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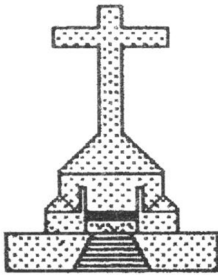
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# **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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## **OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**

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*led by Fr. Martin Morris*

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## OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

*Given 25th October 2024 to Marija Pavlovic*



“Dear children! at this time, when you are celebrating the day of All Saints, seek their intercession and prayers so that in union with them, you may find peace. May the Saints be your intercessors and example, that you imitate them and live holily. I am with you and intercede before God for each of you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

*(With Ecclesiastical approval)*

### Reflection by Fr. Martin Morris

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Medjugorje North East and beyond, In the Encyclical, *‘Mother of the Redeemer’* Saint Pope John Paul II writes that Mary was not only the Mother of Jesus, but that she was also his teacher.

He writes that she knew Jesus better than any Saint and therefore she can bring us closest to him.

So she is our teacher too, and we truly wish to put her simple messages into practise today, because they are Motherly words. Through her words, we are called to open up to the Word of God, and she guides us on the way to perfection. This path to perfection is not an easy one, because it means letting go of all that is sinful and negative, but it is the path that is truly worthwhile, because we are all called to become Saints, and our earthly pilgrimage is the continuous call to holiness.

So, the message begins:

**“Dear Children, At this time, when you are celebrating the day of All Saints, seek their intercession and prayers so that in union with them, you may find peace.”**

All Saints Day is the feast day of all those who reached perfection in their life with the Grace of God.

They are a sign for us that it is worthwhile and possible to strive for perfection no matter who we are or where we live.

Our Lady wants to make us beautiful, to clothe us in the garments of love and mercy, that is why she calls us on the road to holiness, to perfection, she guides us forward, that we might begin to be truly ‘Holy’ in the heart.

Holiness begins in the heart.

Our hearts need to be truly free from the world, like the heart of Mary, so that the new life of Grace can flow into them, the life of the Holy Spirit.

The Saints are the living witnesses that this is possible. They have become people who were led by the

Holy Spirit. If we think of the Saints, we know that they were ‘human beings’ who carried a deep longing for God in their own weaknesses and imperfections.

They overcame weakness and sin by the Grace of God. In the communion of Saints, we have Intercessors, people praying for us in heaven. This Holy Communion between them and us here on earth is one that encourages us forward in our pilgrimage of Faith.

That is why Our Lady asks us to ‘seek their intercession and prayers.’ We don’t just remember their earthly lives and the good example they gave us, we remember the truth that with them in Heaven we have Saints who want us to turn to them in prayer, because it is from heaven they can truly help us.

**“May the Saints be your intercessors and example, that you live holily.”** In the lives of the Saints, prayer was certainly always first. This is their example. Through prayer their love for God and for others grew. Like them we must make a true decision for prayer and holiness.

Daily we must decide to fight against sin and all that is negative in and around us. We should open our hearts more and more to the will of God as the Saints did.

Our love for God and one another needs to continually grow, and so see every person as someone to love, someone who can help us to become holy.

The Saints had a remarkable eye to see when someone was suffering and went to see them. The Saints accepted humbly the mystery of suffering in their own lives, and still did not forget

others. Prayer and suffering were their way of becoming holy. For the way to holiness is the way to peace. May we be like them and call on their heavenly help.

Mary Queen of Saints,  
Pray for us.

*God Bless  
Fr Martin Morris*

### **Medjugorje Retreat at Minsteracres**

**25th October to 27th October  
2024**

**As we drive along the A69 from Newcastle** towards Minsteracres, we leave the main road and enter the tranquil tree lined driveway of **Giant Sequoia** Trees on the approach to Minsteracres Monastery. You can almost touch the Holiness of this place. Welcomed by the warm friendly staff we settle in.

Over the weekend listening to the words of Wisdom by Fr. Martin Morris, Celebration of masses by Fr. Martin and Minsteracres Passionist Priest Fr. Emanuel, we all gained so much and left with a reenergised Faith.

A full report should be available in next months newsletter.

