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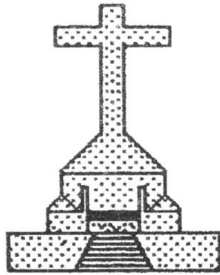
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# **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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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*

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

**19th October 2025**

**16th November 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*

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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**

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## OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

*Given 25th September 2025 to Marija Pavlovic*



“Dear children, May this time for you be a time of prayer for peace. 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, there is a saying, 'less is more.' This month's message from Our Lady is short, one sentence, but we could call it a synthesis of the Medjugorje spirituality, that goes to the very foundations of the apparitions of the Queen of Peace.

Let us return to the very first day of Our Lady's coming, June, 24<sup>th</sup>, 1981. Speaking to the five children, Mary introduced herself as 'The Queen of Peace' and said, "Peace must reign between God and Man." So for the last forty four years Mary, as the Queen of peace has invited us on the path to conversion, which means overcoming our lack of peace, by drawing close to God, who is the source of all peace.

The peace Our Lady invites us to, isn't some sentimental or superficial peace, but a peace that is from God and rooted in his life and love. **"Peace I leave, my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, do I give it to you."** ( John : 14: 27.)

Our Lady says, "*May this time for you be a time of prayer for peace.*" This simple invitation, this simple plea, comes from the heart of our Heavenly Mother who wants only the good for her children. Humanity has lost it's way, and Our Lady shows us how to move forward. This means listening to her, and letting her guide us at this crucial time for world peace. It means making a decision for God, and that guidance begins with the Creed that we pray at the start of the Rosary, which is our path to peace.

Distance from god is the lack of peace in so many hearts today, and in the life of the world. The wars currently raging in our world are the result of sin, and the distance humanity has placed between itself and God. Man is God's creature, and God is the source of all life, the one who invites us into communion with him. To distance oneself from God, means to leave ourselves isolated and vulnerable, and lacking inner peace.

So many in the world today are really restless and their hearts cry out like St. Augustine, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee.” Humanity can only find its true peace with a total and radical conversion to God. His name is ‘Emmanuel’. – God with us and for us, the path of conversion is the path of Joy leading us out of the distance into communion with God and into his true peace.

We have begun the month of October, traditionally *the month of the Holy Rosary*. Our Lady invites us in Medjugorje to pray the Rosary daily.

Can we aim to pray the Rosary during this month everyday for peace, as Mary asks? Can we come together in our parishes, prayer groups, in whatever way we can and respond to this simple request of Our Lady, **“Dear children, may this time for you be a time of prayer for peace.”**

This message should make us all very reflective, it should touch us deeply. The Mother of God is calling; let us be generous in our response.

God Bless,  
**Fr. Martin**

### Pope Leo urges Catholics to pray daily Rosary for Peace in October

*Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to join in praying the Rosary every day during October to invoke God's gift of peace, and announces a Rosary in St. Peter's Square on October 11 as part of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality.*

*By Devin Watkins*

Catholics across the globe will unite to pray the Rosary for peace in war-torn lands, especially during the month of October, which the Church dedicates to the Holy Rosary.

Pope Leo XIV made the announcement at the Wednesday General Audience.

He said the faithful in Rome will gather in St. Peter's Square on October, 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

“I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community,” he said.

The Pope also invited Vatican employees to pray the Rosary daily in St. Peter's Basilica at 7:00 PM throughout October.

In his greetings to Portuguese pilgrims, Pope Leo lamented the “ruins wrought by murderous hatred.”

He invited Christians to share with others “the love of Jesus that illumines and lifts up humanity.”

The Rosary for Peace will be held during the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, which takes place on October 11-12.

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[Our Lady of Fatima to travel to Rome for the Jubilee in October](#)

That day also marks the 63rd anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, which Pope St. John XXIII opened on October 11, 1962.

The original image of Our Lady of Fatima will be in St. Peter's Square for the Rosary prayer and the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality.



