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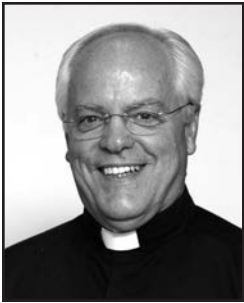
## **CURRENT MONTHLY MESSAGE OF JULY 25, 2017**

**ON THE 25TH DAY OF EACH MONTH, THE BLESSED VIRGIN GIVES A MESSAGE TO THE VISIONARY, MARIJA, THAT IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE WORLD.**



*Our Lady told the visionaries that Her real birthday is August 5. If you forgot, you can wish Her a happy birthday on September 8, the day the Church celebrates Her birthday. Some people give Her three days of fasting previous to Her birthday. Some put flowers at Her statues. If you are looking for another idea, Our Lady would be most grateful for Masses for Her intentions. As of July 25, 2017, the number of Masses reported for Our Lady's intentions was 18,330. It would be great if we could reach 20,000 this year. This picture was taken in Tihaljina, not far from Medjugorje. Notice the beautiful new crown.*

“Dear children! Be prayer and a reflection of God’s love for all those who are far from God and God’s commandments. Little children, be faithful and determined in conversion and work on yourselves so that, for you, holiness of life may be truth; and encourage each other in the good through prayer, so that your life on earth may be more pleasant. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



Fr. Bill Kiel

# Experiencing a Medjugorje Pilgrimage

By Fr. Bill Kiel

What is a pilgrimage? How is it different from a regular trip? Many times these questions are asked by Catholics and non-Catholics alike. A pilgrimage is different than a vacation or tour of an area. It is an adventure to tour and explore a new or familiar area, but to *experience* a pilgrimage is to enrich and deepen

our spiritual life. It is not unusual for people to think to be part of a pilgrimage is to pray and pray and pray all the time while on the pilgrimage. In Medjugorje and the surrounding villages, there are many opportunities to pray, spend time in personal, private reflection and also public worship, plus use free time to explore areas of interest. Our June 2017 pilgrimage to Medjugorje was filled with many blessings experienced in varied ways by our pilgrims. As we say, "Everyone has a story."

Each day, we would begin with morning prayer as a group in our house, followed by breakfast, then usually Mass in English at Saint James Church or a trip to a church within a 45-minute ride to a neighboring village for Mass.

We were privileged to celebrate Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Tihaljina, where the statue of the Blessed Mother is placed to the left of the altar, and whose face is often used in association with Medjugorje [the cover photo this month]. Father Ryan Ravis, ordained in 2016, was our celebrant. [Ryan's vocation story can be read at [www.spiritofmedjugorje.org/july2012.htm](http://www.spiritofmedjugorje.org/july2012.htm).] In Surmanci, a small village about 15 minutes from Medjugorje, our group had a weekday Mass in the church dedicated to Divine Mercy devotion. Our pilgrims were grateful for the local churches giving us the opportunity to pray in their churches and recognize the respect and pride parishioners have for their "home" church.

One morning, we celebrated a Mass with prayers and blessings for healing at the Church of the Assumption in Siroki Brijeg. For me, this is a special place. Here, through a blessing from Fr. Jozo, I became aware of the gift of healing

while blessing pilgrims on my first pilgrimage to Medjugorje in 1994. [See our June, 2017 issue.] After Mass, each pilgrim received a blessing with the laying-on-of-hands.

Saint James Church in Medjugorje will be the "special place" for some of our pilgrims who participated in a Mass for English-speaking pilgrims. I was privileged to be the main celebrant, while some in our group were the readers of the Word and Prayers of the Faithful. They represented our pilgrims with great honor.

The parish of Saint James Church provides many spiritual experiences for pilgrims: daily International Mass each evening, along with the Rosary before Mass, Peace Rosary and healing prayers after Mass, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 PM to 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration on the altar in the outdoor area behind the church with thousands of pilgrims participating – a magnificent experience. Each day, priests are available for confessions starting at 5:00 PM. Medjugorje is often referred to as the "confessional of the world."