**Fr. Jozo**  
**'Prayer is a Gift'**



"Prayer is a gift, a gift. It has a divine dimension; We cannot say what it is, but we can see what fruits it bears and what fruits it bears today in the community and in the church. Prayer is an active encounter with our God. It is He who meets us.

The man who prays is a prophet.

The man who prays hears the voice of God and knows how to live this voice; he is able to collaborate with this voice.

The man who prays responds to this call and knows how to convey the message to others.

The man who prays is like David, who defends his own Jerusalem. He is a prophet who defends the Church. That is why Our Lady said: "You can stop the war with the Rosary". Not with politics; see how politicians can't!"

Father Jozo

**"Peace! Peace! Peace!**  
**May peace reign between**  
**God and man"**

(Our Lady June ,1981)



Following the annual International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, we pray in solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters of the East, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine.

We ask the Lord to sustain them, many of whom are suffering persecution, displacement and discrimination, in their faith in the Risen Christ.

We pray that stability and peace may flourish in their lands; the place where the Gospel was first heard and proclaimed, the origins of monastic life and in the unbroken lived tradition of our common Christian faith.



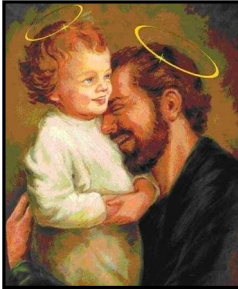
**REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL**  
*of The Community of The Beatitudes*  
[www.sremmanuel.org](http://www.sremmanuel.org)

**Medjugorje, October 15, 2024**  
**St. Teresa of Avila**

**Dear Friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary.**

**1. A major turning point for the messages.** After Marija's apparition on September 25th, the translators of the message received an unusual surprise: following the **Nihil Obstat** granted by the Vatican for Medjugorje, the message could be translated and then submitted for approval by the Church before being published. This approval was granted a few hours later by Mgr. Aldo Cavalli (PS1)

See in PS2 the current situation of the 6 visionaries.



**2. Saint Joseph never ceases to surprise me**

I have just returned from my annual mission in Spain, and I am delighted to see how Heaven has been with us on this long journey to each of the 8 cities we visited. Heaven showed itself in a real way through an astonishing event that I wish to report here, for the glory of God.

Our small team consists of 5 people. We travel in a van, and we pray together a lot. Each one of us has their own job to do. I sit in the back seat next to my French-Spanish translator, Juan Antonio, and next to him is Gloria, who establishes the connection with the parishes we are invited to. In front of us is Jesús B., who is driving. Next to him is our friend Juan, husband of Gloria,

Jesús' teammate, who generously takes care of all the practical things. In short, the ideal team.

When we drove through the city of Oviedo, it was crazy out there in the streets, because it was the annual festival of the Americas. Juan Antonio was walking slowly enough to follow my pace, and explain to me so many beautiful things about this celebration.

Back in the van, he wanted to call his family, but then he realized that his iPhone had disappeared. He had put it in a bag that he carried on his back. We looked for the phone everywhere: on the bench, on the floor, in every corner of the vehicle... Nothing. Juan and Jesús called his number many times, but there was no answer. It was a catastrophe. The phone had been stolen from his bag, as sometimes happens on busy days when pickpockets are active. We started praying, and everyone was fervently invoking God and his saints.

As for me, I called upon my *father-in-law*, that is to say Saint Joseph (the husband of my Heavenly Mother). As he had worked quite a few miracles in our house in Medjugorje, I reminded him of what he was capable of and I said to him: “You know in whose hands this phone is. You also know that this simple instrument is very important for our mission, because it contains contacts, information and documents that are necessary for us. Without this phone, some aspects of our mission will be compromised. And this mission must serve to spread the messages of your spouse, Mary, so this directly concerns you. Well... forgive my audacity, but please bring this phone back to us and put it into our hands. You can do it. You've already done it for other things...”



Shortly after this prayer, I decided to call Juan Antonio's number, knowing that it had not answered my friends' calls a few minutes earlier. So, I called, and now we heard the phone ringing. Juan Antonio jumped up, looked in the direction of the ringtone... his phone was there, between him and me, just lying there on the seat.

