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MONTHLY MESSAGE OF JUNE 25, 2022

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.



"Dear children, I rejoice with you and thank you for every sacrifice and prayer, which you have offered for my intentions. Little children, do not forget that you are important in my plan of salvation of mankind. Return to God and prayer that the Holy Spirit may work in you and through you. Little children, I am with you also in these days when Satan is fighting for war and hatred. Division is strong and evil is at work in man as never before. Thank you for having responded to my call."

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. On May 2, 2019, Our Lady said, "That Precious Blood is for your salvation, for eternal life." The chalice shown above belongs to Fr. Daniel Maria Klimek T.O.R. You can read about this beautiful chalice on page 3.



Fr. Ray

Frank Sinatra was WRONG!

By Fr. Ray Donohue

It has gotten to the point that I don't watch the news anymore. My favorite thing on TV is probably the weather reports. Even if it is raining cats and dogs, even if it is way too hot or too damp, this is better than most programs and especially the news, where there really is nothing I care to watch. I spend my time doing something I think

is so much more worthwhile. It is called "Prayer".

I doubt if anyone can argue that our world, as it used to be, is really unraveling, and in many cases falling apart. In this day and age, wouldn't you think, looking back at history, that there are no real winners in war? Yet, they start one, and innocent people are the victims. Who starts the wars? Evil starts the wars!

This is NOT political, but it is genuinely Spiritual, in that our world is so mixed up, we don't know if we are coming or going! Many people truly do not know right from wrong anymore, or who to believe or to go to for the real and correct and TRUE answers. My question is: who in the world came up with the crazy questions to begin with?! The answer is the very same entity that starts the wars: Evil!

Some people and some states and places throughout the world are asking 5-year-old children if they would like to be a girl or a boy, and that they can change them into something else. In my book, GOD DOES

NOT MAKE MISTAKES! If a child is a boy, that child is a boy. If the child is a girl, that child is a girl. Pretty simple, huh? That is not just my book, that is GOD's Book, and it is called the BIBLE! I follow THAT book! When we follow the Bible and teachings of God, we have peace and Truth in the world, and in our hearts.

Remember, "In the beginning, the Lord God created them, male and female"; God created them the way they should be. Now, people cut and sew a person, who is, or was, created into God's very image and likeness, and then screw them up forever! They want to do it their way, the evil way!

"Doing your own thing" was a phrase I heard a lot when I was growing up. But is that part of God's holy plan for us? Doing your own thing usually does NOT include the law and ways of God, the 10 Commandments, and morality and Truth! We need to conform to God's ways and NOT the other way around. News bulletin here: "WE ARE NOT GOD!" It is not wise or recommended that we even try to be God, but to try our best to be like God and follow HIS Truth, which is pure Truth!

Our Blessed Mother has been trying to show us that, for over 41 years in Medjugorje. Our Lady is helping us to see the Truth and do what God is asking us to do! God makes it easy for us – He spells it out for us in what is evil and what

is good, yet people still reach out to bite that apple and "do it my way" instead of God's way! Mother Mary is calling us back to morality! Calling us back to holy prayer from our hearts to God's holy heart! Our Mother shows us the way to God is Holiness and prayer: Monthly Confession to cleanse us, Holy Mass to nourish us, to allow us to remember we are all ONE people in God, that the Holy Mass unites us with God and each other and all of Heaven! Holy Fasting is a supreme prayer, giving ourselves over to God and allowing HIM to fill us with what we need, and take away what is evil and causing pain and hurt in so many ways!

We NEED to follow the Blessed Mother's messages and requests in our everyday life. We have to stand up for the TRUTH or the Truth will be lost and forgotten, and we will let evil win. Evil is NEVER a win, it is such a loss, and we are at the point that it is now or never!

Morality is so lacking in our world today. You know it and I know it, and we can do something about it! Our Lady reminds us and shows us the way; all we need do is listen and DO IT, not our way, but God's Way!

We used to look up to public figures. Not so much anymore. "Truth", in today's world, is whatever a person says it is, instead of what Truth really is. Our Lady is showing this to us, and asking us all NOT to eat the apple of evil, but be nourished by the washing of Baptism, the cleansing of a good Holy Confession, and the nourishment of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus at Holy Mass.