Our group also heard personal witness stories from members of the Cenacolo Community, Patrick Latta, and visionary Jakov's work with the poor of the Medjugorje area. Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain (Mount Krizevac) were the destination of the pilgrims many times during our stay in Medjugorje – both being places of silence, prayer and meditation.

In addition to the spiritual experiences of our pilgrimage, we did enjoy some of the local area's beauty and food. We attended the Saint Anthony feast in Humac, with their delicious grilled lamb from the outdoor spits, and a fresh fish dinner at Cevaljusa Falls.

There were many other group and personal experiences, too numerous to mention.

As with any of our endeavors in life, we receive from them as much as we put ourselves into them. Our pilgrimage to Medjugorje was beyond the expectations of many pilgrims, who "put their heart and soul" into their experiences. They did not know exactly what to expect, but they were open to whatever God and our Blessed Mother had for them. Our pilgrims returned home with many, many blessings!



Cevaljusa Falls

On June 23, 2017, Ivan met with his prayer group on Apparition Hill. When Our Lady appeared, She gave the following message: "Dear children, I came, I came to you and presented myself as the Queen of Peace. Also today, I desire to call you to pray for peace. May there be peace, dear children. May peace begin to reign in the world. Dear children, be persevering in prayer. Fight against evil and against sin and the idols of today's world which seduce you. Be firm; be strong in faith. And to be strong in faith - pray. Pray, and through prayer meet with my Son, for Him to grant you strength, for Him to grant you the grace. Be open. The Mother prays for all of you and for all of you intercedes before Her Son. Thank you, dear children, for also today having responded to my call."

## Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for August

**Artists:** That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.



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## Message to Mirjana on July 2, 2017

“Dear children, Thank you for continuing to respond to my invitations and for gathering here around me, your heavenly mother. I know that you are thinking of me with love and hope. I, too, feel love for all of you, just as my most beloved Son also feels it: He who, through his merciful love, is always sending me to you anew; He who was man; He who was and is God – one and triune; He who suffered in body and soul for your sake; He who made Himself bread to feed your souls and thus to save them. My children, I am teaching you how to be worthy of His love, to direct your thoughts to Him, to live my Son. Apostles of my love, I am covering you with my mantle, because as a mother I desire to protect you. I am imploring you to pray for the whole world. My heart is suffering. Sins are multiplying, they are too numerous. But with the help of those of you who are humble, modest, filled with love, hidden and holy, my heart will triumph. Love my Son above all and the whole world through Him. Never forget that each of your brothers, within himself, carries something precious – the soul. Therefore, my children, love all those who do not know my Son, so that through prayer and the love which comes through prayer, they may become better; that the goodness in them could win; that souls could be saved and have eternal life. My apostles, my children, my Son told you to love one another. May this be inscribed in your hearts and with prayer, try to live that love. Thank you.”



Mirjana

### No Other Weapon

*The following is an excerpt of a reflection written in 2008 by Fr. Jozo Zovko on the October 25, 2008 message, which reads:*

*“Dear children! In a special way I call you all to pray for my intentions so that, through your prayers, you may stop Satan’s plan over this world, which is further from God every day, and which puts itself in the place of God and is destroying everything that is beautiful and good in the souls of each of you. Therefore, little children, arm yourselves with prayer and fasting so that you may be conscious of how much God loves you and may carry out God’s will. Thank you for having responded to my call.”*

How to arm ourselves today? – With prayer and fasting – the Queen of Peace said to us. Our Lord also mentioned this weapon to His disciples when they had not been able to expel the devil from a possessed man. How did the prophets and the saints of the New Testament manage to be victorious? – With prayer and fasting. How did Francis renew the Church? – With prayer and fasting. What is our strength today that Our Lady is speaking about, to stop the power of Satan? – Fasting and prayer. There is no other weapon. If you want to help your people, your family and the Church, listen to the Mother. Take up this weapon.

