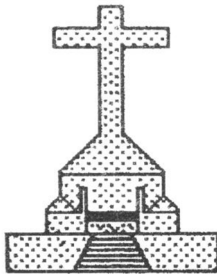

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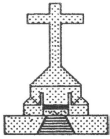
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OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

Given 25th September 2015 to Marija Pavlovic



Dear children! “ Also today I am praying to the Holy Spirit to fill your hearts with a strong faith. Prayer and faith will fill your heart with love and joy and you will be a sign for those who are far from God. Little children, encourage each other to prayer with the heart, so that prayer may fulfil your life; and each day, you, little children, will be, above all, witnesses of serving God in adoration and of your neighbour in need. I am with you and intercede for all of you. Thank you for having responded to my call. ”

Fr. Martin Morris's Reflection

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Medjugorje North East and beyond, Our Blessed Lady is with us and Interceding for us. Praise God! We must not lose sight of this and the uniqueness of the times we are living in, for Mary calls us to be the “**Signs**” of the times.

Let us begin our reflection this month by turning to the Holy Scriptures. In the Acts of the Apostles 1:14: we see Mary in the Upper room with the Apostles awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They are praying, we are told, “*Together with Mary the Mother of Jesus they joined in continuous prayer.*” This is very important. In their hour of need and desolation Mary encourages the disciples to pray. All their answers are to be found in Prayer. “**Also**

today I am Praying to the Holy Spirit to fill your hearts with a strong Faith.” In all the events of her life from the Annunciation, through the Cross to Pentecost, Mary is presented by St. Luke as a woman of recollected prayer and meditation on the mystery of God's saving plan in Christ. In the upper room at Pentecost we see Mary's position in the Church who prays in and with the believers at this and every decisive moment of Salvation history. This is happening in our own times, The Mother of God is with us, praying with us, gathering the faithful together. Once more she teaches us the need for prayer and Adoration, so that with her we may implore the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and our hearts be filled with his presence and a strong Faith. “**Prayer and Faith will fill your**

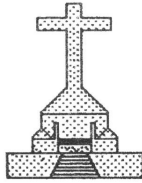
heart with Joy and Love, and you will be a sign for those who are far from God.”

When the fullness of God’s Spirit begins to dwell in us, then we really become new people and this is the spiritual renewal Mary encourages us towards, to become the **“Signs”** of goodness, Mercy and love.

Our Lady especially wants us to give witness to those who are far from God. This call or work that Mary is giving us comes together with her intention that she has been praying for with Mirjana since 2nd August 1987- that everyone who has not experienced God’s love may do so. Who are those who are far from God? Those who are Baptised, but do not live their faith. Those who say *“I Believe”* *“Credo”* but don’t really, who do not live their Faith, or attend Mass, or Confession. Those who have forgot good works and Prayer. Those who are in despair. Mary reminds us that through the gift of a strong Faith, we can become the living **“Signs”** for these people, and help them open their hearts to God’s love. Prayer and Faith lead to love and Joy, and everything else passes, only love remains. **“You will be witnesses of serving God in Adoration and of your neighbour in need.”**

Let us recall what Jesus says about Love. *‘To love God with all your heart and soul, and to love your neighbour as yourself.’* Without love we are not able to pray or believe, so Mary asks us to pray for the gift of love very much. Faith without acts of love is really a dead faith. So let us ask ourselves a question. Is there something hindering me from coming

closer to people? How can I become a sign for those who are far from God? Pray for a strong Love, for the grace to be able to love. We all lack to some degree this love. When we make a decision, do we make it from love? Or rather is our motivation from somewhere else? From anger, jealousy, nervousness, selfishness or aggression? Or do we just choose the simplest way? But when we make our decisions from love and in love then we become witnesses, signs of God’s presence.



“Little Children, encourage one another to pray with the heart.” We all need encouragement. Jesus told us, *“Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in their midst.”* (Mtt:18:20) The first step to real prayer with others is to decide for prayer with yourself. Even when no one else decides for prayer we can still pray on our own, we should not wait for others. Prayer has to begin somewhere. In Mary’s school everyone decides for themselves, and then the next step is to pray with others. Parents with children, children with children, spouses with spouses, Priests with people. It is very easy to form a prayer group, it only takes two. The core of this is for one person to decide for prayer and then seek another to join them. Just ask around to see if anyone would like to pray with you.