My mother would kneel with me at my bedside at night and she taught me to pray. We would pray together every night and she would sing a little Polish hymn to me as I got into bed. I saw my mother and father pray together; we all went to Holy Mass together, and on the way home we talked about the homily and the Holy Scriptures we heard and how to make them more a part of our daily lives! Do we hear that going on today? People today are afraid to bless themselves with holy water as they enter the church! People are afraid to sit with others in the same pew! People, who can go to Holy Mass, are afraid, so they stay home and maybe watch it on TV! Evil has turned simple holy things into fear, and fear comes from evil! God is strength and Wisdom; fear is earthly and human.

Frank was so wrong in trying to do things "his" way. We should be trying to do things GOD'S WAY. God tells us not to fear! Listen to God, not the news! Our Lady shows us and tells us how to live a holy, good, happy and fruitful life! Listen to the Blessed Mother, not to human fears. Pray with your heart. Don't rattle off mere words and direct them "AT" God, but praying with your heart, the Holy Rosary, the Holy Sacraments, talk and converse WITH God. Be at Peace, and follow the QUEEN of PEACE! Do NOT fear, be strong, stand up and ask God for Grace, and do things God's way, and make God's ways become "Our Ways". (And, I liked Bing Crosby better than Frank anyways!)

In the Holy Names of Jesus, Mary and Saint Joseph,
~Father Ray and his precious little Dublin Dog ☺

Editor's note: For our younger readers who may not be familiar with Frank Sinatra, he was famous for his song entitled "My Way". The words, "I did it my way" are repeated throughout the song.

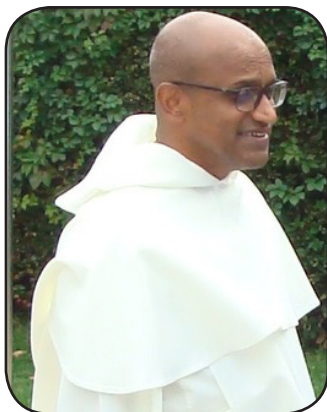
"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:13-14).

Litany of the Precious Blood of Jesus

The following was excerpted from a reflection by Cathy Nolan of Mary TV on July 2, 2020.

"...Out of love, the Blood of my Son was shed for you. That Precious Blood is for your salvation, for eternal life..." (Our Lady, May 2, 2019)

Yesterday was the "old" feast of the Precious Blood of Jesus, according to Fr. Leon [Pereira]. He gave a very powerful and serious homily at the English Mass yesterday... But at the end of the homily, he told us about the Litany of the Precious Blood of Jesus. I had never heard of it. He made it clear that this Litany is necessary in these days when the devil is so active in the world. I want to share his concluding words and the Litany with you all today! On July 1, 2020 at English Mass in Medjugorje, Fr. Leon said this:



Fr. Leon

"I pray the Litany of the Precious Blood every day for a specific reason. Because the demons are fighting. They are fighting to confuse people. I pray the Litany of the Precious Blood every day and many, many priests and many lay people pray this every day. And I encourage you, too. It doesn't take too long. It is powerful. We need the Precious Blood more and more to protect us and to guard us, because only by the Precious Blood are we saved." ...

Here is the Litany of the Precious Blood of Jesus. Let's begin praying it today and every day for our safety and the safety and protection of all.

Litany of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father,
save us. (after each line)

Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God,
Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament,
Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in the Agony,
Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging,
Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns,
Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross,
Blood of Christ, price of our salvation,
Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness,
Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls,
Blood of Christ, stream of mercy,
Blood of Christ, victor over demons,
Blood of Christ, courage of martyrs,
Blood of Christ, strength of confessors,
Blood of Christ, bringing forth virgins,
Blood of Christ, help of those in peril,
Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened,
Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow,
Blood of Christ, hope of the penitent,

Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying,
Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts,
Blood of Christ, pledge of Eternal Life,
Blood of Christ, freeing souls from purgatory,
Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, in Thy Blood.
R. And made us, for our God, a kingdom.

Let us pray:

Almighty and eternal God, Thou hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by his blood. Grant, we beg of Thee, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

www.marytv.tv

Editor's note: Fr. Leon is the chaplain to the English-speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje. To hear the entire homily, you can visit the MaryTV Video Library, click on English Homily and search for July 1, 2020.

About the Cover

"I bought this chalice. I wanted this one. My family bought it for me because I wanted every time when I would elevate the chalice as a priest, I wanted the memory of Our Lady of Medjugorje. She is the one who led me to priesthood, to this beautiful vocation. And so every time that I am able as a priest to consecrate the Eucharist, I wanted to be reminded of that

first love, the love that is Our Lady of Medjugorje, who led me to a deep faith, who led me to this vocation. So in that sense, every elevation is a gift that takes me back to that original love." ~ Fr. Daniel Maria Klimek T.O.R., transcribed from his "Living the Messages" program on MaryTV.tv.

