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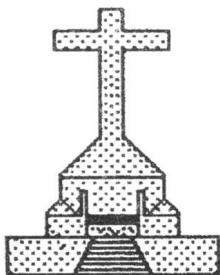
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# **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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## **OUR MINISTRY**

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

**PRAYER, FASTING**

**HOLY-SCRIPTURE, CONFESSION**

**EUCCHARIST**

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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*

**3rd Sunday of the month  
4pm**

**21st September 2025**

**19th October 2025**

**Our Blessed  
Lady Immaculate**

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**MEDJUGORJE CENTRE NORTH EAST PILGRIMAGE**

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**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2026**

*led by Fr. Martin Morris*

**Important Information for Pilgrims – Medjugorje 2026**

This pilgrimage follows the safeguarding guidance from the Hexham & Newcastle Diocese. Please note:

- **No medical or care support is provided.** All pilgrims must be over 18 and able to care for themselves or attend with a carer.
- **Wheelchair users are welcome** but must book with an able-bodied helper and inform Northern Star Travel of all needs in advance. Wheelchairs not pre-advised may be refused by the airline.
- **Mountain climbs** (Apparition Hill & Cross Mountain) involve risks—participants climb at their own responsibility, and should ensure their travel insurance covers such activities.

**Sunday 7th—14th June 2026**

**Cost per person: £815 sharing, £955 in single room  
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## OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

*Given 25th August 2025 to Marija Pavlovic*



“Dear children, my little children, my beloved ones; you are chosen because you have responded, you have put into practice my instructions and love God above all else. Therefore, little children, pray with all your heart that my words may be realized. Fast, sacrifice yourselves, love out of love for God Who created you, and be, little children, my extended hands to this world that has not come to know the God of love. 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,

In all her messages, Our Lady often calls us her, “little Children.” In this expression we see her caring, motherly, and feminine tenderness. However, this expression is also used in Sacred Scripture. Jesus himself calls his Disciples, *little children* during his farewell discourse before his passion. “Little children, I shall be with you only a little while longer.” (John 21: 33). He calls them *little children* when he appears to them after his Resurrection, “Have you caught anything little children” (John 21: 5) In his letters St. John the apostle writes, “Children, you are from God and have overcome them, because he who is in you is

greater than he who is in the world.” (1 John. 4. 4)

When Our Lady calls us her *little children* she does so in the same way Scripture uses this phrase. It is neither passive, immature or demeaning. A maturity is required from us in the life of Faith, in our families, in our professional work, and in that Faith we are invited to ‘*littleness before God.*’ As children of God we come before him, who is able to give us strength to act, to live, and so strengthen others. God is someone who wants to carry us, warm us, cradle us. “*As a child has rest in it's mothers arms, even so my soul.*” (psalm 13.)

Our Lady then says, “**My beloved ones, you are chosen because you have responded, you have**

**put into practise my instructions and love God above all else.”**

With millions of pilgrims over these past forty four years we have had the experience that it is better to live with God, to know how to encounter him in prayer, the Holy Mass, in Holy confession and in fasting. We have discovered how good it is to choose God and his Kingdom. We have heard Our Lady's call and we responded. Our Lady is telling us here in a clear way what her desire has been during this time. To call as many of her children as possible to God's plan. To receive the new life from the God of peace, and for each of us to become the witnesses to others of God's love and goodness. To put God first in our lives is the most beautiful thing, to be part of God's plan. The most beautiful part of the Medjugorje phenomenon is the realisation that so many discovered God's plan within themselves and then decided for God with great enthusiasm. This we can only trace back to Our Lady's Motherly love.

So Our Lady continues, **“Therefore little children, Pray with all your heart, that my words might be realised.”** Our Lady asks us to pray with the heart, that is with faith and love. To speak to God as we would a dear one. To be sincere in our prayer, always remembering that Our Lady is inviting us to be part of her plans. Plans of peace and

goodness for our lives. All the words our Lady has spoken over the years have a realisation in the plan of God. That is our Salvation and the peace of humanity.

**“Fast, Sacrifice yourselves, love out of love for God who created you, and be little children, my extended hands to this world that has not come to know the God of love.”**

By Fasting and Renunciation we become stronger in faith. Fasting overcomes fear and bad habits. Renunciation frees our inner selves from things we do not really need. Begin small; do small little fasts, and offer small little sacrifices. God sees all our efforts. Mary is calling us not only to Fast and offer sacrifices, but to renounce all our false attachments and dependencies that impede our life of Faith.