Let us remember the apostle Paul, too, who at the very beginning of the Church wrote to Christians: “Finally, be

strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil... Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm” (Eph 6:10).

Dear Mother, exalted are your words and precious your advice. You who are bruising our enemy on the head with your heel, you know best how to overpower him. Thank you for this strong message in which you call everybody.

Brothers and sisters, do not take this message as a mere piece of information. It is the only program for our survival and our peace as believing and holy people. Do you not feel a deep gratitude that it reconfirms your calling and your vow, that it tells you again how important our praying and fasting family is for: living Our Lady’s messages?! At this moment nothing is so urgent. Respond to the call!

*Editor’s note: At the exact time that I was reading this excerpt, which I had set aside a few months ago for consideration, I heard a “ding” telling me I had an email. The note was from a subscriber wanting to know if Fr. Jozo was still alive!!! Yes, Fr. Jozo, who was pastor of St. James when the apparitions began in 1981, is alive and stationed in Zagreb at this time*

### Persecuted Visionaries

It is not well-known that the fourth apparition in Fatima did not occur on August 13, but on August 19, because the children had been detained by the police, and threatened to be thrown in boiling oil if they did not deny their story.

Many people do not know also how much the Medjugorje visionaries were persecuted at the beginning. Mirjana recounts in her book, *My Heart Will Triumph*, many incidents of persecution. In one early incident, Mirjana related that a federal “foul-mouthed” policeman became very frustrated when she would not deny the apparitions. When he told her to confess, she said, “I only confess to my priest.” At this, Mirjana wrote that “the veins in his neck bulged.” He told her to admit that she does not see Our Lady. She said, “But

I do.” At this, he pulled out his gun, so Mirjana prayed for help from Our Lady, and then felt a sense of calm. “After seeing Our Lady and experiencing Heaven, it was nearly impossible to be afraid of anything,” Mirjana wrote. When the policeman asked once more for her to tell the truth, Mirjana replied, “The truth is that I see Our Lady, and I’m willing to die for her.” The policeman slammed his fist on the table, and left the room.

*Editor’s note: We have a limited number of Mirjana’s book and our book, I Have Come to Tell the World that God Exists we would like to offer for free to priests and religious. Please contact June at [jklins1981@verizon.net](mailto:jklins1981@verizon.net).*

# On the Way to Medjugorje

By Dawn Curazzato

In the Jubilee year, 2000, I went to Medjugorje for the first time. That same year, Pope John Paul II made St. Faustina the first saint of the Third Millennium and dedicated Divine Mercy to be celebrated the first Sunday after Easter, making it a splendor for the Church. On that day, he said, "THIS is the happiest day of my life!" Not becoming a priest, not becoming pope, but this day was his happiest. Why? Because he had made Divine Mercy the image of his pontificate, knowing what a great gift it was to humanity, and he fulfilled God's Will. He was very devoted to the Blessed Mother, and many say he was a mystic.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot on May 13 at 5:00 PM – the exact date and time Blessed Mother appeared to the Fatima children in 1917. Pope John Paul II did not take this to be "coincidence." He recognized himself as the "Bishop in White" who was shot and killed in the vision the Fatima children were shown. He would later say, "One hand fired; another guided." He understood Our Lady guided the bullet through his body, and it was through Her intercession that he lived! When he recovered, after visiting his would-be assassin and forgiving him, he made a trip to Fatima and had the bullet from his body placed in Our Lady's crown in the Fatima statue, to thank and honor Her for Her intercession. He was a great Pope, and I loved him, as did millions of others. Whether he was a mystic or not, I do not know, but he made a very important statement about Medjugorje. He said, "Medjugorje is the continuation and fulfillment of Fatima!" On this, the 100 year celebration of Fatima, I hold that close to my heart and ponder it as I remember my first trip there.