Our Lady says we have to encourage one another with Prayer of the Heart. This is the only real purpose of her coming in Medjugorje.

Let us pray;

*Come Holy Spirit,
Come, power of God and tender
sweetness of God,
Come, You who are both motion
and rest!*

*Renew our daring,
Be our companion so that we will not
Feel lonely in this world.*

*Create in us intimacy with God.
We do not say any longer as the
prophet said "Come from the four
winds." As though we don't know
where you come from.*

*We say," Come, Spirit Come,
from the pierced side of
Christ on the Cross,*

*Come on the breath blowing from the
lips of the Risen Jesus."*

God Bless, Fr. Martin



MEDJUGORJE

*“You will be a sign
for those
who are far
from God.”*

Our Lady's message to Mirjana

2nd September 2015



“Dear children! My dear apostles of love, my carriers of truth, again I am calling you and gathering you around me to help me, to help all of my children who thirst for love and truth—who thirst for my Son. I am a grace from the Heavenly Father, sent to help you to live the word of my Son. Love one another. I lived your earthly life. I know that it is not always easy, but if you will love each other, you will pray with the heart, you will reach spiritual heights and the way to heaven will be opened for you. I, your mother, am waiting for you there because I am there. Be faithful to my Son and teach others faithfulness. I am with you. I will help you. I will teach you faith that you may know how to transmit it to others in the right way. I will teach you truth that you may know how to discern. I will teach you love that you may come to know what real love is. My children, my Son will make it so as to speak through your words and your actions. Thank you ”



REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

of *The Community of The Beatitudes*
www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

September 14, 2015

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

**Dear Children of Medjugorje,
 praised be Jesus and Mary!**



1. On August 2, 2015 Mirjana received her monthly apparition at the Blue Cross in the presence of an immense crowd.

2. A Few Welcome Restrictions in Medjugorje



Recently, we noticed that a few changes have taken place in Medjugorje: Marija no longer opens

the *Magnificat Center* for her daily apparition. Ivan and Jakov still go to the Rotonda in the afternoon with Father Marinko to pray with the pilgrims, but without giving the messages. The *Information Center* no longer releases the message received on the 2nd of the month by Mirjana as it did previously. This Summer Ivan did not invite the pilgrims to participate in the apparition at night on the mountain with his prayer group, etc.

If the restrictions increase, let us remain in peace: the Gospa has her plan and she will ensure that it happens. The visionaries know it and they are serene. These restrictions are probably local and prudent measures before Pope Francis' announcement on Medjugorje. In addition, they also help pilgrims who are overly curious about the visionaries and attracted to the extraordinary to avoid being drawn away from the essential. For those who are far from God, and who need signs in order to encounter Jesus and follow Him, the "gifts" that Mary has offered us over the years have borne their fruit. Fortunately, God goes where He wants and will never be limited by man. His graces are not going to diminish; on the contrary, they constantly increase during times of adversity!

Pope Francis has not given his word yet on Medjugorje, therefore no declaration, even from a Vatican insider, holds any authority. They are simply personal opinions. Beware of falling into the trap of agitation! The announcement will be given on the official Vatican websites. Let us pray in peace for Pope Francis who holds a grave responsibility, and for his entire entourage!

Let us increase our prayers of thanksgiving and stay away from bitterness, or worse, criticism, which would sadden Our Lady and delay Her plan. That is where She is waiting for us. Her Heart will triumph!

3. A Supplication plea for France.

I would like to share here this beautiful prayer for my country that many other nations will be able to adopt.

It is very timely, especially in the West where we have been so intent on rejecting God that we have ousted our own happiness. But it is not too late!

"O Lord our God, we are appalled by what is happening in our country but, confident in all your promises, we turn to you, because help will come from you and without you we can do nothing. Jesus, you said: 'ask and you shall receive', so we beseech you, please help us.

