

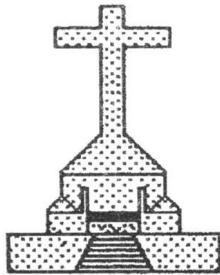
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**3rd Sunday of the month
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led by Fr. Martin Morris

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OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

Given 25th July 2025 to Marija Pavlovic



“Dear children, In this time of grace, when the Most High permits me to love you and lead you on the way of holiness, Satan wants to entangle you with the cord of peacelessness and hatred. Do not permit him to prevail, but, little children, fight for the holiness of every 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, with the beginning of the apparitions of Our Lady, (June, 24th, 1981) , we entered a special time – ‘a time of Grace.’ Since then Mary has often used this phrase, and reminded us that now is the time for our individual conversion, and to decide for God. The Grace of God is not limited to the apparitions. God has given his ‘Grace’ *i.e. favour, blessing*, since he started revealing himself to humanity, from Moses on Mount Sinai, to Abraham and Noah. The time of ‘Grace’ reaches it's highpoint in the Incarnation of the Eternal Son of God, when we see the fulness of Gods tenderness, fidelity and mercy in Jesus. The coming of Our Lady Queen of Peace in these times is a further sign of the ‘Most High’ who sends Our Lady to us, with the Gospel

message of conversion . Our Lady frequently tells us she is the ‘Queen of Peace,’ and this is a ‘Time of Grace.’

“Grace and Peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Begins St. Paul in many of his letters. God is at work in each of us, and in the life of the world , and this ‘Grace’ requires our co – operation . God knows our weakness, and as the Lord said to St. Paul, **“My Grace is enough for you, for my power is at best in weakness”** (2: Cor: 12:9). So Our Lady is amongst us to encourage and ‘lead’ us on the way to holiness. This is what Mary wants to do for us, and when Our Lady asks us for something then we should really listen. Our Lady asks us to permit her to lead us on the way to holiness. That means we have to take seriously

her coming and the words she speaks. It means deciding for faith, prayer and holiness. Mary is our Mother and Teacher, so she is showing us the way, but we have to decide to walk the way. So we should really pray, really , really convert so that we leave sin and evil, and allow ourselves to be led by Our Lady on the way of holiness. Holiness is union with God. The consequences of not listening to Our Lady are serious.

That is why she says next:

“Satan wants to entangle you with the cord of peacelessness and hatred. Do not permit him to prevail, but little children, fight for the holiness of every life.” (notice, Our Lady uses the word ‘holiness’ twice in this message.). We are all called to holiness, it is the universal call to all believers.

Our Lady is warning us that Satan is at work. We can see his destruction in the world today. Lack of peace and hatred has engulfed nations and communities, because pride, selfishness and greed have conquered hearts. Mary describes this as like a ‘cord’ around people.

Our Lady is the new Eve, the woman clothed with the sun, who crushes the head of the serpent, that is why she shows us the way from evil, when she says, ***“Do not permit him to prevail.”*** We have received the heavenly power through the Cross and

Resurrection of Jesus to enter into the victory over all evil. We have the spiritual power to stand up to Satan, and not let him prevail. The most effective weapon against Satan is the Holy Mass and Confession. In those moments we receive special graces when sins are remitted and the wounds of sin are healed. In those moments any cords of Satan are undone, and we are set free. We receive peace, and we decide again for love. Also with the Holy Rosary and fasting we bring about the end of Satanic powers, and their destruction. Let us remember what Our Lady said at the beginning of the apparitions, *“You have forgotten that with prayer and fasting wars can be averted.”*

Our Lady is with us to lead us to the new times of peace and reconciliation. We need no other form of peace than the peace that comes from God. This is real peace, peace that flows from prayer, conversion, and our willingness to be led on the way of holiness.

This time is for you!

God Bless,
Fr. Martin Morris.

ANA SHAWLS FASTING BREAD RECIPE

I know there are many recipes for bread but I thought I would share this one with you because it's the same type of bread my family bakes from the area of Medjugorje and the surrounding villages in Hercegovina and Croatia. This is the closest thing I have found to their bread using our regular flour.