I had heard a great deal about Medjugorje and there was a trip in October of 2000, but I couldn't afford to go. In June of 2000, my husband and daughter gave a "surprise" 50th birthday party for me and, lo and behold, after opening all my cards, I got the exact amount to go. I was very excited. My friend, Kathy, who had been there several times said, "You won't want to come home!"

Just before it was time to leave, my mom found out she had cancer and needed surgery. I couldn't leave her. I went to the hospital three days before we were supposed to leave, and I told her I wasn't going to go. She told me to go – that I could do more for her there, and my sisters would take care of her while I prayed for her in Medjugorje. I told her OK, but as I got on the bus to leave for the airport, I began to cry. As I turned my head and looked out the window, the woman sitting behind me saw my reflection in the window and asked what was wrong, so I told her about my mother. She said, "I have something for you," and she placed a first class relic of Blessed Margaret in my hand and

my first "spiritual kiss" and call of Our Lady of Medjugorje began. You see, the lady introduced herself and told me she was a technician at Roswell, the cancer hospital where my mother was having her surgery as we spoke, and she told me not to worry, that my mother would be fine. And she was! What she could not possibly know is that before I



Steeple of St. James

left, I went to visit the Dominican nuns on Doat street in Buffalo, NY, to tell them five of my friends and I had just officially begun a prayer group called "Ladies of the Lord" with the blessings of Msgr. Nugent of St. Bernadette's Parish. The nun I was speaking with asked if we had a "Patroness." We didn't, and she asked if we would consider Blessed Margaret, who has a plaque in the monastery, and is patroness of the handicapped, blind and unloved. Perfect! Of all the relics in the world, a woman I had never met, who is a technician at the hospital where my mother is being operated on, hands me THAT particular relic of the Patroness, which the Dominican nuns had just given us, while on the way to Medjugorje. Oh this WAS going to be a special trip!

The trip to Medjugorje is long and grueling, and when we arrived it was near dusk. Everyone went into our host home and unpacked...not me, though. I had to see St. James Church before I unpacked. I could see the two steeples of the church, so I ran down the street. I didn't want to have to find the house we were staying at in the dark. When I got to the church, there were hundreds of birds chirping loudly in three small trees near the church. All of a sudden they stopped – in unison – not another peep! I looked at my watch and it was 6:40, the time Our Lady appears! Does nature also pay Her homage?! It seems so!

The next morning, we went to Apparition Hill, where Our Lady first appeared. I was deeply affected by the peace and beauty of the spot where Our Lady has promised to leave a permanent sign that the world will have no doubt that She was appearing there. It is holy ground. I took a few pebbles from that spot. They are among my prized possessions.

We met several of the visionaries and were especially taken with the story Vicka and Jakov told us about Our Lady showing them Heaven, Hell and Purgatory. All the visionaries have a holy joy about them, especially Vicka, who was my favorite. Though she has many sufferings, she exudes joy. I had brought a manuscript of a book I had just written and Vicka prayed over it, for which I was very grateful.

On the third day, my roommate, Mary, and I looked out our window at night, and we saw the cross on Mt. Krizevac all aglow in a red hue, as if on fire. The next morning on our way up the mountain, we asked our guide about what we



saw. We asked her who was up there. She said no one. She said, "You will see when you get to the top that there are no lights. There are no people up there late at night, as it is a treacherous climb in the dark. What you saw, many people report seeing. Some people see it lifted up and spinning with bright lights around it. It is a 'gift' to see that." I said, "Yes, but what does it mean?" She just smiled. Mary and I looked out every night thereafter, but never saw it again. However, we'll never forget it! Our trip to the top, praying the Rosary at each of the Stations along the way was very special, too.

We went to Mass every day where many priests concelebrated and it was like a taste of Heaven – so very special. There were also long lines for Confession – something you don't see in the West. One day we were coming out of Mass, and saw some pilgrims pointing up. When I looked up, my two friends and I witnessed the Miracle of the Sun! I thought I would faint!! When I was 10 years old, my dad told me the story of Fatima and I said to him, "Dad, I wish I was alive then! I could have gone to Fatima to be with Blessed Mother and see the sun spin!" My father smiled. Well, I think my Father in Heaven smiled, too, because here it was some 40 years later, and I am "seeing" through the eyes of the 10 yr. old child who lives within! Praise God! My dad passed away this past February and I will always be grateful to him for teaching me about my Faith.

