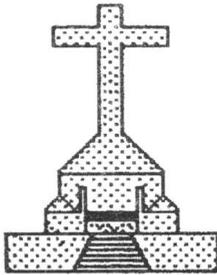
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OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

Given 25th July 2025 to Marija Pavlovic

(44th Anniversary Message)



“Dear children, also today I thank the Almighty that I am with you and that I can lead you towards the God of love and peace. The ideologies which destroy you and your spiritual life are transitory. I am calling you, little children: return to God, because with God you have a future and eternal life. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

(With Ecclesiastical approval)

Reflection by Fr. Martin Morris

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brother's and Sister's of Medjugorje North East and beyond, for the last four month's Our Lady has emphasised in a specific way her concern for our eternal Salvation. She has reminded us that she is coming to us today to help us on the way to Salvation and eternal life. So too, in this month's message Mary, tells us that with God, we have a future and eternal life. We now mark Forty Four years of the apparitions, of Our Lady 's coming in Medjugorje, because Our Lady wants to help us find the Lord in our lives today, and so lead us to heaven. We give thanks on this anniversary for all those who have gone to Medjugorje and rediscovered the Faith in Christ and found a new direction and purpose in living. This has indeed been a time of grace for so many people.

Our Lady begins this month's message with the words;

“Also today I thank the Almighty that I am with you and that I can lead you towards the God of love and peace.”

These opening words may remind us of Our Lady's great hymn of praise and thanksgiving, “The Magnificat”. St. Luke, tells us that following the Annunciation, Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, and there sang the praises of God for the wonders worked in her. “For the Almighty has worked marvels for me and holy is his name.” (1: 49.)

Our Lady begins this message by focusing on ‘The Almighty’ by directing her prayers of thanksgiving to God, giving praise that she is with us in these times and leading us towards the God of love and peace.

God is love and peace, and it is in God that we find our true identity as his children. (John: 1: 12.) Our Lady is with us all these years to lead us into the fulness of this truth. Love and peace opens our eyes for others., for their need's their possibilities, and their dangers too. ‘Love and peace’ sends the Christian today to help all others see the possibility of a new world , where old conflicts are overcome, and when we see each

other as ‘Children of the one God.’ Let each of us decide for ‘Love and Peace’ which comes from the Almighty. Our Lady is the Mother of life, the new eve, the Queen of Peace, and therefore it is important to understand these time, when she comes to us, when humanity is threatened with so much self – destruction. Mary is guiding us towards new and better times, her first words at the very first apparition, June 24th, 1981 remind us of this. “Peace must reign between God and man,’ - Peace among all peoples and between man and nature. All of us must see and recognise this invitation to ‘Love and peace’ which comes from God – the Almighty, because it concerns our own hearts and the future of the world.

The events at Medjugorje, do call every person to a profound peace that is only found in God. Our Lady calls us to act accordingly. Mary is with us, she makes us aware of our part in her plan. She helps us, she calls us, she encourages us in these times. She gives us indications, she prays with us, and has remained with us on this road for Forty Four years now. These are her times, Marian times, when she wants to lead us all towards the ‘God of Love and Peace.’ The highest aim of our life – yours and mine – is to come to know God better and to love him more through all he has given us. From this love we come to love ourselves, other people and all creation more. We become the channels of his peace. That is the task of every Christain, let us decide for it today, to join with Mary in thanking ‘The Almighty’ that she is with us, and showing us the way to ‘The God of love and Peace.’

Mary, then says, **“The ideologies which destroy you and your spiritual life are transitory . I am calling you little children return to God , because with God you have a future and eternal life.”**

Contrast these words with the previous ones about ‘Love and Peace.’ Mary alerts us to the dangers that are in our way, and not to be seduced by them, because they are passing. ‘The ideologies’ today which can be so destructive to our lives, especially our souls, are those that deceive us. Anti – life legislation, that tries to tell us that human life is dispensable, assisted suicide; these ideologies tell us that we can be happy without God, that we make no reference to him. Ideologies that tell us we can find peace through military means alone, humanism that tells us this life is everything. These are false and deceptive ways, and Our Lady tells us can be so destructive to our spiritual lives. But they are ‘transitory’ – they are passing, and Mary asks us to look with the eyes of Faith to the God who is life.

The only possibility to be saved and to save others is to make room for God, so that he can take the first place in our lives. He who created us, and loves us, he who is peace is our future and our eternal life. This is the long journey of Conversion for each of us, where all the false gods are to be removed from our lives, and the ‘God of Love and Peace.’ Is placed at the centre. With The Holy Mass, and the Rosary this will be realised.