Standing before you we recognize the sins of our leaders and our elected officials, we recognize their sins as our own because we chose them, and we bear responsibility. Standing before you, we recognize the sins of the Church of which we are members, these sins are our own because we are one in your Body. Standing before you, we recognize our personal implication, because we allowed the ideas of the world to fill our hearts, ensnaring them and squeezing out the sense of truth and of the common good, making us convey the wrong messages!

Forgive us for having allowed ourselves to be disarmed without fighting! Forgive us for not having done everything in our power to transmit our Faith and stand firm in Hope and Charity, the only virtues which will allow a civilization of love

to be built up, and allow every person to have his place!

We recognize that our hearts are cold, full of selfishness, worried for themselves and for their own, having generous love neither for You nor for our neighbour! We sin day after day, in thought, in words, by commission and by omission, forgive us!

Our Lord, we kneel before you! Through our prayers and our fasting, our tears, and through healing Adoration, we implore your mercy which alone can save us!

Give us your Holy Spirit, keep our hearts in humility and repentance, enlighten our thinking and inspire us to act according to your will and not according to our wishes.

Lord our God, we beseech you in the joyful assurance of your final victory: welcome us into the Heart of Jesus, united to that of Mary. May we stay there forever, so that your Kingdom may come, that will renew our institutions with truth and justice! Help us serve Your Will, out of love for You and for our brothers, and may peace prevail! Glory and praise to You, in the Holy Spirit. Amen"

4. Many people ask, what can we expect from the Synod on the Family?

Are we going to put an end to the trajectory of the current state of affairs? Good question! The quality of the fruit depends on the quality of the root and of the source we'll use. For 34 years Our Lady has been explaining to us how to obtain the cure for

the breakdown of the family and how to restructure it. In his beautiful book, *The Theology of the Body*, St. John Paul II gives us essential and prophetic lights. We have all the keys in our hands. But a key is of no use if it remains in a drawer.

Another voice was heard, that of Sr. Lucia's of Fatima. In his remarkable interview of 2008, Cardinal Caffara from Bologna (Italy) revealed some parts of a letter that he had received from Sr Lucia, as an answer to his request for prayers for his ministry on the family. To his great surprise, he received a long letter signed by Sr. Lucia (kept in the archives of his Pontifical Institute). In the letter she declares:



"The Most Holy Virgin told me that the devil is in the mood for engaging in a decisive battle with the Virgin. And a decisive battle is the final battle where one side will be victorious and the other side will suffer defeat. Also from now on we must choose sides. Either we are on the side of God or we are on the side of the devil. There is no other possibility. The final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family. Don't be afraid," she added. "Because anyone who oper-

ates for the sanctity of marriage and the family will always be contended and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue." Then she concluded: "However, Our Lady has already crushed its head."

My Son promised me that evil will never win because you, the souls of the just, are here," said Our Lady in Medjugorje (Nov. 2, 2014).

Confusion seizes us in front of the collapse of the family, well manipulated by the "evil doers" who serve the enemy of mankind. St. John Paul II said, "when the sustaining pillar is touched (the nest of the family), the whole building collapses."

To answer strong attacks, we need strong weapons! Hence the repeated visitations of Mary, who shows us the path to take. "The world is in a moment of trial," she tells us. "Because it forgot and abandoned God. Therefore you, little children, be those who seek and love God above all. I am with you..." (Aug. 25, 2015). Her messages will always be there, confirming the Gospel. Mary will always be there, eager to help us, eager to see us become saints! So we already have everything!

Dear brothers and sisters, do everything she says, and she will do everything for you!

5. Vicka is now back home, but she is still too weak to receive pilgrims.

She offers all her sufferings to Jesus for Our Lady's plans and for us, her children, because she knows the precious fruit of that offering.

In 1983 Our Lady told her, "very few people have understood the great value of suffering when it is offered to Jesus."



Since then Vicka has always kept an extraordinary smile, even in the midst of her worst illnesses.

6. On the (inspired) request of Sr. Briege Mc Kenna, I am preparing a book on Mercy for the Year of Mercy. Please send me (in your mother tongue) your witnesses and testimonies that may glorify the Divine Mercy and nurture our brothers who do not know yet the love of God! Thank you in advance ! (gospa.fr@gmail.com)

Dearest Gospa, you are the cause of our joy, you are the Morning Star which announces the coming of the true Light! We take your hand again today!