Their bread is usually round and slightly flat. They bake their bread on a hot brick with coals placed on top of an iron lid called an "ispod Sac". When the bread is done, they brush the left over coals off the lid and lift it up with either a wire that hangs on the wall, or if they're real careful with a pot holder. But usually, since the lid is really heavy, it is lifted off with a pully kind of thing.

I've got pictures of this somewhere and it's kind of neat to see. The bread is more coarse then regular white bread and is dense with a slightly heavier crust.

So, here's the recipe without the big heavy lid and the hot brick:

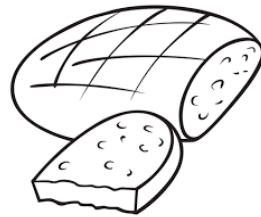
- 1 Pkg Dry Yeast
- 1 1/2 Cups Warmed Milk
- 3 Tablespoons Softened Butter
- 1 1/2 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Tablespoon Sugar
- 3 Cups All Purpose Flour.
(Their flour over there is a little different).

Put Yeast into the warm milk and butter in large mixing bowl, let this dissolve for 1 minute. (Not hot milk or you'll kill the yeast).

Add salt, sugar, flour and beat or mix for about 1 minute.

Pour batter into greased loaf pan. slash the top, cover and let rise for about 35 minutes.

Bake at 375 for about 45 minutes.



Take out of pan and let cool.

This bread is excellent toasted.

It's also great to make it the day before, or early in the morning on fast days.

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.



REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

of The Community of The Beatitudes

www.sremmanuel.org

Medjugorje, July 18, 2025

1. A very captivating saint! Mary told us: "Dear children, do not forget that each of you is a unique world in the eyes of the Heavenly Father!" (May 2, 2016)

One of my favorite saints is **Blessed Ines of Beniganim**. She is indeed a unique world in herself!

She was a Discalced sister of the Augustinians (in charge of the contact outside the convent) from Valencia, Spain (1625–1696), who was beatified by Pope Leo XIII. One of her rare characteristics is that as an adult, **she retained the innocence of a four-year-old child**, shining with simplicity and humility. She took on the hardest and most humble tasks in the monastery, and her mystical life resembles that of St Maryam of Bethlehem. She lived in close relationship with the Child Jesus and never suspected that others did not see Him as she did.



Careful! Don't get dirty! Here's an episode from her life that describes her character:

One day, she accidentally dropped the cellar key down the well. Knowing her naivete, her sisters said to her with a touch of irony: "Well, take a rope, put a hook on the end of the rope, and plunge it into the well to pull up the key." Since she didn't understand the irony and believed everything she was told, she did exactly that with the utmost seriousness. The sisters stood around the well to observe the scene. Shortly after, they heard Ines shout: "Careful! Don't get dirty!" Then they saw Ines pull up the rope, and the key was indeed at the end of the hook! Dumbfounded, they asked:

- "Why did you shout?"

- "Because the Child Jesus was at the bottom of the well; he put the key on the hook, but since he was dressed in very fine clothes, I was afraid he would get dirty with the mud from the well!"

She carried out all her tasks with great love, as Jesus had asked her. When she saw someone sick, she would say, "For you, no; for me, yes!" and **she would ask Jesus if she could take the illness upon herself. Therefore, the sick person would be healed that same day**, and she would suffer from this illness for several days. Many sick people recommended themselves to her, and **she often offered her sufferings for the deliverance of the souls in Purgatory.**



She would talk to people in difficulty or in danger of losing their souls due to serious sins. Her presence exuded a very special fragrance. One day she stood at the bedside of a young woman who wanted to give birth all by herself, in secret, and then drown her baby without anyone knowing. As she cried out in labour pains, a neighbour ran to her. Seeing the awful situation and the woman who was at risk of death, she asked for divine help by invoking Ines. Immediately, she made herself visibly present accompanied with the fragrance of perfumes. She performed the delivery with the skill of a midwife, saved the woman, took in the child and took care of him. She said to this good neighbour: **"I couldn't not come! I will always come when you call me if God allows me. My Guardian Angel always warns me when you call me. Tell this mother to take care of her soul and her child, and to give thanks to God."**