God Bless,
Fr. Martin Morris

ANNUAL APPARITION TO THE VISIONARY IVANKA

25th June 2025

www.medjugorje.hr



Ivanka had the apparition in her family home at 6.39pm and it lasted 6 minutes. Only Ivanka's family was present.

At her last daily apparition on May 7, 1985, Our Lady confided to Ivanka the 10th secret and told her that she would have an apparition once a year on June 25th the anniversary of the apparitions. It was that way also this year.

After the apparition, the visionary Ivanka said: "Our Lady gave the following message"-

**'Renew family prayer.
Pray, pray, pray.'**

Our Lady gave us her motherly blessing.

25.06.2025

(With Ecclesiastical approval)

VISIONARY Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez

Ivanka was the first to see Our Lady on June 24, 1981, and is the youngest of the 4 girls (Ivanka, Vicka, Marija, Mirjana) Born July 21, 1966, in Bijakovici. Ivanka's prayer mission from Our Lady is to pray for families. Ivanka has one brother and one sister. Her Mother Jagoda, died in May 1981.

When the apparitions first began, Ivanka asked the Blessed Mother about her mother. Our Lady told her that her mother was with her in heaven. God has allowed Ivanka to see and speak to her mother, who is in heaven, five times over the years.

Ivanka: *"When the apparitions began, I was only a child. I prayed and went to church when my parents asked me to. Now when I pray, I feel united with God and Our Lady. Before, when I went to Mass, I didn't feel anything special. Now, I know God is alive at the Holy Mass and gives Himself completely to us in the Host. Concerning my own future, I leave it completely to God - my path will go in the direction God leads me. I have some advice for young people: I want to tell them to turn to God as soon as possible because He's the only one who can lead them to happiness and truth. We simply must pray more and live the messages of Medjugorje."*

Ivanka lives in the parish of Medjugorje, she is married and has three children.



REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL
of The Community of The Beatitudes
www.sremmanuel.org

Medjugorje, June 18, 2025

Dear friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary!

1. Beethoven in jail. Some of you have told me how much they enjoyed hearing about my father's experience in the Resistance, and so I'd like to share with you another experience he had.

One day in 1944 he was with some other prisoners in a cell in one of the concentration camps, and they had heard that General De Gaulle was speaking on the radio to the Resistance. For the prisoners any little bit of hope was precious and they would cling to it. They noticed at lunch time that the SS would leave the office to go and eat, and the office was left unlocked. So, the prisoners decided to take turns and listen to De Gaulle on the radio while the office was empty.



They risked being executed, as you can imagine.

This particular day it was my father's turn. He went to the office, turned on the radio and listened to General De Gaulle addressing the French people.

After a short while he heard the SS officer coming back to the office, and he froze with fright. He knew there was no way he could leave the office without being seen. As the officer was about to enter, my father turned the knob on the radio and what came on was a beautiful symphony of Beethoven. Seeing my father in the office, the officer screamed violently at him. But at that moment my father put his hand on his heart and repeated "Beethoven, Beethoven..." as if he was really enjoying the music.

Now, the miracle happened when it turned out the officer was a music lover and was a big fan of Beethoven. He repeated with my father, "Yah, yah Beethoven" with the same pleasure, **and he let my father go back to the cell and spared his life.**

As I wrote last month, his mother in France was praying the rosary constantly for the safety of her son from which she had no news for 3 years. But she trusted Our Lady that she would bring her son back home safely.



This is one of the many stories of graces obtained by praying the rosary. (See PS1)

2. Continue!

These were Our Lady's final words at the end of the novena of prayer for the Anniversary of June 25, 2024, last year, on Podbrdo. This novena brought together thousands of people from all over the world, and the rosaries continued until late into the night. The response was magnificent!

This year, for the novena before the June 25th Anniversary, the small Medjugorje group that usually climbs Podbrdo at 5:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary will go there at 4:30 a.m., accompanied by the visionary, Marija. Marija will receive her apparition at 5:00 a.m. near the statue of Mary, not in the evening at the Magnificat.