Needless to say, we were overawed by immense joy, and praise just flowed from our hearts and mouths. We were 5 witnesses to this

extraordinary fact, and we will never forget it. Blessed be St Joseph and his fatherly love for all those who confidently invoke him and who rest in his fatherhood, so tender and so powerful. I believe that in Heaven, his Son Jesus continues to listen attentively to his adoptive father. Isn't he the one who gave the bread of the earth to the One who is the Bread of Heaven? Was he not the shepherd for the Lamb who was to wipe out the sin of the world?

### **3. What I did not imagine about the Virgin Mary.**

In this month of the Rosary, let us discover Mary's wonderful role in the plan of salvation. In his book "*Così ho visto l'immacolata*", (This is how I saw the Immaculate), Don Dolindo Ruotolo quotes the words he received from the Virgin Mary, words that reveal to us an unknown aspect of her greatness and the unique role she plays for the salvation of humanity and of each one of us:

“I am Mary Immaculate, your Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth.”

“I am above the angels, because, more than all the angels, I was submitted to the will of God... I fulfilled the highest plan of God, the plan of the Incarnation of the Word.

“Angels recognize God's plan for creatures, and become His messengers. They execute it and encourage the creatures entrusted to them to accomplish it...”

When I heard the Angel's announcement, I replied: "Here is the handmaid of the Lord", I mended the cry of rebellious angels: "I will not serve." And by giving myself totally

to God, I welcomed the Word of God into my womb.

Angels receive some rays of divine light and pour them onto the creatures; I received the Divinity itself and became its Mother. So, I reign over the angels because I play a restorative role for all those who are fallen, and also a surrogate role in their mission, because to the highest degree, I fulfill the angelic mission.

The rebellious angels fell from their height because they did not want to accept the humanity of the Word of God... I repaired this offense by worshipping this humanity in my womb... by always remaining His servant while being his Mother.



**4. Joy for Mary?** In this month of the Rosary, we might want to be a little creative and imagine the moments of joy that Our Lady was able to experience during her life. If we read between the lines of the Joyful Mysteries, we can guess the very simple events where Mary felt particularly joyful. When we, her children, think of her often, it already gives her great joy. But we can make her flutter with joy when we unite with her by meditating on the happy moments of her life.

I propose 7 moments of her life. These are not mysteries, but paths for meditating on what her heart may have experienced.

**A. In Nazareth,** her joy to see that an Angel had spoken to Joseph during the night. Her joy to see him so happy to learn that he could take her as his spouse.

**B. At her cousin Elisabeth's home,** her joy at feeling her Child move in her womb for the first time, and how a river of infinite tenderness filled her.

**C. In the stable in Bethlehem,** her joy as she listens to the Shepherds' story. How the Angel had revealed to them who the little newborn was, and how an army of Angels had sung the Glory of God....

**D. Her joy when she saw the radical conversion of Mary Magdalene,** after so many fervent prayers. Her joy when a deep friendship with her was born.

**E. On the morning of the Resurrection,** her joy at the unexpected burst of her Risen Son into her apartment, (before he went to the tomb), the unspeakable joy she experienced when he held her against his Heart with infinite tenderness. Her joy at seeing his body totally restored by the mysterious effect of the Resurrection, having seeing it shattered to the point of no longer resembling anything human.

**F. After Jesus' Ascension into Heaven,** her joy of being with Saint John, of living the Mass celebrated by



him and of receiving Holy Communion from his hands. Her joy at having her Son living in her heart and being united with Him in the mystery of the Eucharist.

**G. Her joy at hearing the words of her Son Jesus** resound within her through the preaching of the apostles.

*Dearest Gospa. We are so happy to have you as our Mother.*

*We do not want to take our eyes off you, because in the midst of the most horrible tragedies of this world at war, you are the one who consoles us and fills us with courage. Mom, your love brings us back to life, please never let go of us."*

Sister Emmanuel,  
Community of the Beatitudes

**PS1 Mgr. Aldo Cavalli** has been the special apostolic visitor for the parish of Medjugorje since 27 November 2021. He took over from Mgr. Henryk Hoser, who died on 13 August of that year in Warsaw.