As the requests multiplied, she often bilocated and therefore helped many people. **I imagine that being now in Heaven, with infinitely more power than on earth, she will not fail to help those who call upon her with faith, according to the will of God which she has always sought.**

One day, two Discalced Carmelite priests were going to her convent to preach a retreat on St. Teresa of Avila. But they got lost amidst the rocks and ravines. Ines saw them while in an ecstasy and went to meet them in the guise of a little shepherd boy. Seeing them lost, she asked them:

"Where are you going? Follow me!" She guided them to the convent. When they told the sisters about their adventure, they said that **a little shepherd boy appeared to them, who looked more like an angel from Heaven than a young man...**

She had the gift of prophecy. One day she was asked to pray for an elderly woman and for a 12-year-old girl who was dying of a serious illness. In prayer, she saw that the elderly woman was going to die but that the child would recover, for the Lord wanted her as His spouse in his monastery. When this young woman later entered the convent, she met Ines, who was still alive.

Like St. Faustina and so many other saints, she assisted the dying, especially those at risk of eternal death.



One day, **an elderly woman who had spent her life in a state of mortal sin** was dying in great anguish. She knew Ines and called for her help. She arrived immediately, accompanied by Jesus. To the dying woman's right hand was the Queen of

Heaven, the Archangel St. Michael, St. Peter, St. Paul, the Apostle St. John, St. Barbara, and other saints. **But to her left was a great multitude of enemies**, with distorted faces, who caused the woman great torment.

They insinuated to her that she could under no circumstances invoke Divine Mercy or the intercession of Mary or that of the saints, because she had always lived in a state of mortal sin. They told her they would take her soul to hell. The poor woman was terrified.

Seeing this, Ines offered fervent prayers to God, invoking the intercession of the Virgin Mary and all the saints present at her side. She asked them that this woman would have a peaceful death.

She then saw that Our Lady held in her hands a beautiful rosary, made of gold beads and diamonds, which she presented to her Son Jesus. It was the rosary that this woman had used to pray with. The saints also presented the prayers she had said throughout her life, begging God to give strength and help to this dying woman. Angels came to show the weapons and instruments during Christ's Passion, the Passion that this woman had meditated upon throughout her life. Then, seeing this, in no time at all, the demons fled screaming, and the woman died in peace. **Prayer had overcome the evil plan of the soul-destroyers**, in favor of God's mercy!

These stories, among many others, speak of the power of intercession of this simple Sister Ines.

Question: Would you like to have among your close friends such people, so close to God, always ready to help when we pray to them?

I guess the answer is yes! You can count them among your closest friends! It all depends on you! The saints who eternally enjoy the beatific vision in Heaven are ours, especially when we pray to them with faith. They know us and love us **infinitely, more** than they could have on earth. They ardently desire our inner peace, our path of union with Christ, and above all our eternal salvation; in a word, **they wish the best for us! They are aware of the battles we must wage against darkness** and against ourselves, to choose the light of Christ at all costs; they **have experienced them! Like our Guardian Angels, they are our best friends!**

2. Confusion! Please disregard the texts published under my name on the internet and social networks. Some people, even recently, have attributed words to me by mixing up what I said with what I have never said. Please do not forward this to your contacts, as it is not fair and could harm Mary's plans in Medjugorje. My videos and letters can be found on our website www.sremmanuel.org

3. An inspired explanation!

The last message of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Medjugorje must not be forgotten!

Mary warns us of a very serious danger: **the invasion of ideologies** that, in subtle ways, threaten us. These ideologies present

themselves as bearers of good for humanity, but they are traps because they exclude God.

And without God... there is no future!

The term "ideologies," uttered by Our Lady, is powerful. It's like a bombshell!

To better understand this warning, I asked Gianfranco Amato, an experienced Italian lawyer, to write a clear explanation.

You can find this on our website at the link below, so **please read it carefully!**

<https://sremmanuel.org/pearls/an-inspired-explanation/>



Dearest Gospa, what comfort you give us by following our every step! You have the deep and loving gaze of a Mother who cannot bear to see her child in danger. Today again we want to welcome your words with our hearts and above all, please never let go of your hand, because it is your Son Jesus who sent you to help us walk through these difficult times! What would we do without you, dearest Mother?!