It was time to leave, and I found myself crying again! My friend, Kathy, was right – I didn't want to go home. I wanted to stay in this place that seems to be so close to Heaven. As we were all getting back on the bus, I had one more experience that I did not talk about for a long time until I discussed it with my spiritual director. I heard a voice – a loud voice – so I thought everyone heard what I heard. The voice said only three words: "Work for Me!" I said "Yes!" But when I looked around, I saw everyone talking and going about their business, and I realized no one else heard it. I had read the voice of God is soft and sweet. This voice was strong and distinct, so I questioned it until my priest put me at ease about it. I DO work for God. ALL of us should! God speaks to us in many ways, through Scripture, through other people, through the lives of the saints, through nature and dates, and natural means. Occasionally we may "hear" a voice or inner stirring, but we have to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and we have to maintain a child-like Faith which will confound the learned and proud. Many amazing things have happened to me since that trip – too many to mention here. But this I must share because we are all called to witness and to take God's Love and Mercy to those He puts on our path. We are to be His Light in this dark world.

I met so many wonderful people on the two trips I was able to make to Medjugorje, including the editor of this paper, June Klins, who touches many hearts by spreading Our Lady's messages. We were told that *we* don't choose to go to Medjugorje – that Our Lady calls us there. There is a "purpose" for each of us, which gave me pause to think... what is my "purpose?" What can I do for Our Lady, for Jesus, for my Church? I thought about it quite a lot while there. I remembered a quote President Kennedy made many years ago, but I substituted one word – "Church" – in place of "country": Ask not what your Church can do for you; ask what you can do for your Church. We should!

Our prayer group, "Ladies of the Lord/Disciples of Divine

Mercy," grew from six housewives to over 200 women after coming home from that first trip to Medjugorje. We get 60-90 women at EVERY meeting the second Thursday of each month in the Gathering Room at St. Gregory the Great Church in Amherst, NY. We pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, and then we do readings from the Catechism, Bible and St. Faustina's Diary. After discussion/speaker we have fellowship. When we leave that room, we leave invigorated with the Holy Spirit and ready to face our days, not alone but as sisters in Christ. We go out as Apostles, part of Our Lady's Army! My Pastor once asked me, "How do you get all these women to come?" "I tell them they don't have to come!!" So I know those who come, come because they WANT to, and they understand the power of prayer! Our main requirement is to include ALL those on our petition list in our daily prayers and offerings and do acts of Mercy and Love when and where we can.

I have been doing presentations on "The Real Presence in the Eucharist" and the healing of my granddaughter ("The Power of Prayer") for 20 years. We give out free rosaries, scapulars, blessed medals and Catholic hand outs and pamphlets as well as bumper stickers with our emblem (the face of Jesus and a rosary) and motto "Prayer Not Despair" on them. They are all good ways to share the faith. Recently one of my Ladies of the Lord came out of Adoration and found this note on her car: (the card says "Thanking you for your kindness....and thanking GOD for you.")



"Dear Bumper sticker owner: I wanted to Thank You for your Prayer Not Despair bumper sticker! I never was someone who thought much of bumper stickers, but now I realize that sometimes they can really have a positive effect. Probably about three times I have seen this sticker on a car just at a time I was feeling close to despair. I believe God drew my attention to it. Well, each of those times I saw the sticker, my whole attitude changed. I felt God was telling me there was hope and just to keep praying. So I thought you should know about this. I thank you greatly for this bumper sticker because it has revived me and cheered me up, and has given me hope when I was losing hope. Thanks again! A Friend"

You see, we never know how what we do or say affects another. A kind word, a card, a visit, an act of mercy or a bumper sticker all done with love can have a very positive effect. A small ripple can turn into a huge "tsunami of faith" that WILL change the world. Is God calling YOU to work for Him? Let us Pray.....