"I Came Here with Something Unresolved"

The following testimony was taken with permission from the website, imedjugorje.com. This heartfelt testimony was given by a pilgrim (who preferred to be anonymous) during her pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

I tried to come with no expectations. I kept saying that to everybody. "I'm coming with no expectations. I'm just coming with an open heart, open mind." I'm just saying all these words, right?

But when I was on my way here, I noticed I was starting to get a little anxious, I think partly because I could see how many people are very close to God. Even though I feel like I'm on that journey, I still felt like I'm not at that level. I started getting a little grumpy, maybe jealous. I was getting attacked a little bit.

Little by little, I felt my heart softening again.

I kept telling myself I wasn't coming here with expectations, but I was. I was coming with the expectation of like fireworks, but I didn't realize it. I didn't want to admit to myself that I was looking for that sign in the sky or whatever.

The biggest thing for me is that I came here with something unresolved. I had gone to Confession before I came. I wanted to be as pure of heart as I could. But I still felt heavy when I got here, and I couldn't understand why.

When I was younger, I made some bad mistakes. I terminated two pregnancies. When I went to Confession with Fr. Leon in Medjugorje, I said, "I've confessed it so many times and I still feel so guilty. I feel like, even though I know that Jesus forgives me, I still can't forgive myself." He said, "You have to name them." I said, "I've tried, but I just can't. I don't know if they were boys or girls so it's hard to name them." He said, "Spend some time with Our Blessed Mother, and She will help you."

I was at the Blue Cross. I had my eyes closed and this little boy came up. I opened my eyes and there was this little boy there staring at me, so I knew that one of them was a boy. There was another little girl and she touched the Blessed Mother statue. She was older. I was like, "Okay, the other one's a girl." In my mind, I'm thinking, "How do I know this is real? Maybe I'm making all of this up in my head."

When I was at the Blue Cross, one of the names that came to me was Joseph. It was the feast day of Saint Joseph, so I thought Joseph would be a good name, but if the older one was a girl, like the older child on the hill was a girl, then Josephina. The other one was George, which had sentimental value because I kept praying that I would find a man in my life that was like my Uncle George, and then I found my husband. So, the other name was George.

What I've learned is that Mary is always with you. You can see Her through different people. If you come expecting fireworks, the Blessed Mother is very quick to, through a humble way, show you that that's not what it's about.

Even though it's very cool to meet Mirjana, I've also learned

that it's not about her. Yes, she's a vessel for the Blessed Mother, but it's about the Blessed Mother and it's about Jesus Christ and it's about being pure of heart and carrying the message out. That's all Mirjana's doing. She's sharing a message. She's a human being.

When I came here, I got star-struck at first, and now I'm like, "Okay, yeah, it's cool that Mary appears to her, but what's more cool is that I got to hear the message. Not everybody's so lucky to hear this message, and I want to help spread that message." And I do want to pray for all those who don't know God yet, because I didn't know God for a lot of years.

I think people make a mistake sometimes when they pray for aborted babies, they forget to pray for the mothers, for the women. They don't know God yet. They're scared, and they're in a very dark place.

To tell you what those women

look like afterwards, it's like being in a room full of zombies. It's like nothing you've ever seen. It's like they're dead, like the walking dead. It's something I'll never forget, seeing all the women in a row in the room afterwards.

There are so many things that I saw. I've been in a very dark place. For a long time, I used to speak more about the darkness because I had been in such a dark place. Even the day of the apparition, there was someone that was possessed. What I learned from Mirjana is to not talk so much about the darkness. Talk more about the light. The enemy gives you the fireworks. Sometimes his stuff is more, "Whoa!" Everyone wants to look. It's like a reality show. Whereas, God is so much more subtle.

There's a Bible verse that's "Be still and know that I am God." For me, it means that our lives are so full of commotion and noise. Sometimes you do have to be still, you have to be quiet, so that you can hear God and know that God is there.

Sometimes it takes a place like this to get rid of all that noise for a second.

Sometimes we really shouldn't preach so much and instead pray for people and listen more. When you listen, then you can let the Spirit and the Blessed Mother guide you on how you should respond. We just need to pray more and be a little less judgmental.