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

**Medjugorje, September 13, 2025**  
 5<sup>th</sup> apparition in Fatima

**1. How to react to blasphemy?** In Medjugorje, many pilgrims confide in us that one of the greatest sufferings within their families, at work, or among their loved ones is hearing God's name frequently taken in vain. This hurts them deeply, and they try their best to silence the blasphemer, but they are unsuccessful. They reproach them for the blasphemy, they emphasize its horror, and express their profound disapproval. But this only worsens the atmosphere and poisons relationships.

In Medjugorje, Our Lady gave us some enlightening advice: **"Do not enter into an argument!"** she said. Let's follow this advice to the letter!

I think of this maternal advice when I hear pilgrims talk about this, and I invite them to completely change their attitude toward the blasphemer.

**First of all, keep quiet; it's essential.**

**Pretend you didn't hear anything.** It is all about the painful silence of Jesus on the Cross that He breaks to say,

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," while He dies of thirst for souls. It is right to remain silent in our heart, offering our suffering and forgiveness.



**Invoke God's help to maintain peace of heart at all costs,** and behave as if one had heard something which is uninteresting. Do not react, because expressing our disapproval can produce the opposite effect and provoke an increase in blasphemy. The peace of our heart must not depend on what others do or say (even if it's difficult at times!), for Jesus Himself is the source of our peace!

**What should we do then?** Bless the Lord fervently and praise Him from the depths of our hearts. Thus, the praises and blessings will go straight to His Heart and cover the effect of blasphemy. We can also recite a few verses from the psalms; they will be of great help, for the Word of God is a double-edged sword!

The blasphemer will tire of blaspheming before we tire of blessing.

This attitude of silence and prayer also applies to any situation where we hear hurtful, hateful, violent, or indecent words. Sometimes, it is even necessary to leave the room. St Thérèse of the Child Jesus gives us an example: faced with a sister who exasperated her, fearing she would not be able to contain a negative reaction, she sometimes preferred to leave the room.

This painful situation is also the right moment to recite inwardly this magnificent prayer that the Angel of Fatima (Portugal) taught the three little shepherds:

**"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 is offended." By the infinite merits of His Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I ask you for the conversion of poor sinners."

**2. The Shepherd's Voice.** A shepherd from the Karlsruhe region (Germany) discovered one day that his entire flock, 111 sheep, had been stolen during the night; meaning that in the space of

one night, all his belongings had disappeared. **Needless to say, he was in a state of immense anguish!** He immediately reported the theft to the police, who began to search for the animals. A few weeks later, the authorities learned there was a plan in Cologne to transport 5,000 sheep to Turkey by train. They asked the shepherd to go to the train station to check if his sheep were in the convoy.

On the day the sheep were to be loaded, the shepherd stood with the police at the freight station. The enormous flock passed in front of them. At regular intervals, the shepherd gave his call.

**Like all shepherds, he had a unique way of whistling to gather his sheep** when he was with them in the countryside. The authorities could not believe their eyes when they saw that little by little, one after the other, **the sheep were breaking away from the large mass of small livestock and gathering around their shepherd.** Once the other animals were loaded onto the train, the small flock remaining near the shepherd was counted. To everyone's surprise, **there were exactly 111 sheep. Not a single one was missing!** The police were very impressed and understood without a shadow of a doubt that these sheep truly belonged to the shepherd.

(Reported by the Swiss-German newspaper St. Galler Tagblatt on August 3, 2013)



**3. How can we not think of Jesus, our divine Shepherd, who tells us:** "The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens to him and the sheep listen to his voice, and he calls his own sheep one by one and leads them out... he goes ahead of them and **the sheep follow him because they know His voice...**" (Jn 10:2-4)

**And we, do we hear His voice?** "I speak to all souls," Jesus said to St. Faustina. But not all souls hear the murmur of His voice. Here are some excerpts from Sr. Faustina's Diary:

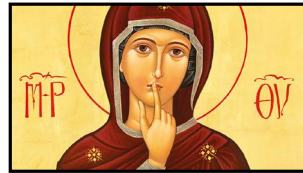
"Silence is a sword in spiritual combat. **A talkative soul will never achieve holiness.** The sword of silence will cut through anything that would cling to the soul." (Diary § 477)

"The silent soul is strong; if it perseveres in silence, no opposition will touch it. The silent soul is capable of uniting itself with God in the most profound way; it almost always lives under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; **in the silent soul, God acts without encountering any obstacle.**" (Diary § 477)

"The Holy Spirit does not address the dissipated and talkative soul, but **He speaks through silent inspirations to the silent soul.**" (Diary § 552)

**"Try to live in recollection, so that you may hear My voice,** which is so sweet that only recollected souls can hear it..." (Diary § 1779)

These are precious words, of primary importance for our time when noise so often imposes itself upon us and **robs us of the intimacy we could have with the Lord!**



**4. Dearest Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati,** what a celebration it was in heaven and on earth at your canonization last Sunday!