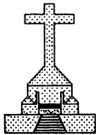
Our Lady mentions *God the Creator*. To believe more in God the Creator means to love more, to accept every life as a gift, and all he created us for us in his love. To believe in God the Creator means to believe, to accept life, to love life, and to protect it. It sometimes seems that death and destruction have taken over our world, that causes many people to distrust in God the creator. But our Lady calls us to trust that God the Creator is stronger than all of this and that in his Son, he has conquered sin and death.

Let us extend our hands towards  
Our Lady and open our hearts to  
her Immaculate Motherly heart,  
that we might humbly and  
obediently follow her example,  
and like her be a reflection of  
Gods love to others.

God Bless,  
**Fr. Martin**

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 every-  
thing.

*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

### The Jubilee Plenary Indulgence

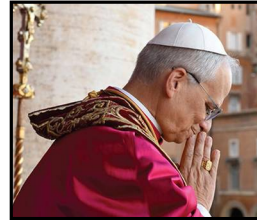
One of the conditions required to gain a Plenary Indulgence is to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. Usually this can be attained by simply praying one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

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 September 2025

**‘For our relationship with  
all of creation’**



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Let us pray that, inspired by  
Saint Francis, we might  
experience our interdependence  
with all creatures who are loved  
by God and worthy of love and  
respect.

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*Pope Leo XIV*



## REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

*of The Community of The Beatitudes*

**[www.sremmanuel.org](http://www.sremmanuel.org)**

**Medjugorje, August 21, 2025**

### **1. Let us enter into the heart of St Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower!**

Who doesn't know "Little Thérèse," declared by Pope Pius XI as "**the greatest saint of modern times**"? And yet, she never did anything extraordinary like St Teresa of Avila or St John of the Cross did. But she achieved the extraordinary by **pouring the maximum amount of love into the simplest and most insignificant** acts of daily life, something within everyone's reach. Not feeling capable of heroic deeds and knowing herself to be loved to the extreme by God, she conceived in her heart a very simple way to walk with certainty on the path to holiness and throw herself into the arms of God with the same confidence as the great saints.

**"I have no desire, except to love Jesus madly" she says.**



During her short life, **the Holy Spirit inspired her with a path, her famous "little way,"** so short and so straight, intended for little souls who

cannot climb the steep staircase of perfection...

"What a sweet joy to think that the Good Lord is just, that is to say, that **He takes our weaknesses into account, that He knows perfectly the fragility of our nature. What then should I be afraid of?...** [Ms A, 84r°]

I understand so well that only love can make us pleasing to the Good Lord, that this love is the only good I aspire to. Jesus delights to show me the only path that leads to this divine furnace, this path is the abandonment of the little child who falls asleep without fear in his father's arms... [Ms B, 1v°]

**"Whoever is little, let him come to me!"** (Prov 9:4)

**"Therefore, I came!** [Ms C, 3r°].... and this is what I found: 'As a mother caresses her child, so I will comfort you; I will carry you in my bosom and rock you on my knees!' (Is 66:12-13) Ah! Never have more tender, more melodious words come to delight my soul; **the elevator that will lift me to Heaven is your arms, O Jesus!** For this, I have no need to grow; on the contrary, I must remain small, becoming smaller and smaller more and more so. **O my God, you have exceeded my expectations,** and I want to 'sing your mercies.'" (Ps 89:2)

Thérèse had nothing left to do but abandon herself to the Lord, in that childlike spirit that is

her unique characteristic. It is in this divine word that she discovered **her little path, this marvelous shortcut to holiness and to Heaven.**

"Abandonment alone guides me; I have no other compass," she said. [MsA 83r°]

**Why talk about her today? To talk about her is to speak about love,** it is to put ourselves in the school of love, as Our Lady has been teaching us for 44 years.

She taught us how to truly love, and we need it so much! Are we not like those persons thirsting for love who do not see the well of living water offered to them?