When I've tried to minister outside of clinics, even the people at my church, some of the comments they were making made me really sad because they had no idea what they were talking about. I remember going to the clinic and looking at the signs and thinking, "These people have no idea. They have no idea what I'm going through."

There are a lot more resources than people realize there are. I do think there needs to be more helping mothers after the fact because it's not easy. For people that are low income,



The Blue Cross

it's very hard to find housing now. I think there aren't enough resources to help those people. I can see where there's a despair and loss of hope.

If someone were to come to me and need help, I think through the church we could come up with resources, we could figure out how to offer support. It's about being there for others and giving people hope.

What I would tell them is, "The darkness that you feel after a decision like that, you're not just getting rid of what you think you are. You really are killing your soul."

You don't necessarily need to preach, but you can tell your story. Through my story is how I will be able to help others, tell them how it made me feel and what a long journey I had to go through. It was much harder and tougher having to go

through what I went through than if I had just surrendered to God and figured it out.

Our Lady has always been there for me and I just didn't realize it. Ever since I was little, She's given me signs that She's been there for me. Jesus is always there for us, too. I don't know why we close the door. We stop loving ourselves and because you're so upset with yourself, you don't allow others to love you, including God. You feel like, "I'm just not worthy of God's love or Mary's love." You just feel so bad about yourself.

When you realize how much God loves you and how much the Blessed Mother loves you, it's like even when our children do something wrong, we still love them so much. No matter what they do, we still love them.

Do Aborted Babies Make It To Heaven?

The following was written by the late Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy, who gave us permission, at the time, to use anything he had written in the newsletter "Mother Love".

Are the souls of aborted babies in Heaven like the Holy Innocents that Herod slaughtered in and around Bethlehem 2,000 years ago?

We honor the Holy Innocents as martyred saints who gave their lives and their witness to Jesus Christ without any choice on their part. They were baptized in their own blood. Their feast day on the Church calendar is December 28.

There is nothing certain from revelation about the souls of aborted babies, since they were not baptized with water.

Baptism is necessary for salvation: "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven." This uncertainty has led some to admit the possibility of the existence of a place of complete natural happiness, called Limbo. Since the babies had no personal sin, they do not deserve to be punished.

But, do they have a chance for Heaven?

Saint Thomas Aquinas proposed his illumination theory as a possible explanation for the destiny of these little ones who have only original sin, the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve. Saint Thomas speculates that the intellects of these babies would be enlightened so that they could choose God and His Holy Will and thereby be saved; that is, get to Heaven. But what might predispose them to accept or reject God? That question goes unanswered. We just do not know.

I have heard a very prominent Catholic TV personality suggest that each of these aborted babies would be saved

in virtue of the subsequent conversion of their mother. But, how about those mothers who refused to repent? Would their babies be deprived of Heaven forever? That hardly seems fair!



*Shrine for Aborted Babies
at the Castle in Medjugorje*

This uncertainty has suggested an insane opinion from those who have abortions or for those who perform abortions. To justify their immoral activities, they argue that they are merely dispatching these little ones to Heaven, or at least to a state of unending natural happiness. They are producing not just victims, but martyrs, preserving the slain from the horrors of life and this vale of tears. The suffering the murderers inflict is momentary, very little pain compared to the prolonged agonies of those who survive in this world to adulthood.

This type of rationalization is specious. Acting on that premise to try to protect persons from suffering by taking them out of this world is still murder. It is

an attempt to justify a goal or end by immoral means. This approach to life and death gives no glory to God because it violates His commandment: "Thou shalt not kill!"

Beware of those who come up with half-truths! They will be dangerous to some because they can lead astray, especially those who are emotionally involved and thereby blinded from seeing clearly the objective truth.

Abortion is a tragedy even if the babies get to Heaven.

"Mother Love", Spring 2009

Sr. Emmanuel wrote in her July 2010 report: "The Blessed Mother said to [visionary] Vicka about these unborn children, 'They are with me.' No more, no less. It's good that the child receive a name, because he is a human being and part of the family. The parents may call upon him in prayer! They will meet him again one day!"

"With skin and flesh you clothed me, with bones and sinews knit me together. Life and love you granted me, and your providence has preserved my spirit" (Job 10: 11-12).

"The Blessed Mother is There Leading Her Children"

By Ericka C. Witover, T.O.F.

In 1989, my mother Martha was diagnosed with a rare cancer, one that put her case study in the current medical journals of the day. She battled it bravely for six years, becoming totally bedridden before her death in June 1995. A short time before that, I remember sitting on the bed with her watching the nightly news, when an intriguing story was presented.