**PS2. Each one of the 6 visionaries is to receive 10 secrets.** Ivanka, Mirjana and Jakov have already received their 10 secrets, and they receive an apparition once a year. Ivan, Vicka and Marija have only received 9 secrets to date, and they still have a daily apparition. Each visionary will choose a priest who will be responsible for revealing his

or her secrets to the world, after having fasted for 7 days with the visionary. Our Lady asks us not to talk about the secrets, but to pray for the secrets. "Less words, more prayer."

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

**Prayer Intention for  
NOVEMBER 2024**

**'For those who have  
lost a child'**



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Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

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*Pope Francis*

## Archbishop Cavalli on the relationship between the three popes and Medjugorje

(25.10.2024)



On Saturday, October 19, a collection of the scientific papers "Međugorje as a Contribution to the New Evangelization" was presented in Medjugorje. In this collection, published by the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Zagreb and the MIR Međugorje Information Center, 21 papers from the 14th National Mariological and Marian Congress, which was held in Medjugorje from October 7 to 9, 2022, and was edited by Sr. Nedjeljka Valerija Kovač. The apostolic visitor with a special role for the parish of Medjugorje, Archbishop Aldo Cavalli, thanked everyone who organized this congress and published their scientific works and said that the basic points of the new evangelization were very well explained both at the congress and in this collection.

Speaking about Medjugorje as the center of the new evangelization, Msgr. Cavalli said that all the popes showed great interest in this place.

"We know that Saint John Paul II. wanted to come here and visit this place that he respected so much, but he couldn't. Pope Benedict XVI and Cardinal Ruini did research that was fundamental for the pastoral change in this place. And this pope, Pope Francis, made Medjugorje an international center of spirituality, with three very

precise points:

**The first:** when five years ago he told all the priests and bishops: follow, follow and follow your faithful to Medjugorje.

**Second point:** when he took the entire pastoral care of this parish and legally placed it under his direct control and his direct pastoral care, wanting to give the parish such a great importance, so great, that he appointed, something unique in the world, one bishop, with all the jurisdiction of one diocesan bishop, only for this parish.

**The third point,** what he did a few weeks ago, telling the whole world that nihil obstat, which means one very important thing: the translation nihil obstat means there is nothing against it, but actually he wants to say briefly go, go, go to Medjugorje, because that is a place of profound spirituality and faith that is valid for the whole world.

Now we must not only maintain but also develop Medjugorje, which is located in an international framework, by cooperating as best as possible with the grace, because the greatness of this place is the grace that comes from the Holy Spirit. For this reason, I want to thank once again all those who organized this Congress and in the end collected all these works from the Congress in the Collection to help everyone cooperate with this grace for the whole world", concluded Archbishop Cavalli, speaking at the presentation of the Collection of the scientific papers. "Međugorje as a contribution to the new evangelization".

## Why was St. James Parish Chosen in Medjugorje?

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Why was St. James Parish Chosen in Medjugorje?

God had a plan for the parish of Medjugorje even before the apparitions!

So, it was not a coincidence that Our Lady is appearing in a parish whose patron saint is St. James the Apostle, the holy patron of pilgrims, who experienced the first recorded Marian apparition. (In the School of the Queen of Peace by Fr. Marinko Sakota, p. 21)

He is often depicted in art with a pilgrim's staff (walking stick) and the Gospel book for he brought the Good News to Spain.

The parish of Medjugorje was founded in 1892 and placed under the protection of St. James the apostle. Only five years later, in 1897, thanks to the efforts of the parish priest and the parishioners, the parish church was constructed. The construction was not stable enough, and it was necessary to build a new church, which was consecrated on January 19, 1969.

There are few interesting facts about the Apostles St. James. He was the son of Zebedee and Salome, brother to St. John, and cousin to Jesus. Although Jesus changed the name of Simon to Peter, James and John were the only disciples he gave nicknames. The fiery evangelical zeal and extreme reactions often displayed by these two inspired Jesus to – rather

humorously – dub them “the Sons of Thunder” (Mark 3:17). He is known as “St. James the Greater” or “St. James Major” only because he was older than another apostle who was also named James (referred to as “Lesser” or “Minor”), and was called by Jesus before him.