Speaking of the signs of the times, Our Lady asks us: "Do you not recognize that **everything around you, everything that happens, comes from the fact that there is no love?**" (Oct 2, 2014) Echoing these words of Jesus: "In the latter times, love will grow cold among many." (Mt 24:12)



**2. According to the visionary Mirjana Soldo,** Mary calls us to pray above all "for those who do not yet know the love of God." Thérèse had already understood this and she gave her life for it: "Jesus made me a fisher of souls," she said, "I felt a great desire to work for the conversion of sinners... **In a word, I felt charity**

**entering my heart, the need to forget myself in order to please (God and others), and since then, I have been happy."** [MsA 45v°]

On the Feast of the Holy Trinity (June 9, 1895), Thérèse waded into deep waters... "I received the grace to understand more than ever how much Jesus desires to be loved. I thought of the souls who offer themselves as victims to God's Justice. This offering seemed great and generous to me, but I was far from feeling inclined to make it. "Oh my God," I cried deep in my heart, "will it be only your Justice that will receive souls immolating themselves as victims? Does not your merciful love also need them? On all sides it is misunderstood, rejected... **Oh my God! Will your despised Love remain in your heart?** It seems to me that if you find souls offering themselves as Victims of holocausts to your Love, you would quickly consume them, **it seems to me that you would be happy not to repress the floods of infinite tenderness that are in You...** If your Justice loves to be satisfied, that which extends only on earth, how much more does your Merciful Love desire to set souls ablaze, since your Mercy rises up to the Heavens... **O my Jesus! May I be that happy victim!** Consume your holocaust by the fire of your Divine Love!" (MsA.84v°)

Similarly, in Medjugorje, Our Lady seeks us and calls us: "Dear children, I need you. **I need hearts that are ready for an immeasurable love.** Hearts that are not weighed

down by vanities. Hearts that are ready to love as my Son loved, that are ready to sacrifice themselves as my Son sacrificed Himself. I need you!" (July 2, 2009)

**On June 11, 1895**, with Mother Agnès' (Pauline) permission, Thérèse led her sister Geneviève (Céline) with her, **and together they recited the Act of Offering to Merciful Love** before the Statue of the Blessed Mother who had smiled at her one day, when she was sick. (pr. 6) How many souls did she bring back to the Lord through this total offering of herself?



**3. A little-known event then occurred three days later.** "Well," she recounts, "I was beginning my Way of the Cross and suddenly **I was seized by such a violent love for God that I can only explain it by saying that it was as if I had been plunged entirely into fire.** Oh, what fire and what sweetness at the same time! **I was burning with love and if I had felt that for one more minute, one second longer, I would not have been able to bear this ardor without dying.** I understood then what the saints say about these states that they have experienced so often. For me, I only experienced it once and for one moment, then I

immediately fell back into my usual dryness." [CJ, 7/07/1897]

This is how, with everyday words, **Thérèse describes this "wound of love,"** this remarkable grace she received from the Lord, a fire that secretly engulfed her heart and of which she would speak again to Mother Agnès shortly before her death:

"My dear Mother, you who allowed me to offer myself thus to the Good Lord, **you know the rivers, or rather the oceans of grace that have flooded my soul...** Ah! Since that happy day, it seems to me that Love penetrates and surrounds me, **it seems to me that at every moment this Merciful Love renews me, purifies my soul and leaves no trace of sin there, so I cannot fear purgatory...**" [Ms A, 84v°]



**4. A future for us!** Thérèse is imitable in her little way, and many choose her as their spiritual mother. But she is not imitable in this "wound of love," **since it is a pure and free intervention of God,** totally unexpected.

St. Francis of Assisi is imitable in his love of poverty, but he is not imitable in the stigmata he received on Monte Verna, a pure intervention of God. Carlo Acutis is imitable in his marvelous faithfulness to Christ in a



world that is rejecting Him, but he is not imitable in the fact that he received inner locutions from his Guardian Angel.

Today, **these "oceans of graces" that flooded Thérèse's soul are for us—that is the good news!** It is important to emphasize this. Her treasure is for us! This wound of love that mysteriously transformed Thérèse and made her even more fruitful in graces is for us, for the Church and all humanity! This is the gift always offered to each of us by this great saint! **"I want to spend my Heaven doing good on earth,"** she said. Until the end of the world, Thérèse will never cease to send down to earth her "rain of roses," those graces she intends for all those who pray to her with confidence: **peace, healings, liberations, consolations, conversions, reconciliations...** These are the roses she has promised to send us.