It was about a place called 'Medjugorje' in war-torn Bosnia where the Blessed Mother Mary was allegedly appearing to six young people every day. My mother and I watched with fascination and after the story was finished, like any dreamer, I said, "Maybe we can go there one day." My mother replied, "Well if I don't make it there with you, you go by yourself."

In May of 1996, I made that dream a reality, joining a pilgrimage group from my local church. I was happy to be there, but at the same time sad that my mother wasn't able to be there with me, even though I knew she was with me in spirit. But my faith was a little weak as I questioned God's love for me, as I struggled with personal sins and vices. How could a God so holy and awesome really love even me?

The blessings began when one night some of my friends in the group and I journeyed to the perpetual Adoration Chapel near St. James Church. As we entered the Chapel, we each sat in different pews to pray and adore Our Lord. Sometime after, I noticed a flickering light emanating from the Eucharist. I looked around to see if anyone else was noticing it, but their facial expressions did not seem to show that. I looked again and there the light was, pulsating out of the Eucharist. I looked at the candles, wondering if it was a trick of the light, but they were much shorter than the tall Monstrance. I stared again and the light kept pulsating from the Eucharist. It went on for several minutes and then stopped. My friends rose from their prayers and so we left together to journey back to our rooms in the late night.

The next morning, I was sitting with my friend who had accompanied me the previous night and asked if he had seen any lights in the Chapel. He excitedly agreed he had witnessed the same event as I! I knew then we had been present for a Eucharistic miracle.

After that event, I decided to climb Mt. Krizevac with a lady who had befriended me on the trip. At that time, I had a bulging disc at my L5, which caused pain and limitation of activity. I was very doubtful I would be able to manage the effort up the steep mountain. But with my friend's help and the grace of God, two hours later, we were at the top. I

sat down on a rock and reflected for a while about different things. I thought about my mother and also God's love and purpose for me. Suddenly, out of the blue, my friend Joan (now deceased) walked over to me and handed me a photo. She said, "I've been carrying this around for a while and have been meaning to give it to you, but I never had a chance. Now seems like a good time to give it to you," and then quickly walked away. I looked down at the photo and was shocked. It was a photo she had taken of me at the Easter Vigil Mass in April of 1994, being Confirmed into the Catholic Church after having gone through RCIA. I was wearing a white dress and eagerly awaited the time for my First Communion. Suddenly, I heard a male voice in my head, "I love you and will never let you go." I started to cry as I realized that I truly was loved by God. But the blessings didn't stop there.

Later in the trip, my new friend and I happened to come across a tree stump that resembled the Sacred Heart of Jesus, complete with three mushroom-looking growths that seemed like drops of the Precious Blood. Then I started finding heart shaped rocks on the ground, a grace that followed me even home for years to come. I would just happen to look down and there would be a heart shaped rock. I have quite a collection of them now.

During one apparition time at 6:40 PM, when the Blessed Mother came to visit the visionaries, I remember a flock of birds that had been flying and singing loudly, suddenly become silent. A giant M in cloud form appeared in the sky and I quickly snapped a photo. Several other unique cloud formations filled the sky of dancing angels, Jesus on the Cross and the Blessed Mother with a crown of roses on her head. I took photos of them all.

I saw the sun pulsate and ended up with an interesting photo of me looking at the miracle of the sun, yet the sun and a rainbow ring are behind me. And the links of a Divine Mercy Rosary I purchased there turned gold.

But aside from the miracles I witnessed, there was the increase of my faith. It carried me through some very tough times in the future, and still is. Despite what anyone may say to the contrary about the authenticity of Medjugorje, I know what I experienced and I can personally attest to the fact the Blessed Mother is there leading Her children back to Her Son Jesus Christ! Thank you, my Savior Jesus Christ, for loving me and dying for me!

Editor's note: Ericka is from Bonham, TX. She wrote that she picks up our newsletter at her church each month and felt inspired to write her testimony. If your parish allows you to set out our newsletters, you can contact us to receive a packet each month.



Heart-shaped tree stump in Medjugorje

Our Lady's Annual Apparition to Ivanka on June 25, 2022

The visionary Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez had her annual apparition on June 25th 2022. At her last daily apparition on May 7, 1985, Our Lady confided to Ivanka the 10th secret and told her that she would have an apparition once a year on the anniversary of the apparitions. The apparition, which lasted 5 minutes, took place at Ivanka's family home. Only Ivanka's family was present at the apparition. After the apparition, Ivanka said: "Our Lady gave the following message: 'Little children, pray, pray, pray.' Our Lady blessed us all."