Sister Emmanuel +

R.I.P



Joan Keenan

We are sad to announce the Death of Joan Keenan member the ' Legion of Mary Newcastle '.

A humble servant of God.

Medjugorje was one of her favourite places.

Also -

Sister Baptist

Sister Baptist Tobin died aged 95 years.

Professed 75 years as sister of Mercy of St. Josephs Convent Whitby.

Serving in Newcastle for many years.

“An Ardent desire to be united to
God and to serve the Poor”
(Catherine McAuley—Founder of Sisters of
Mercy)

*Eternal rest give unto them
O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine
upon them,
May they Rest in Peace.
Amen*

THE USUAL RUMBLINGS ABOUT MEDJUGORJE

(Medjugorje.org.hr)
The Medjugorje Apostolate

Who, but someone who is indifferent or opposed to Medjugorje, can doubt that everything that happens there is centrally concerned with the Eucharist, and that Our Lady's palpable presence is a guarantor of the shrine's fidelity to Christ and his Church? This is the sole defence that needs to be mounted against critics or against criticisms of fraud or false doctrine.

Followers of Our Lady of Medjugorje are not fanatics searching for wonders. They are in their vast majority completely orthodox Catholics who have been surprised by the graces of conversion and prayer flowing from the shrine, and which have benefited themselves and their families in often dramatic and totally unpredicted, and unpredictable ways. There are enough testimonies of changes of life, of spiritual and physical healing to convince anybody who is open to faith and can accept that heaven wants to bless this world and save souls for eternal life.

If anyone is doubtful but is seeking God's truth let them pray for light and guidance. But let them not decide for themselves that they are warriors for the truth and choose their targets indiscriminately without reflecting on God's love and mercy in its multiple and unaccountable expressions.

In the end, although the Church has to decide on the authenticity of the Medjugorje apparitions, it is

necessary to bear in mind that Medjugorje is essentially a powerful movement of the laity, the response to a felt need for spiritual sustenance. Given this, and the multiple spiritual fruits it has incontrovertibly occasioned, it cannot simply be wished away by hard-core sceptics. They would have to put something in its place, and what would that be?

Fr LEON PEREIRA OP is the new pastor for English speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje.

September 21, 2015
([www.crownofstars .blog](http://www.crownofstars.blog))



Dominican friar Fr Leon Pereira OP is the new pastor in charge of coordinating english-speaking Masses at Medjugorje following the retirement of Fr Kevin Devine who has returned to the U.S. on health grounds.

Fr Leon previously ministered as prior and parish priest at Holy Cross Priory in Leicester and as sub-prior of St Dominic's London. He was also the editor of the OP website TORCH.

His first visit to Medjugorje was in September 2009 when he travelled as a spiritual director to a group of pilgrims from Leicester.

POPE FRANCIS SENDS VISIONARY ROSARY

08.09.2015.

(National Movement of Medjugorje)

WE ASKED VISIONARY MARIJA PAVLOVIC about the reoccurring media reports that claims the Vatican has produced a negative report on the Medjugorje phenomena and Pope Francis is against the apparitions.

“It is all fabrications and rumours coming from the media” Marija dismissed. “I received a rosary just the other week from Pope Francis”

Marija explained how a priest from the Vatican who came to Medjugorje directly from a meeting with Pope Francis was given a rosary by His Holiness, and he told the Pope “Holy Father I am going to Medjugorje and will meet with Marija one of the visionaries, may I give this to her from you?”– and the Pope responded “Yes, you may.” After which the priest arrived in Medjugorje and gave Marija the rosary informing her of the encounter with the Holy Father.

Marija then showed us the rosary with the papal emblem. It was framed alongside other rosaries including one that she told us she received from Pope St John Paul II and another she received from Pope Benedict XVI.

Marija is the visionary who allegedly receives the official message for the whole world to give on behalf of the Blessed Mother every 25th of the month. Current rumours are that these messages will be banned from being disseminated by the Vatican.