*Editor's note: If you are interested in obtaining a "Prayer Not Despair" magnetic bumper sticker, or Dawn's book, Memoirs of a Miracle, you can contact her at [Samdawnc@gmail.com](mailto:Samdawnc@gmail.com). If you do not have email, you can call June at 814-898-2143 for Dawn's contact information.*

# O Come Let Us Adore Him

By Cathy Nolan

Many people have contacted me, hoping to be able to access the English Mass of October 20, 2014 and so, while we are working on the archive [on [www.marytv.tv](http://www.marytv.tv)], I have transcribed the homily. It is very inspiring!

October 20, 2014 English Holy Mass at St. James Church. Homily given by Fr. Hugh Cummins.

"My name is Fr. Hugh Cummins. I am a Redemptorist Priest from Australia. The group that will be reading and taking part are from Australia, except for the song leader, Steven, who is from Medjugorje!

Yesterday, when I was hearing confessions for three hours, the vast majority of those who came were either Canadians or from the United States. So I have decided to celebrate Mass especially for them, for their matters.

In the first reading, we had words that I consider really powerful words. "We hold this treasure in earthen vessels that the surpassing power may be of God and not of us." That is in evidence in places like Medjugorje. The Lord chose children who were, at that time when Our Lady first appeared, ordinary children, not different from the others, so that the surpassing power of what has happened here is God and not man.

Now two of us Australian priests, Fr. Jack Harris and myself, nine years ago, we were invited to go to a city in Indonesia, named Surabaya, with the object of helping them to begin Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration – first of all, to give a retreat to the priests of the diocese, and then to talk to the people. Well it was certainly a case of earthen vessels. We had never heard of the city of Surabaya, even though there are six million people there. And we didn't know a single word of their language or have any knowledge of that country. And yet immense power of God was at work – first of all, among the priests.

And during the retreat, we spoke of especially the messages of Pope St. John Paul II, and his emphasis on the Eucharist. And all night the last night, they had Adoration, when God certainly touched many of those priests, as the future was to show. Then we went to what is called the World Trade Center. Fifteen hundred people were gathered there for two full days. The translator that we had for both events, within three months, became a bishop for the diocese. He still is. So God was secretly working in amazing ways. He (the translator) fully embraced and was so enthusiastic about this message of Adoration.

Then another remarkable thing was that the chapel for Perpetual Adoration was not yet ready, and so supposedly temporarily we had to begin the Adoration in the chapel of a hospital run by the Holy Spirit nuns. This hospital was a big one – 2,200 patients and staff, 90% of whom were Muslims. So Adoration began, and we had 1,500 people, so it was very easy to cover all the hours with several adorers, day and night, right through the week. So this Adoration began, and being a hospital, the sick started coming to pray there. They

felt it a comforting and beautiful place. But it is dangerous to let Jesus near the sick! Could you imagine what He might do? He started to heal them!! And you might be surprised, but most of those who were healed were actually Muslim people!

But the word spread, and therefore, this apostolate never stopped. The last nine years, we have been going back once or twice a year, giving retreats to the priests. That is so important. Start with the priests. Giving that retreat to the

priests, and during that last night when they are at Adoration, amazing conversions have happened among those priests. And then they give the retreat to the people, and it is normal to get 1,000 people on retreat in Indonesia. I am afraid in Australia... one year I came back from the weekend when I was giving a retreat to 1,500 people, and the next weekend I was giving a retreat to 12 people in Hobart, Tasmania. So it is a bit different in the secular western countries than in the very religious country of Indonesia, the beautiful religious family in Indonesia.

Now since then, 45 chapels of Adoration have been established in Indonesia. And almost 40 of them are perpetual, meaning that there are always people adoring in them. So surely God used earthen vessels, very inadequate, very limited vessels, and He showed that the power was through Him. Wonderful things have happened.