For those who cannot climb or who are not in Medjugorje, I suggest you pray with all your heart our special Novena written last year for this occasion. Like any gift offered to Mary, the important thing is to put your whole heart into it, **because only love heals and works miracles!**

Starting on June 16 and ending on June 24, the feast of St. John the Baptist and the day of the first apparition. You can also start it on the 17th and finish it on the 25th, the day chosen by Mary to celebrate this Anniversary. **We can start it any time!**

Here is the link to our special Novena on our website

<https://sremmanuel.org/pearls/special-novena-to-the-queen-of-peace/>

3. A lot of fake videos and articles are being spread around on the Internet, claiming to be words

from Pope Leo XIV. We have to be very prudent and check the authenticity of them before listening to them and sharing them with family and friends. The Pope has already spoken about the dangers of artificial intelligence. In his first official address to cardinals, he warned of the dangers of it to “human dignity, justice and labor.”

In order to combat this, **the Vatican has updated their website**, so that all official videos and documents will be held on that site. Please, for the sake of our Pope and the sake of our Church, stick to the official website!

<https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>



4. Question: Did you make your daisy to surround our Pope Leo XIV with divine protection? Please do so! Already many of you did.

See last May's News with the drawing: "A field of daisies for Pope Leo XIV!"

<https://sremmanuel.org/newsletter/sremmanuels-may-2025-report/>

5. June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It has been 350 years since the most significant apparition to St Margaret Mary Alacoque took place, where Jesus revealed the mysteries of His heart and said:

“Behold the heart that has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even exhausting and consuming itself to testify to its love. In recognition, I receive from the greater part of men only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, by their coldness and the contempt they have for me in this Sacrament of Love. But what is still more painful to me is that hearts consecrated to me treat me in this way.

Therefore, I ask that the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special feast to honor my heart, by receiving Communion on that day and making reparation to [my heart] by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities that it has received during the time it has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that my heart will open to pour out in abundance the influence of its divine love upon those who shall honour it, or cause it to be honoured, in this way”. (Apparition on June 16, 1675).

Let us spend this month entering more deeply into the Sacred Heart of Jesus and develop a renewed reverence for Jesus in the Eucharist.

Celebrations to mark the 350th anniversary have been ongoing in Paray-le-Monial in France since December 2023! In Ireland they too are preparing a worthy celebration – **on Sunday 22 June 2025, Ireland will be reconsecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the Shrine of Knock.**



Dearest Gospa, you who dwell in the very heart of the Holy Trinity, you never cease to invite us to live in and for the Holy Trinity alone. With you, we wish to adore and pray this marvelous prayer revealed in Fatima by the Angel of Portugal to the little shepherds Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta:

"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly and I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He Himself is offended. By the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I ask You for the conversion of poor sinners."

Sister Emmanuel,
Community of the Beatitudes

PS1. The famous exorcist Gabriel Amorth (1925–2016) said: "The devil confided in me: 'Every Hail Mary is a blow to my head. If Catholics knew the power of the rosary, I would be completely powerless.'"

The Jubilee Plenary Indulgence

One of the conditions required to gain a Plenary Indulgence is to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. Usually this can be attained by simply praying one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Now, what does praying for the intention of the Pope or bishop or anyone else mean? It does not mean that you are to pray for the Pope himself, but for whatever he is praying for or wishes you to pray for.

Let us pray with the Holy Father:

**Prayer Intention for
JUNE 2025**

**‘For formation in
discernment’**



“

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

”

Pope Francis (RIP)

Prayer for Priests



God our Father, we ask you to Bless
our priests
and confirm them in their calling.
Give them the gifts they need
to respond with generosity
and a joyful heart.

For our part we pray that we may
always be attentive to their needs
and never take them for granted.
They, like us, need friendship and
love, welcome and a sense of
belonging,
kind words and acts of
thoughtfulness.

We pray, also, for the Priests who
have wounded the priesthood.
May we be willing to forgive
and may they be open to healing.
Let us support one another during
times of crisis

We offer this prayer for our priests,
They are our brothers and our
friends.

Amen

**Our Lady's Messages over the decades
to Reflect on**

**Medjugorje Message,
May 25, 2015**

“**D**ear children! Also today I am with you and with joy I call all of you: pray and believe in the power of prayer. Open your hearts, little children, so that God may fill you with His love and you will be a joy to others. Your witness will be powerful and everything you do will be interwoven with God's tenderness. I am with you and I pray for you and your conversion until you put God in the first place. Thank you for having responded to my call. ”

**Medjugorje Message,
May 25, 2005**

“**D**ear children! Anew I call you to live my messages in humility. Especially witness them now when we are approaching the anniversary of my apparitions. Little children, be a sign to those who are far from God and His love. I am with you and bless you all with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call. ”