Media reports have been reoccurring since June, most recently in Italy, that the Vatican has decided against the apparitions, despite the Vatican commission themselves scolding the reports as ‘manipulated’ and ‘obviously having desire to undermine the good

relations existing between the faithful who accept Medjugorje and go there for years on pilgrimage, and of the Holy Father.

THE SYNOD OF THE FAMILY

4th October , 2015

(Vatican radio)

In the opening of the Mass ‘Synod of the Family’, speaking about the Church’s mission “in charity” Pope Francis used the image of a mother “conscious of her duty to seek and care for hurting couples with the balm of acceptance and mercy.” He spoke of the Church as a “field hospital” with “doors wide open to whoever knocks in search of help and support.”

The Holy Father said that the Church teaches and defends fundamental values yet does not forget “the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” (Mk 2:27) He also reminded us that Jesus said: “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Mk 2:17).

At the end of the homily Pope Francis quoted Pope St. John Paul II: “Error and evil must always be condemned and opposed; but the man who falls or who errs must be understood and loved... we must love our time and help the man of our time.” He said that the Church must search out these persons to welcome and accompany them and not become a “roadblock” but a “bridge

“My Medjugorje made my blue eyes finally shine”

By Emily from South Wales

During difficult times Emily held her Rosary beads tightly and felt somehow Our Lady gently holding her hand. She had an innate understanding that the Holy Eucharist was truly and fully Jesus Receiving the Holy Eucharist, his love and his strength. But then she decided to give up Jesus!...

Emily's Grandmother never gave up on Emily and asked fellow Medjugorje pilgrims to pray for her.

I grew up in a good and loving Catholic family and from a very young age, I always just knew that God is love. I had a very happy childhood and I was always a really pleasant and loving child, but when I was just ten years old, it felt as if all of my childhood joy and innocence was just harshly snatched away from me.

For the first ten years of my life, I lived and grew up with a sister who has cerebral palsy, autism and very challenging and violent behaviour. Because her brain was so damaged, in her anxiety she would often scream and cry, lash out and make threats to hurt me, to bite me and to even kill me. As a young child, this was very frightening and I was unable to understand why she would ever want to do this when all I ever did was love her as my special big sister. I felt hurt, rejected, unwanted and confused.

Around the same time that my sister's behaviour became increasingly complex, my grandmother who was such a loving and devout Catholic woman, suddenly walked out on my grandfather and left him after fifty

years of marriage. She then moved to another part of the country, without really knowing herself where she was going to go. I never expected that this would happen and even though I didn't understand then, that the reason my grandmother left was because she no longer could tolerate my grandfather's aggression, I was not too young to notice the very unpleasant and tangible feeling of angst that was slowly and insidiously spreading throughout my family.

Meanwhile, my father was in a car accident. He was driving home late one night when he simply just lost his concentration and collided with another vehicle. He was banned from driving for eighteen months and was to spend this time doing community service. He was told that he was actually very fortunate that he hadn't been sent to prison. My father is such a good and moral man and he was always such a careful driver. This was just an innocent mistake and so as a child, I wouldn't have understood why my father would have possibly felt so angry, disappointed with himself or ashamed. Again, I didn't know the extent of all of these details then, but I did know that my father was no longer his usual self anymore.

But soon there were some things that I did grow to understand much more than most – the sharp pang of hunger, the warped mathematical world of calorie content, how to push your body to the absolute limit and what it feels like to hate yourself so much that when you go to bed at night, you

hope that you won't wake up again in the morning.

During this time, my teenage brother went on a diet and I soon started to become absolutely fascinated by food, health, exercise and weight loss. Whilst I couldn't control what was happening all around me in my life, I could however control what I ate, how much I compulsively exercised and how desperately thin I became.

Just before my eleventh birthday, I was diagnosed with anorexia nervosa and was hospitalised for eight weeks. For nine months, I was fed completely through a tube and I allowed no physical food or drink to pass my lips – not even a single crumb or a simple sip of water. However, I would always receive the Holy Eucharist because I just had an innate understanding that this was much more than physical food. It was and it is truly and fully Jesus, and He was giving me everything that I needed to persevere and to live. He was giving me His love, His strength and His life when I felt completely worthless, weak and physically and emotionally dead.