In Medjugorje, Our Lady always invites us to follow the example of the saints. So let us take advantage of the special graces they have received! **Let us not forget that we are all called to holiness** and that God dispenses a flood of graces to all those who seek Him with all their heart and who work ardently to please him.

"Dear children," Mary tells us, "I am always among you because **with my infinite love, I desire to show you the door of Heaven.** I wish to tell you how it opens: through goodness, mercy, love, and peace—through my Son." (June 2, 2012)

*Dearest Gospa, please, always show us the path to Heaven, you know how the world never ceases to push us toward the other path, and the struggle is intense. As Thérèse did, we choose to walk with you, dear Mother, toward your son Jesus, the only source of true happiness.*

Sister Emmanuel,  
Community of the Beatitudes



**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.**

## MESSAGE FROM POPE LEO XIV

to the participants of the 36th Youth Festival Medjugorje,  
August 4th – 8th, 2025

### Dear young people,

I am pleased to address you with a message on the occasion of the 36<sup>th</sup> Youth Festival, which, like every year, reunites you in Medjugorje. You come from many countries around the world: I cordially greet you with the greeting of the Risen Lord: "Peace be with you!"

In recent days, you have reflected on the motto chosen for this Festival: "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Ps 122:1). This verse speaks to us of the journey, of the desire that moves us toward God, toward His dwelling place, where we can truly be at home, because His love awaits us. How can we journey toward the house of the Lord without taking the wrong direction? Jesus told us, "I am the way" (Jn 14:6): He Himself accompanies us, guides us, and strengthens us on our journey. His Spirit opens our eyes and shows us what we could not understand on our own.

On the journey of life, we never walk alone. Our path always intertwines with that of someone else: we are created to encounter one another, to walk together, and to discover a common goal. Therefore, I gladly share with you the thought of Saint Augustine, who does not speak of the house of the Lord as a distant destination, but proclaims the joy of walking together, as a people on a pilgrimage: "Let us go, let us go! Thus they speak to one another, and,

creating a flame for one another, they form a single flame. And this single flame, born from the one who speaks, transmits to the other the flame with which it burns" (Saint Aurelius Augustine, *Enarrationes in Psalmos*, PL 37, p. 1619). What a marvelous



image! No one walks alone: we encourage each other, we help each other. The flames of our hearts unite and become one great flame that lights the path. You, dear young people, are not solitary

pilgrims. This journey toward the Lord is realized together. This is the beauty of the faith lived in the Church.

In our daily encounters, we walk together on our pilgrimage toward the house of the Lord. In this sense, dear friends, you know well that we live in an increasingly digital world, where artificial intelligence and technology offer us countless opportunities. Remember: no algorithm can replace an embrace, a gaze, a true encounter, whether with God or with our friends or our family. Remember Mary: she also undertook a challenging journey to meet her cousin Elizabeth. It was not easy, but she succeeded, and that encounter brought joy: John the Baptist rejoiced in his mother's womb, recognizing the living presence of the Lord in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Therefore, following Mary's example, I encourage you to seek true encounters. Rejoice together and do not be afraid to weep with

those who weep, as Saint Paul tells us: " Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Rom 12:15).

You have come to Medjugorje from many nations, and perhaps you feel that language or culture are a barrier to encounter: be courageous. There is a language stronger than any obstacle, and it is the language of faith, nourished by God's love. You are members of His Body, which is the Church: meet each other, get to know each other, share your experiences. Only in this way, walking together, supporting one another, illuminating each other's path, we will reach the house of the Lord. What a joy it is to know we are welcome in the Father's house, embraced by His love, and to know that we must not walk alone, but together!

If any of you, during this pilgrimage of life, feel a special call to the consecrated life or the priesthood, I urge you not to be afraid to respond. This call, which you feel resonating within you, comes from God; it speaks to our hearts. Listen to it with trust: the word of the Lord, in fact, not only makes us truly free and happy, but also authentically fulfills us as persons and as Christians.

Dear young people, as I entrust each of you to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Christ and our Mother, I accompany you with my prayers. May the Most Holy Virgin encourage and guide you on the path of life, so that you may become messengers of peace and hope.

From my heart, I impart my Apostolic Blessing to all.

## OCTOBER PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025**

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