Even among the Twelve, St. James held a special place close to Jesus. As one of the most intimate disciples of Jesus, with Peter and John. The Gospels make it clear that James and John were, with Peter, the most trusted of Jesus' disciples. They were often drawn apart from the twelve and entrusted with special revelations. They were present at the resurrection of the daughter of Jairus, and when Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law. Perhaps their greatest honor was to be the only three disciples to witness the transfiguration on the mountain (Matthew 17:1). He was also one of three apostles whom Jesus invited to pray with Him His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. St. James was the first among the apostles to be martyred. He was beheaded by King Herod in the year 44. He is the only Apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament. He was martyred just 11 years after the Crucifixion of Jesus.

Tradition holds that after Pentecost, the 12 Apostles dispersed to preach the Gospel all over the world.



## Mary's Meals Medjugorje welcomes the Vatican's note about Medjugorje

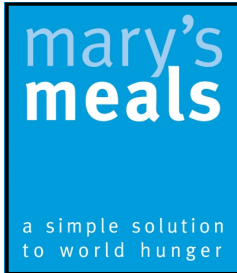
### Mary's Meals Fruit of Medjugorje

Published on  
21 Sep 2024

On Thursday, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith published a document approved by Pope Francis. This Vatican document emphasizes the "abundant and widespread fruits associated with the devotion to Mary, Queen of Peace, and pilgrimages to Medjugorje," describing these fruits as "beautiful and positive."

Many have been profoundly moved and changed through personal encounters in Medjugorje, and one such a spiritual awakening led to the founding of international movement Mary's Meals, named after our Blessed Mother, which now provides daily meals for more than 2.4 million children every school day in some of the world's poorest countries.

Our founder and CEO Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow was just fifteen years old when he first visited Medjugorje in 1983 with his brother and sister. It was a life-changing experience, and led, years later, to Magnus founding Mary's Meals. In his book 'The Shed That Fed Two Million Children' (HarperCollins, 2021) Magnus says of his visit to Medjugorje: "During those few days in Medjugorje, I experienced a feeling of deep joy unlike anything I had felt before. I felt exhilarated."



As a global movement, Mary's Meals includes volunteers, donors, and beneficiaries from all faiths, and those of none. Today, this movement provides school meals in 17 of the world's poorest countries, across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Those are Benin, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, South Sudan, Syria, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Yemen.

According to our most recent Impact Report, serving Mary's Meals in a place of education increases enrolment, reduces absenteeism and gives children the energy to learn and concentrate. Peter Chanda is Headmaster of Kapara Primary School in Eastern Province, Zambia, which has been receiving Mary's Meals since October 2024. He said recently: "When feeding started we had 500 children in our school, now we have 1,400 and teach in three shifts. When a child is hungry, he cannot learn, he cannot concentrate. When a child is fed, when he has a full tummy, then he can learn".

Medjugorje continues to be a place of great importance for the Mary's Meals movement. As a centre receiving over one million pilgrims each year from all over the world, it is often the first point of contact for awareness for Mary's Meals work.

Mary's Meals has had an information center in Medjugorje since 2004 to raise awareness about the importance of solidarity with the poorest in the world. Affectionately called the 'blue container,' it serves as a meeting place for pilgrims who want to learn more about this fruit of Medjugorje and our simple solution to world hunger.

Mary's Meals as a fruit of Medjugorje is also rooted in prayer. There are many ways to respond to the spiritual engagement of Medjugorje, and Mary's Meals is one flourishing example of the momentum gained when prayer and action work together. For more information follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

### **Mary's Meals pilgrimage to Medjugorje: It's always good to come here**

(9.10.2024)

Mary's Meals founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow has been in Medjugorje as a pilgrim this weekend and it was his first visit to the place where he experienced, as a young man, a renewal of his faith, since the Holy See announced the "nulla osta" for pilgrimages to Medjugorje 19th September 2024.

As a "fruit of Medjugorje", Mary's Meals keeps nurturing the important link between this growing international movement and its origins, as those involved in the first Mary's Meals projects were all people whose lives had been changed by pilgrimages to Medjugorje.

"Every year when we do this pilgrimage is a very special moment in Mary's Meals calendar, but this time felt specially amazing with the Vatican saying there are no obstacles to the authenticity of what is happening here all these years and the encouragement for the faithful to come here. Such a happy time of joy, love and prayer", said Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow. "It's also a great responsibility.