Sister Emmanuel, Community of the Beatitudes

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 August 2025

‘For mutual coexistence’



“

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

”

Pope Francis (RIP)

44th Anniversary of Our Lady's Apparitions Celebrated in Medjugorje -

The Fruits That Feed the Entire World Grown Here

29.06.2025

On Wednesday, June 25, on the 44th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Medjugorje, in addition to numerous pilgrims from Croatia and Bosnia and

Herzegovina, there were also groups of pilgrims from: Ukraine, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Portugal, Belgium, Switzerland,

Austria, Germany, Romania, Slovenia, France, Ireland,

England, Canada, the USA, Argentina, Mexico, Vietnam, Korea, Brazil, the United Arab Emirates and Indonesia.

Throughout the day, as in the days leading up to the anniversary, a multitude of parishioners and pilgrims were at all Medjugorje prayer sites, as well as in the confession lines, and 21 Holy Masses were celebrated throughout the day.

The central Holy Mass celebration at 7 p.m. was presided over by Fr. Antonio Šakota, a priest of the Herzegovinian Franciscan Province who serves as the head of the Croatian Catholic Mission in Bern.

Introducing the Mass celebration, Fr. Antonio said how happy it was to be a part of this vast multitude gathered tonight around the Lord's table!

"The Lord looked at us through his Mother and comforted us, but not only us. Here, the fruits grew from which, as someone said, the whole world is fed today. Those who would like to be here with us today but cannot because of the wars in their countries are also fed. Today, our prayers are directed especially to them. Therefore, the

Queen of Peace, may the Lord today, through your intercession, fill all those who hunger for peace with good things, and send the rich away empty," said Fr.



Antonio Šakota at the beginning of the Holy Mass, which was celebrated with him by the Provincial and vicar of the Herzegovina

Franciscan Province, Fr. Jozo Grbeš and Fr. Miro Šego, the parish priest of

Medjugorje, Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić, and 311 other priests. Fr. Stipe Iličić led the rosary before the Holy Mass.

In his homily, Fr. Antonio Šakota said that we are "gathered today around a mystery that transcends us and at the same time calls us to joyful participation."

"We humans are not exactly inclined to participate in something that is beyond our control. Realities that are beyond our power, and yet require our participation, cause us more discomfort and fear than joy. I can't. I'm not up to it. Why me? What will I get out of it? I didn't exactly plan it that way. She who brought us here and gathered us around her Son also felt, as we heard in the Gospel, discomfort and confusion after the angel announced to her that she would be the Mother of the Son of God. Rejoice, Mary! Do not be afraid, Mary! She who, of all human creatures, knew how to receive the word most perfectly, she also conveys it to us today: "Little children, rejoice! Dear children, do not be afraid!" One: Here I am, is capable of changing the entire world. Your: Here I am, my: Here I am, opens the

sky over our world. Even if you now think or say: "Well, almost nothing in my life was as I imagined"! – rejoice precisely because it was not as you imagined and if you will add this: "Well, my ideas were beautiful and good and noble too" – do not be afraid to open yourself to ideas much greater than your own! "Well, I am not up to that" – who told you that you were up to it? You will be able to do all things in the one who gives you strength. You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit and that your fruit may remain. Do not be afraid, believe! Therefore, once again, rejoice that you can participate in what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ, as St. Paul would say. Do not be afraid, even if you are sent as sheep among wolves. In me you have peace, a peace that the world cannot give. Therefore, let not your heart be troubled and let it not be afraid. I have overcome the world, said Jesus," said Fr. Antonio and he also referred to the beginning of the apparition of the Queen of Peace in Medjugorje when she said: "Peace, Peace, Peace! Peace between man and God! Peace among men! Peace in man! Peace in the world!"