**Medjugorje Message,
May 25, 1995**

“**D**ear Children! I invite you, little children, to help me through your prayers so that as many hearts as possible come close to my Immaculate Heart. Satan is strong and with all his forces wants to bring closer the most people possible to himself and to sin. That is why he is on the prowl to snatch more every moment. I beg you, little children, pray and help me to help you. I am your mother and I love you and that is why I wish to help you. Thank you for having responded to my call. ”

**Medjugorje Message,
May 2, 1985**

“**D**ear children! Today I call you to prayer with the heart, and not just from habit. Some are coming but do not wish to move ahead in prayer. Therefore, I wish to warn you like a Mother: pray that prayer prevails in your hearts in every moment. Thank you for having responded to my call. ”

Jesus said "I leave you peace, my peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world gives peace. Do not be distressed or fearful"

...Jesus quiet my heart. Open my heart to Your Peace.

(Extract from Cafod)

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

We come to you, God Creator, You are the source of life and beauty and power

Your son Jesus is the way of Faith, Hope and Love.

Your Spirit is the fire of Love, the fount of wisdom, the bond of unity.

You call us at all times to be people of the beatitudes,

Witnesses to the Gospel of Peace, Love and forgiveness.

You call us at this time, when war and rumours of war, weight heavily on the peoples of Ukraine, Gaza and all peace torn countries of the World.

Their lives are already broken by suffering and violence.

We renew our acceptance of your call.

We promise to work:

- To bring the light of the Gospel to those living in darkness,
- To bring the Hope of the Gospel to those living in despair
- To bring the healing of the Gospel to the lonely, the disadvantaged, the marginalized,
- And to bring the Peace of the Gospel to a divided world.

Amen

Prayers when going through Holy Door



- 1) "Lord Jesus, with a heart full of hope, I approach this Holy Door, a symbol of your boundless mercy. Open my heart to your grace, renew my faith, and fill me with the strength to walk as a true Pilgrim of Hope in this Jubilee year. Amen."
- 2) "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ... Bless this door, O Lord, which we consecrate to this time of Mercy. ... You are the door to the kingdom of God, the sheep gate to life eternal, O God of eternal peace, our new and living way, loose our sins and open for us the door to salvation."
- 3) "O God, by means of Moses, you instituted for your people a jubilee year and year of forgiveness, grant that your Church may live with joy this opportune time during which you open up for us, your faithful, the holy door, that they may enter and lift up to you their prayers and thus receiving forgiveness and indulgence..."

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 1st June—8th June 2025
Fr. Martin Morris
Celebrated mass at St. James Church

Fr. Martin Homily
04/06/2025

Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven.

Our gospel began with those words. We stand between 2 great feast days in the life of the church. Last Thursday's Feast of the Ascension, and this coming Sunday's Feast of Pentecost. These days are days of grace when we are gathered here together in this holy place, because each of us have come on pilgrimage to do what Jesus does in today's gospel, to lift our eyes to heaven. Don't we do that when we look up at Cross Mountain and Podbrdo. The whole atmosphere of this place says lift up your eyes to heaven. But not just our eyes our hearts and our minds too. The gospel today asks and invites us in a special way to direct our hearts heavenwards as Jesus does at the beginning of his prayer to his heavenly father, when he lifts up his eyes to heaven and he speaks to his father his final words on earth. Each time we come to the holy Mass we are invited in the eucharistic prayer to lift up our hearts. St. Teresa of Lisieux said 'if God doesn't have your hearts then he has nothing'. Jesus lifted his eyes to heaven so that with St. Paul each of us can say let our hearts be on the things above, because of this the contrary is also true, let your hearts not be on things of this world because as St. Paul says 'you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. In our gospel



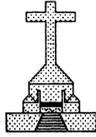
today Jesus prays for his disciples who will very soon be left without his physical presence. Although he will leave them Jesus invites them to still belong to him as we all do. Therefore he tells them something very powerful, he says you are not of this world. Did you notice in that gospel that the word World was mentioned 9 times and whilst that word world isn't always mentioned in the gospel in a negative sense like when St. John uses it in 3:14, when he says 'for God loved the world he gave his only son'. In today's gospel it has very strong negative connotations, it means precisely that which is closed to god that which refuses belief in christ, that which opposes all life to him, listen again the world has hated them says Jesus because they are not of the world as I am not of the world. I think we become worldly when we begin to grow weak in faith and we start to live as if God doesn't exist as if Christ hasn't died and risen for us when we choose the passing things of this world over what is eternal, I think that's worldliness that is mentioned in today's gospel, ultimately worldliness is selfishness and narrow mindedness. But as Christ sent out his first apostles into the world as Salt and light, then saw each one of us sent out in that same spirit is a pledge of his abiding presence with us. At the Last Supper Jesus instituted the holy eucharist and he promised us the gift of the holy spirit by the power of