I remember when I would often feel frightened, confused and alone during the long nights in the hospital, I would just tightly hold onto my Rosary beads for comfort. I don't remember if I even knew how to pray the Rosary properly back then, but I do remember feeling that it was as if Our Lady was somehow gently holding onto my hand in some way and that She was answering my prayers when I didn't even know what to say to Her.

A few months later, my grandmother went on her first of many pilgrimages to Medjugorje in Bosnia and

Hercegovina where she prayed very much for me. She asked her fellow pilgrims to pray for me too and she put my name in the prayer intention pages of the Medjugorje newsletter that she would receive back home each month. My name is still within these pages eleven years later and during my first time in Medjugorje, I actually met some of the pilgrims who first prayed for me out there when I was diagnosed with anorexia.

In the years ahead, I frequently relapsed into brief spells of sudden weight loss and when I was sixteen, I relapsed so seriously that the Head Child Psychiatrist at my local hospital told me that if I continued living as I was, I would be dead within six months because my heart would just stop beating.

Around this time, I decided that I would just give up on Jesus. I now rejected the love and the strength that He wanted so much to pour into me and instead this time I blamed Him for all of my suffering. I went on to try and find joy in superficial things but I was never able to feel fulfilled.

When I was nineteen years old, I was discharged from the mental health services because I had finally fully recovered from anorexia. I then gained a place on a very prestigious college course away from home and now believed that the future was to finally hold true happiness, new exciting friendships and much career success for me.

However, at college I soon became surrounded by sexual immorality, bullying, backstabbing and alcohol abuse, and I quickly felt so rejected and disliked by my classmates simply because I did not want to partake in this lifestyle with them. I thus became

very isolated and unhappy at college. I just wanted so much to feel loved and that I belonged somewhere. I remember receiving a card one day from my grandmother who had again just been to Medjugorje to say that she had scheduled a Mass to be said for me there. I simply smiled on opening the Mass card, but only because it made me think of her. I honestly didn't give it much thought afterwards.

One evening, when my mother came to visit me at college, I reluctantly went to Mass with her at the local Church and during the service I unexpectedly started crying uncontrollably. I can now see easily God's gentle presence in my life at this time and how much love He had for me because even when I didn't know He was close or honestly didn't even want Him to be close to me, He always undoubtedly was. Back then, I didn't quite know yet though that the only way that I would find the true sense of peace, love, joy and belonging that I was so yearning for would be through finding God again. Shortly after, I left college feeling embarrassed because I thought I had completely failed and let everybody down, so when I returned home I soon fell into a deep depression. For several months, my life followed the same pitiful and monotonous pattern of finding an unfulfilling job, quitting the job, feeling worse for quitting the job and then finally searching for another unfulfilling job. Sometimes, I would just give up altogether and would choose to spend days lying in bed and weeks without even leaving the house.

I became so consumed by my own selfish misery that I didn't even go to

Mass with my family on Christmas Day. The longer I stayed away from the Church, the more I wanted to stay away and the more I felt I was unworthy to ever even return to Jesus. However, at Eastertime I found myself reluctantly at the Good Friday service. My mother was taking my sister there and the only reason that I went along too was because if I hadn't, it would have caused my sister great anxiety and would have really upset her, which was something that I always wanted to avoid.

But it was when I looked at the outstretched arms of our loving Saviour on the Cross – the Saviour who had been humiliated, beaten, spat at, screamed at, utterly despised and brutally nailed to a wooden Cross for our sake – that I realised just how far I had drifted away from God. Jesus gave us everything on the Cross and now it was as if He was giving me even more than everything by calling me back to Him. He still continues to give us everything that He is, every single day in the Eucharist. As I became aware of the fact that only Jesus can give in this immense way, I suddenly became overwhelmed by His endless love and mercy which He bestows on us all in equal measure regardless of whether we want it, whether we think we need it or whether we think we would ever be worthy of it. The next morning, I made the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in three years.

Read in next months Newsletter Emily's experience of Christs Love, Peace & Forgiveness during her Pilgrimage to Medjugorje



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