Now more than ever, come to the aid of the young people throughout the world! They are so tender and impressionable! Come visit the hearts of each of them, give them your enthusiasm for this great gift from God that is life! **Protect them from evil that wants to devour them. Keep away from them the traps of all kinds that are set for them! Accompany them in their desire to love and be loved! Help them**

discover with what love they are loved and **cherished by their Creator from the moment of their conception**, and what a maternal heart they find in the Blessed Virgin Mary! **Give them the ability to discern good from evil** and never to fall into the subtle and fatal trap of "Everyone does it...". **Help and console parents who, like yours, have lost a child.**

For, **"Do not forget, dear children, that each of you is a unique world in the eyes of the Heavenly Father!"** Mary tells us. (May 2, 2016).

**This is not the time to be idle; the world is on fire!**



**5. A few pearls of wisdom from Carlo Acutis...**

"Infinity is our Homeland. We are always awaited in Heaven."

"Our Compass must be the Word of God, which we must constantly confront."

**"The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven...** The more we receive Holy Communion, the more we will become like Jesus, and already on this earth, we will have a foretaste of Heaven... If we approach the Eucharist every day,

we go straight to Heaven... **When we stand before the sun, we tan. When we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints."**

**"All are born as originals, but many die as photocopies."**

**"To be always united to Jesus is the purpose of my life... Find God, and you will find the meaning of your life... Everything passes... What will make us truly beautiful in the eyes of God will be the way we have loved Him and our brothers and sisters."**

**"I offer to the Lord all the suffering I must endure, for the Pope and for the Church, in order to go directly to Heaven and avoid Purgatory..."**

**"I die in serenity because I have lived my life without wasting even a minute on things that do not please God."**

***Dearest Gospa, the path to holiness that you propose to us is not easy. But how beautiful it is! It leads us to where you are, that is, to Heaven. And before Heaven, even in the midst of a world that has not known God's love, we have true peace of heart, the peace that our God gives us through your maternal hands!***

Sister Emmanuel,  
Community of the Beatitudes



## Bishop Petar Palić presided over the Holy Mass on the final evening of the 36th Youth Festival

The last, fourth evening of the 36th Youth Festival ended with the farewell mission, or the gifting of the rosaries to the representatives of young people from 71 countries from which pilgrims came to this Youth Festival. They were presented by the Bishop of Mostar-Duvno and Apostolic Administrator of the Trebinje-Mrkan Diocese, Msgr. Petar Palić, and the Apostolic Visitor with a special role for the parish of



Medjugorje, Archbishop Aldo Cavalli. "Dear young people, accept the rosary, that is Mary's hand that she offers you to walk through life with Jesus and Mary and to learn from them! Be evangelizers in your family, in your city, in your country," said the parish priest of Medjugorje, Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić, and with this mission they are also invited to pass on to their countries, to their families and parish communities what they received in Medjugorje.

At the end, they were all blessed by Bishop Palić, who presided over the Holy Mass. The concelebrants were Archbishop Aldo Cavalli, Bishops Vlado Košić, Everard de Jong, Guido Gallese and Domenico Sigalini, and 596 other priests. During the Holy Mass, the young people brought a canvas to the altar on which they had written their prayers and thanksgivings in the previous days.

At the beginning of his homily, Bishop Palić, referring to the motto that had guided the young people in the last days in Medjugorje, **"Let us go to the house of the Lord"** (Ps 122:1), he also explained the Mass readings to them.