Words spoken 44 years ago seem as if they were spoken today. And the optimistic man of the 21st century cannot be surprised that even today one can wage war and kill and at the same time he will remain indifferent. Who made him indifferent, neither hot nor cold, the worst version of himself? Man decided to go alone, without God, the friend of men. And now there is no one left to tell him that there is also an enemy of men with a personal name – the devil, Satan," said Fr. Antonio, and speaking about the need for peace, he also quoted the words of Pope Francis spoken ten years ago in Sarajevo: "Peace is God's gift and plan for

humanity, history and all of creation, which always encounters opposition from man and evil."

"In this school here, we are taught that it is necessary to call upon God. The One who once and for all defeated the one who is stronger than man. The darkness that looms over our world is actually like a dark, "black cross on which there is no Jesus." The cross without Jesus was a place of curse even 2000 years ago and as we watch this scene, we cry out: Peace, peace, peace. That is why we, disciples of Jesus, in this world that will not give us any privileges for being Christians, are called to live the Gospel. The privilege we have is Jesus' promise of his Peace, while the Hebrew shalom would mean completeness, wholeness. This is God's desire for our life, to be complete and whole. Here, in the school of Mary, we come to that peace, completeness and wholeness above all in awakening the awareness of our election. Here we are called "Dear children", "Little children". Here many have rediscovered their fundamental, unique and inalienable dignity – to be children of God. What joys it is to have a Father in heaven, who is always there and that I cannot fall deeper than into his hands! What hopes in his call, as St. Paul would say. Therefore thank you, Lord, that in this place of grace we discover that we are not just products of chance in the culture of orphans, but your beloved children who are not because they deserved it but because you wanted us because you are love," said Fr. Antonio Šakota, and he referred to the press conference held in the Vatican at which the Note of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith 'Queen of Peace' on the spiritual experience of Medjugorje was presented, and at which Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernandez recalled one of Our Lady's

messages: "Not all religions of the world are equal before God. But you are all my children."

"You are all my children. Grant us, Lord, a little of your heart so that in the adversities of life we can always see what is essential - we are all your children - and so that we can protect

each other, ourselves, our relationship with You, Lord, and the environment in which we live. In this holy school, we learn again about something that we have gradually begun to forget - and that is sacrifice. Because of this forgetfulness of self-offering, society is bursting at the seams, families are falling apart, the Church is bleeding and individuals are spinning in circles around their ego. The path to Cross Mountain and Podbrdo is not easy and it requires sacrifice. You need open eyes to know where to put your foot, you also need patience to reach your goal, and you should stop occasionally to hear what the Lord is saying on the way. It is important to have someone with you so that you can lend a hand if you stumble and not get lost in the dark, and so by setting out alone, I gained a brother and sister on the way. This is a true school of life," said Fr. Antonio and reminded us, "how many of us, precisely in the sweat and effort of Cross Mountain and Podbrdo, with tearful eyes in the intimacy of the confessional, in the silence of adoration and at the Eucharistic table, listening to the words - "for all love, dear Mother" - made decisions of our entire lives in this place!"

"God always speaks and His speech is heard when man is silent and leaves all his worries to Him because He is greater than our hearts," said Fr. Antonio, and he encouraged and concluded with Our Lady's message:

"Little children, I am with you. I am your mother. Do not fear anything. I will protect you, I will guide you, I will help you, do not be afraid."

At the end of the Holy Mass, the parish priest of Medjugorje, Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić, thanked the Lord for this grace and this day and for sending us the



Queen of Peace for 44 years to guide and direct us on the right path.

"Our Lady still calls us to prayer today. Especially to prayer for peace. Let us respond to her call, pray, fast for peace. And let us pray that she may always remain with us and that her maternal

intercession may always accompany us," said the parish priest of Medjugorje, Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić. He then thanked Fr. Antonio Šakota, who presided over the Holy Mass, Fr. Jojo Grbeš, and all the friars and priests concelebrating. He also thanked the parishioners from Vionica who carried the statue of Our Lady, as well as the parish choir of the Queen of Peace and the wind quartet from Trebižat, the police, the ambulance service, the Maltese, the mountain rescue service, the guards, volunteers, nuns, seminarians, novices, priests who hear confessions all day long...