Now in Medjugorje, Our Lady is also bringing up the power of the Eucharist. We just came from a talk by Vicka, and she emphasized how Our Lady says to put Mass first in our day. But then the Mass continues through the Adoration in the Adoration Chapel here each afternoon, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm; and then on certain nights you have the hour of Adoration with everybody there, out in the open. That is the continuation, as Pope Benedict taught. He taught that if we do not do Adoration, we will not fully and richly participate in the Mass. And Pope Francis, of course, spends his last hour of every day in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

But it was particularly Pope John Paul II that inspired us in this. Pope John Paul II has so much emphasized Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. In 1989, when he went to Korea for the International Eucharistic Congress there and urged the Korean priests to establish Perpetual Adoration in their parishes, there was one chapel of Perpetual Adoration at that time, and now there are 77! In 1989, there were only around 20 chapels of Perpetual Adoration in the entire world. Today there are well over 3,000! This is the movement of the Holy Spirit in our time. This is what we need today! We need Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

Listen to a few words of Pope John Paul II. And very importantly, this is for priests. (I thought we were going to have about 20, but we only have a few, so I will really have to hammer the message home to these few!) He said, (this is his Encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*) – "It is the responsibility of pastors to encourage the practice of Eucharistic Adoration and also to encourage exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in particular!" And then he gives a little personal testimony.



Adoration Chapel in St. James in Medjugorje

He says, "It is pleasant to spend time with Him, to lie close to His breast like the beloved disciple, and to feel the infinite love present in His heart. How often, dear brothers and sisters, have I, myself, experienced this, and drawn from it, strength, consolation and support. This practice repeatedly praised and recommended by the Magisterium is supported by the example of many saints (and as a Redemptorist, I love the next little bit, where he says...). Particularly outstanding in this regard was St. Alphonsus Ligouri (he is the founder of my congregation) who wrote of all devotions, that of Adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments – is the greatest and the one dearest God and the most helpful to us."

So in the Gospel, we heard the challenge to go out and preach the Good News, to go out and preach the Good News to the whole world, to make disciples of all nations. Well, this is the time for us to go forth from here, not just bringing

something personal for ourselves. Our Lady doesn't invite us here just personally for ourselves only. We are meant to go back and to transform things when we go home. And one of the things we can do is to encourage by our example and by our encouragement, the practice of Eucharistic Adoration.

And particularly the priests! Our ministry in Indonesia has been so effective because we start with the priests, and God touches them in extraordinary ways during that retreat. That is why it is so difficult in Australia. I have been three years now assigned in Sydney. I have been working hard, with the full support of Cardinal Pell, the Archbishop who has been recently removed from there. But we haven't gotten a priest there yet who is willing to offer a church for Perpetual Adoration. We don't have it in that huge city of Sydney. Yet in Indonesia we have been able to establish 45. God is showing us that it is not us, it is His power. It is His power and His timing. But I hope the priests here will take



*Bread of Life Adoration Chapel in Erie, PA*

up that challenge to try and set up chapels of Perpetual Adoration. That is what the Spirit is saying today.

And you people, you may not be able to set up a chapel of Perpetual Adoration, but encourage the movement and encourage some hours of Adoration in the parishes where you go. I would love to go on and tell you some of the things that have happened in parishes where Perpetual Adoration has begun. Miracles have happened; transformations have happened – especially in Indonesia. So you can ask Fr. Harris, who will say the Mass tomorrow, for some examples. But the effects are powerful and wonderful.

So I pray to the Blessed Mother, the Queen of Peace, that She will draw us all to that Adoration Chapel while we are here in Medjugorje. Go to the Adoration out in the open tomorrow night. And through our encounter with Jesus in this holy place, we will have a thirst and a desire to be with Him often, in His wonderful Eucharistic Presence. Amen."