"In the Book of Numbers, we heard the story of the people of Israel who were

left without water in the Sin Desert. After forty years of walking, the thirst became unbearable and the people grumbled against Moses and

Aaron: "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to bring us to this miserable place... in this desert, to die here, we and our livestock?" This is a question that reveals their distrust, their forgetfulness of the miraculous works that God had already done for them.

In the Gospel, however, Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And then, even more directly: "But you, who do you say that I am?" Peter responds with a magnificent confession of faith: "You are the Christ - the Anointed One, the Son of the living God," said Bishop Palić, adding that these texts speak "about our connection with God and our journey towards his Home."

He said that we all know the experience of the desert and sometimes, like the Israelites, we grumble, and that the physical thirst of the Israelites "symbolizes a deeper thirst: that of meaning, of presence, of God himself," so he put before them the thought of St. John Paul II, who loved young people: "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ!"

"However, the opening of the door to Christ also means accepting his path, which goes to the cross. Like Peter, we too often say: "You are the Christ," but then we add: "but the cross, let it remain aside." We want a faith that brings us only momentary comfort, not a faith that calls us to conversion and sacrifice.

This place, Medjugorje, has become for many like Horeb, where water flowed

from the rock. How many young people have found the source of the living water here! How many have experienced Peter's discovery here, recognizing who Jesus is," said Bishop Petar Palić, who emphasized that the House of the Lord is not just a physical place, but it is a "communion with Him, it is the living Church, it is the Heaven that awaits us," but that "the path to that House leads through the trust, like the one that was lacking among the people in the desert, and through the acceptance of the cross, which was lacking among Peter."

He ended with the same question that Jesus asked his disciples: "And you, who do you say that Jesus Christ is?" He invited the young people not to answer with words they had learned by heart, but to answer with their lives, and then said that his wish for everyone was to recognize "Christ as living water that quenches your every thirst, as a solid rock on which you will build your life, as a faithful friend who walks with you towards the Father's house."

Before the evening prayer-liturgical program, the rosary that was recited by Fr. Mate Tadić starting at 6 p.m., the members of the Cenacolo community presented their testimony about the path of addiction and the way out of it, or rather about what, as they say, "God did through them," with lots of music, song and dance.

In the morning part of the program, after the prayer, as every morning, led by Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić, catechesis was given to the young people by the provincial of the Herzegovina Franciscan Province, Fr. Jozo Grbeš. Then Keith Kelly from Ireland testified about how he went from being a troubled teenager from a troubled family to becoming a youth educator. It all took place with the help of the Queen of Peace in Medjugorje, and

with the intercession of the Queen of Peace, he also got married. He invited the young people to change their false way of thinking when they think they will lose something if they surrender their lives to God.

The Information Center Mir Medjugorje presented its centers operating around the world for ten language areas.

"The family of the Information Center Mir Medjugorje is not just us here in Medjugorje, because we cannot do it alone. Our family is made up of ten other information centers throughout the world, which are the Centers for the German, Spanish, English, Italian, Slovak, Ukrainian, Russian, Chinese, Czech, and Portuguese speaking areas, and over 150 volunteers work in them all over the world," said the director of the Information Center Mir Medjugorje Vedran Vidović, highlighting some of the activities that the Centers do, which are organizing pilgrimages, regular prayer meetings, prayer meetings for peace... He also invited the young people at this Youth Festival, if there is no Center in their language, to come forward and to try to establish new centers together.

The work of these centers around the world was praised and thanked for their work by the parish priest of Medjugorje, Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić, who visited some of these centers where he witnessed, encouraged, met with many who cannot come to Medjugorje, and brought Our Lady's message...

Fr. Danko Perutina, president of the Board of the Information Center Mir Medjugorje and one of the spiritual fathers of these centers, said that Our Lady gives messages to the whole world and that she is not the mother only of us Christians but of all people and wants to bring us all to her son.

At the end, Oriol Vives, president of

the Centro Medjugorje Foundation for the Spanish-speaking area, presented the work of the centers, and a video wall showed what Medjugorje meetings look like around the world. Oriol Vives said that they organize prayer groups, spiritual retreats, prayer meetings, pilgrimages...

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

**Prayer Intention for  
October 2025**

**‘For collaboration between  
different religious  
traditions’**



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Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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*Pope Leo XIV*

## **OCTOBER PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

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