If we claim to be a fruit of Medjugorje, if we choose to do this work in the name of Mary, the mother of Jesus, we take on board the huge responsibility to do this work in a particular way. That's why our values are so important", he added.

At the October 2024 Mary's Meals Pilgrimage there were more than 200

people in attendance representing 14 countries from all over the world. It was an opportunity for everyone in the Mary's Meals family - active staff members, board members, volunteers and supporters to join Magnus in a time of prayer and thanksgiving for the mission of Mary's Meals in Medjugorje. Not only that, but new people discovered the movement over the weekend in Medjugorje and joined the pilgrimage spontaneously.

The three-day event helped to bring pilgrims closer to Jesus and Our Lady, but also offered opportunities for fellowship and friendship and rejuvenated Mary's Meals family to its shared vision and mission: FOOD + SCHOOL = HOPE.



The itinerary included opportunities to come together to pray for the mission of Mary's Meals, through climbing the hills – amid the rain! Praying the rosary, joining the Holy Mass and hearing talks from members of the Mary's Meals family.

Some of the talks happened at The Blue Container, Mary's Meals Information Centre – where many pilgrims have shared their experiences with new visitors or spontaneous pilgrims who have discovered there how to put in action the words of Pope Francis: “You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. This is how prayer works”.

Mary's Meals began feeding just 200 children in Malawi in 2002. Today, the charity reaches more than 2,400,000 hungry children across 17 countries with a nutritious meal every day they attend school.

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow remarked that everyone is welcome to this pilgrimage, no matter the age, no matter the situation in life, no matter the faith. “Please, come and join us another year. This is for everyone”.

Visit [marysmealsmedjugorje.org](http://marysmealsmedjugorje.org) to find out more about the origins of Mary's Meals.

## 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.”**

There will be two Holy Doors in our Diocese, one at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle and one at St. Joseph's Church, Hartlepool.

Bishop Stephen Wright (Hexham & Newcastle) is very grateful to Canon Paul Douthwaite for his welcome to pilgrims at St. Joseph's.

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

It is the Bishop's intention to celebrate both openings that day.

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

More information can be found via—  
[www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/applicazione.html](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/applicazione.html)  
and will appear on the Diocesan, CBCEW and Vatican websites in due course.

## NO OBJECTION : from the Catholic Church

**NIHIL OBSTAT:** One More Mission for  
ARCHBISHOP ALDO CAVALLI in MEDJUGORJE  
(Refer to Vatican Publication)



Since the Vatican granted a "Nihil Obstat" to Medjugorje, Msgr Aldo Cavalli has been entrusted with an "extra mission". Indeed, this is what is written in paragraph 39 of the document published by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith on September 19, 2024 ("The Queen of Peace - Note on the Spiritual Experience Related to Medjugorje"):

**The Apostolic Visitor** is a special character for the parish of Medjugorje, who will continue to carry out the duties entrusted to him, will have to verify that, in each publication gathering the messages, he will then himself discern future posts - or past posts that have not yet been published - and will have to authorize their possible publication, in the light of the clarifications provided above.

( With *Ecclesiastical approval* )

**In a press conference the Prefect for the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith** explained in more detail how the Holy See will interact with Medjugorje.

The Holy See authorized the devotion linked to the Medjugorje shrine in Bosnia-Herzegovina, but any future “messages” from alleged Marian apparitions will have to be approved before publication, the Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF), Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernández, said in the press conference on September 19, 2024. Observers see this decision as a way of supervising the site, which has been the subject of controversy in the last 40 years.

The Argentine Cardinal, who once visited the shrine and said he felt it was a place of **“prayer, of peace, and of desire to change one’s life,”** also ruled out the possibility of Pope Francis recognizing the possible supernatural nature of the phenomenon.

**If the Apostolic Visitor ‘Archbishop Aldo Cavalli’** sees that there is something doubtful, unclear, that may confuse the faithful, he will send us a question, he will call us, and we will try to answer [...] within the week,” Cardinal *Fernández explained.*

The Dicastery invites Pilgrims who visit Medjugorje ‘To be strongly advised that Pilgrimages are not made to meet with alleged visionaries but to have an encounter with Mary Queen of Peace. ‘