The visionaries Ivan Dragičević and Marija Pavlović Lunetti, as on all days of the novena to the Queen of Peace on the eve of the 44th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady, prayed Mary's hymn of praise, the Magnificat, and after the Holy Mass, adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar followed, which continued in the church until seven in the morning.

The anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady was preceded by a novena. The Rosary was prayed daily for nine days on the Apparition Hill and on the

White Dome of the Church of St. James, where it was led in front of a multitude of believers by Medjugorje parishioners, friars, members of Franciscan secular order, volunteers of Mary's Hands, and residents of the Mother's Village. The Holy Mass in the Novena was celebrated by Fr. Antonio Musa, Fr. Ljubo Kurtović, Fr. Alojzije Slavko Anđelić, Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić, Fr. Danko Perutina, Fr. Miro Šego, Fr. Marin Karačić, Fr. Josip Serdo Cavar, and on the eve of the 44th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions by Fr. Ivan Landeka Jr. With the concelebration of several hundred priests during these nine days.

On the eve of the anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions and the feast of St. John the Baptist, the traditional 34th Peace March from Humac to Medjugorje was held in the morning hours, which gathered a large number of parishioners and pilgrims from all over the world. The procession was led by the parish priest of Medjugorje, Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić, and the visionary Ivan Dragičević, and upon arrival in front of the Medjugorje church, a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament followed. In the afternoon, participants of the 6th votive pilgrimage from Čitluk to Medjugorje also arrived in Medjugorje, which concluded the great novena of this parish to the Queen of Peace, in which they walked every Sunday from the Čitluk church to the Apparition Hill.

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

28th International Spiritual Retreat for Priests in Medjugorje

With the Eucharistic celebration on Friday, July 4 at 11 a.m., presided over by Archbishop Aldo Cavalli, Apostolic Visitor with a special role for the parish of Medjugorje, the 28th International Spiritual Renewal for Priests in Medjugorje was completed.

The meeting began on Monday, June 30, and the theme was: "Let's go to the house of the Lord!". About 250 priests from 38 countries of the world participated in this spiritual retreat, from: the USA, India, Vietnam, England, Malawi, Sri Lanka, Denmark, Lithuania, Romania, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Peru, Mexico, Costa Rica, China, Belgium, Congo, Burkina Faso, Thailand, Belgium, Kazakhstan, Hungary, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Chad, Slovenia, Serbia, Poland, Canada, Slovakia, Ghana, Cameroon, Nigeria, the Netherlands, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The coordinator of the spiritual renewal was the parish priest of Medjugorje, Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić.

"These spiritual retreats are very important. Everyone needs to stop. Not only priests, everyone needs spiritual renewal, seminar, fasting, prayer, reflection... It is good to pause, to hear reflections on the priesthood, where I grow as a priest by absorbing and learning from the experience of an older priest, and then from meetings and conversations with other priests. This is truly a great treasure, not only this one, but every spiritual renewal", said Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić and emphasized that everyone needs a priest and that we should pray for priests.

The lecturer at this spiritual retreat was Don Mladen Parlov, a priest of the Archdiocese of Split-Makarska, a full professor at the Catholic Faculty of Theology of the University of Split, who said that "rarely can one experience the mystery of the Catholic Church as in Medjugorje".



"A lot of people, so many different people, here are priests from 38 countries, and one. Every one is my brother. I don't know him, but he's

my brother. I do not say this symbolically, but I really experience it that way, and each of them experiences it. Let's say goodbye, you see the smile on your face, you see the love... That means I would be a Catholic, a member of the Catholic Church, and this is very clearly experienced in Medjugorje. If it is experienced anywhere in the world, it is very vividly experienced here.

Medjugorje is, I would say, a gift from God to the Catholic Church and the Croatian people at the end of the 20th and 21st centuries. I think that, as time goes by, the message of Medjugorje will be more and more important, and that is peace, it is reconciliation, it is the brotherhood of people", said Don Mladen Parlov and called for prayer for new, but also for existing spiritual vocations.

In the five days of this spiritual renewal, the priests had lectures, adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, participated in the evening prayer program, prayed at the grave of Fr. Slavko Barbarić, Apparition Hill, Cross Mountain, where they confessed to each other.



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