Anxiety, Addictions and Fasting

Anxiety, worry and fear run rampant in today's society. St. Padre Pio once said, "Pray, hope and don't worry." It's easier said than done. But St. Pio is absolutely correct. When we are tempted to worry about a loved one, pray (and fast) for peace of mind and pray (and fast) for the loved one. Worrying will not change anything.

Addictions are also widespread these days: internet pornography, alcohol, gambling, and drugs are just a few of the addictions.

We are all flawed human beings with a tendency to sin. Because fasting helps us to increase in virtue, fasting can also help us to increase in courage. And don't we all need

extra courage these days? We need courage to defend our faith to loved ones who have fallen away from the faith. We need courage to be the best example we can be to all those around us (even when it is hard to do).

Because the regular practice of fasting can help us increase in virtue and self-control, many people have been able to get rid of addictions, including fear.

Editor's note: I found the above in my files. It was from an email sent out years ago by the former website livethefast.com. When I checked to see if they still had a Facebook page (and they do), I read an interesting quote on their page: "The best of all medicines is resting and fasting." It was credited to Benjamin Franklin!

Doctor's Orders

By June Klins

Last year, I had to give up my committed hours of Adoration that I had since 2004 when our Adoration Chapel opened. I was heartbroken, but since I do not have the gift of bi-location (being in two places at once), it was just not possible for me at this time. The first week of January of 2021, my life drastically changed and it has been difficult to make any commitments at all. It has been a struggle to juggle this newsletter with all on my plate right now, and several months I was not even able to be present for our mailings. I am so very grateful for a faithful and efficient staff who can manage without me.

During this time, I have tried to visit our Adoration chapel for a brief visit whenever I am able. Adoration has been my respite. It is my time of rest, my time of prayer and my time of listening for inspiration. I love every minute I am there. And when I cannot get there physically, I know I can always adore Jesus virtually through a number of websites that have online Adoration. I just go to youtube.com and search "live Eucharistic Adoration". There are a number of sites from around the world where you can adore Jesus from home! This is wonderful for people who are house-bound or who do not have access to Adoration in their areas.

On November 1, I had a doctor appointment for a routine check-up. Knowing all the stress I was under, my doctor told me that although I looked good and my bloodwork was good, she was worried about me. She asked me if I get any

rest. I immediately responded, "I try to go to Adoration as much as I can. Prayer is my rest. Our Lady of Medjugorje says that prayer is our rest."

After my doctor examined me, I shared a particularly stressful situation I had that day and how the Lord consoled me when I was checking in for my appointment – the only



Adoration chapel in Medjugorje

other person in the waiting room was listening on his phone to my favorite Praise and Worship song, "Ten Thousand Reasons" (also known as "Bless the Lord, O my Soul") and then in the examination room I noticed my favorite number, 111, on the examination table. It also happened to be the date – 11/1!

When my doctor was leaving the room, the last thing she said was, "Keep on going to Adoration!" Doctor's orders!

On May 30, 1985, Our Lady said, "Prayer will be your joy and your rest," and on September 25, 1995, She said, "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."

As of June 25, 2022, the number of Masses reported for Our Lady's intentions was 39,174. Thank you!

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for July: Elderly – We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



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On June 24, 1981 in Medjugorje, Our Lady began appearing to six children. She identified Herself as the Blessed Virgin, Queen of Peace. 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, the Blessed Mother still appears daily to three of the visionaries, and monthly or annually to the others. They are all now adults. 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. They declare to see the Blessed Virgin as they see other people — three dimensional. They pray and speak with Her.

The Blessed Mother granted to confide ten secrets to each visionary (some are chastisements for the world). Some of the visionaries have received all ten secrets. Our Lady promised to leave a visible sign at

the original site of the apparitions in Medjugorje, for all humanity. In the meantime, this period of grace is for conversion and a deepening of faith.

Father Jozo Zovko, who was the pastor of St. James when the apparitions began, has spoken about what he calls "the weapons" or "the five stones" of Our Lady (as in the story of Goliath). They are PRAYER with the heart, especially the Rosary; EUCHARIST; BIBLE; monthly CONFESSION; and FASTING.

The publisher recognizes and accepts that the final authority regarding the apparitions at Medjugorje rests with the Holy See.

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