that holy spirit we are able to love the world as Christ loves the world's and every person we meet is a child of God. I was struck by the words of Our Lady in the message of the 25th of May when she said 'I am calling you to be people of Love, Peace, Hope and Joy so that every person maybe a peacemaker and lover of life the apostles of our time, that's the invitation to each one of us. Christ prays in our gospel today to his first apostles that they might be consecrated in the truth. What is truth, truth is a person the one who said 'I am the way the truth and the life'. So in these days of pilgrimage these days of grace' lift up our eyes and our hearts to heaven that we might each of us receive the most important gift that God wants to give us in this place, it's the one thing necessary, and I ask you what is the one most important thing that God wants to give to every Pilgrim in these days of Grace here in Medjugorje in the school of Our Lady we call it the gift of the prayer of heart, that each of us might leave this place with the gift of prayer within us, a renewed gift of prayer, a spirit of prayer that speaks and listens to God with faith and love, Our Lady often calls it the 'prayer of the heart'. It was in the encounter of prayer with the risen Lord that those first apostles was sent out into the world consecrated in the truth as the very first witnesses, and we follow in their footsteps. Brothers and sisters Our Lady is with us today in a special way because she wants each of us to receive the gift of the prayer of heart,



that Mary might teach and bless each one of us with the renewed deeper life of prayer, it's noticeable how often Our Lady asks us to form prayer groups back at home, I think everything depends on our prayer. Our Lady is always inviting us to pray with deep faith and love. In the very early days when the visionaries are still lady what did she want them to do she said I would like the people to pray and I would like the priests to believe firmly. Doesn't Jesus say something very similar in our gospel today. That they may be consecrated in the truth. Leave this place of prayer and holiness with the renewed commitment to the 5 stones of Our Lady, 5 stones that make us the apostles of these times, Holy Bible, Rosary, Holy mass, Confession and Fasting. Really take those stones to heart, they are the way we raise our eyes to heaven with a firm faith and a deep love for god. Why. because you and I might be the only person someone else ever meats in the whole of their lives who believes, who prays. You and I might be the only person another person ever encounters who is able to see the witness of one who believes and one who prays.

Holy Spirit of Jesus come, come from your pierced side on the cross of Calvary, come and consecrate us in your truth.



Pray, fast and confess regularly. If receiving my Son in the Eucharist is the centre of your life, then do not be afraid, you can do everything.

June 2, 2012

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



Ivan's apparition 5th June 2025

Fr. Martin Morris, Fr. Paul Kilduff and David Pinder Seminarian and other Priests were invited to attend Ivan's apparition.

Below is Fr. Martin's brief account of Ivans description of the apparition to those in attendance.

"Our Lady was very happy, it is so difficult to describe how beautiful she was this evening! In 44 years, she was most beautiful - today.

Our Lady greeted the priests who had gathered, and then she turned towards the church where the pilgrims had gathered for the evening prayer programme, she extended her hands over all the pilgrims gathered there and she prayed over them in Aramaic.

Then turning to the priests Our Lady prayed over them, and for their parishes too. She then asked the priests to preach the living word of God with Faith, she asked the priests to concentrate on the spiritual renewal of their communities, and instruct their parishes to pray the Rosary.

Our Lady gave us her motherly blessing, and departed in a light in the shape of the Cross."

*Apparition to Ivan
Thursday 5th June, 2025*



2025 Jubilee Year *'Pilgrims of Hope'*

The Holy Father
has declared 2025
to be a Jubilee Year
with the motto and theme

“Pilgrims of Hope.”

The Holy Father has decreed that the
**Holy Doors are opened on Sunday
29th December.**

**The Holy Doors will be closed on
6th January 2026.**

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led by Fr. Martin Morris

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Medjugorje Youth Festival 2025

4th—7th August

“ Let us go to the house of the Lord”
(Ps 122:1)

First established in 1989 by Franciscan priests, the Medjugorje Youth Festival (also known as 'Mladifest') is a yearly celebration to mark the birthday of the Virgin Mary for young Catholics.