*"Dear Children! Today I invite you to fall in love with the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Adore Him, little children, in your Parishes and in this way you will be united with the entire world. Jesus will become your friend and you will not talk of Him like someone whom you barely know. Unity with Him will be a joy for you and you will become witnesses to the love of Jesus that He has for every creature. Little children, when you adore Jesus you are also close to me. Thank you for having responded to my call."* (Our Lady, September 25, 1995) [www.marytv.tv](http://www.marytv.tv)

*Editor's note: For those in the Erie area, Jesus is waiting for you to visit Him at the Bread of Life Perpetual Adoration Chapel, located at 147 West 24<sup>th</sup> St. If you go during non-business hours, call 814-452-2982 for the entrance code. More committed adorers are needed. Make a "date with Jesus" each week, and you will be greatly blessed. I know I have been!*

## O We of Little Faith

*By June Klins*

Many years ago, I began reading Matthew 6:24-34 every Thursday, as recommended by Our Lady through the Medjugorje locutionist, Jelena. (A locutionist hears, but does not see Our Lady.) I call it the "Don't Worry" Gospel. But around eight years ago, I began reading this passage daily instead of weekly. Why? I had learned that my hours at my teaching job would be cut drastically, and I became very worried about my finances and the effect on my pension. That night, I determined to read the "Don't Worry" Gospel every single day and to really believe it. Before long, I began to trust that God would truly provide for me, and was at peace. And He did come through! Within weeks, my hours got increased to even more than I had in the first place! I still read this passage every day.

Lately five words keep jumping out at me from this passage – "O you of little faith." The footnote for this verse (verse 30) states that the word for "of little faith" refers to "those who are disciples of Jesus, but whose faith in Him is not as deep as it should be." Does that not describe us all? Who of us can say we have complete faith in God?

One day someone posted a prayer request to my online

prayer group and addressed us as "Prayer worriers." I laughed, as I knew it was a typo, meant to say "Prayer Warriors," but I think there is an element of truth in it. Yet, one of the main messages of Medjugorje is to have a firm faith. Our Lady mentions the word "faith" often – most recently on June 23 to Ivan (see p. 2).

Jesus told St. Faustina, "Tell all that I demand that they live in the spirit of faith" (St. Faustina's Diary #353). Jesus demands that we live in faith. Those are strong words. Jesus further told St. Faustina that one of the greatest obstacles to holiness is "an exaggerated anxiety" (#1488). Perhaps that is why His Mother tells us to read Matthew 6:24-34. But what an awesome reward we get when we *do* live in faith. Jesus told St. Faustina: "Most dear to Me is the soul that strongly believes in My goodness and has complete trust in Me. I heap my confidence upon it and give it all it asks" (#453).

*Editor's note: I received the inspiration for this article in Adoration. On the way home I turned on the Catholic Radio Station and the priest was reading the exact passage from Matthew 6: 24-34!*



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## MARY IS CALLING YOU

On June 24, 1981 in Medjugorje, Our Lady appeared to six children. She identified Herself as the Blessed Virgin, Queen of Peace, and has continued to appear daily. Her message is PEACE, peace with God and man. Her words to the visionaries, "I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and obtain peace, you must return to God."

Today, all but three of the visionaries have daily apparitions of the Blessed Mother. During the apparitions, the visionaries do not react to light, don't hear any sound or react to being touched. They feel that they are outside of time and space. All the visionaries declare to see the Blessed Virgin as they see other people - in three dimension. They pray and speak with Her.

The Blessed Mother is confiding ten secrets to each visionary (some are chastisements for the world) and promises to leave a visible sign at the place of the apparitions in Medjugorje for all humanity. This time, this period of grace, is for CONVERSION

and a DEEPENING OF FAITH. After the visible sign, those still living will have little time for conversion.

Father Jozo Zovko, who was the pastor of St. James when the apparitions began, has spoken about what he calls "the weapons" or the "the five stones" of Our Lady. They are: prayer with the heart, especially the Rosary; Eucharist; Holy Bible; monthly Confession; and fasting.

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