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MONTHLY MESSAGE OF APRIL 25, 2023

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 want you to understand that I am your Mother, that I want to help you and call you to prayer. Only by prayer can you understand and accept my messages and practice them in your life. Read Sacred Scripture, live it, and pray to understand the signs of the times. This is a special time, therefore, I am with you to draw you close to my heart and the heart of my Son, Jesus." (Our Lady, August 25, 1993) May is the month of Mary and also the month (in the US) in which we celebrate Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers and especially our Heavenly Mother! Let us make our Mother happy and strive to live Her messages the best we can.

"Dear children! I am calling all of you to be carriers of the peace and joy of the risen Jesus for all those who are far from prayer; that the love of Jesus, through your lives, may transform them to a new life of conversion and holiness. Thank you for having responded to my call."



Fr. Ray

Mother Dear, O Pray for Me!

By Fr. Ray Donohue

We are in the beautiful month of Our Lady, the month of May. How wonderful it is to see so many signs of new life and Spring really happening after long Winter days and nights. How wonderful indeed to have celebrated the Holy Week services, Easter Sunday, and all the beautiful liturgies Holy

to Jesus! Our Blessed Mother takes us by our hands and hearts and brings us right to Her Son, Jesus!

"O Lord, Jesus Christ, who has vouchsafed to glorify by numberless miracles, the Blessed Virgin Mary, immaculate from the first moment of Her conception, grant that all who devoutly implore Her protection on earth, may eternally enjoy Your presence in heaven, Who, with the Father and

"His mother said to the servers, 'Do whatever he tells you'"
(John 2:5).

Mother Church provides for us.

I grew up listening and singing beautiful hymns to our dear Blessed Mother every Monday evening at St. Teresa's parish, since I was 5 years old, going with my mom to the Miraculous Medal Novena and Benediction. I never missed a Monday night from the age of 5 until I entered the seminary at age 18. I learned the beautiful hymns in both Latin and English, and I still sing them from memory, they made such an impact on me.

I always wanted to be one of the young people to crown our dear Lady in the May Crowning, but I was never picked to do so. But even more beautiful was that I got to serve and help set up the May altar in the Church, and we always had a May altar in our home with great devotion.

I sang this hymn with all my heart and soul and being: "Mother dear, O pray for me, whilst far from Heav'n and Thee, I wander in a fragile bark o'er life's tempestuous sea. O Virgin Mother, from Thy throne, so bright in bliss above, protect Thy child and cheer my path with Thy sweet smile of Love. O Mother dear, remember me! And never cease Thy care, 'till in heaven eternally, Thy love and bliss I share!"

How beautiful is our Blessed Mother, immaculate and pure, loving and caring for us, Her children, as She is and was for Jesus. How many times and ways has our Blessed Mother, through Medjugorje, called us Her "dear, dear children". How many times has our Mother in Heaven come to us here on earth to remind us to be faithful and holy, to please God and to frequent the holy sacraments, especially Holy Communion and Holy Confession! Are we listening to our Mother? Do we say we don't need monthly Confession? Are we really that good to not go to monthly Confession when our Mother is begging us to do so? Do we come to Holy Communion with love and a pure conscience, forgiving all the hurts and pain others have caused us? Are we really that perfect so as to act as if the Blessed Mother isn't talking to me but to everybody else?

"Immaculate Mary, Thy praises we sing. You reignest in splendor with Jesus, our King. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria! Thy name is our power, Thy virtues our light! Thy love is our comfort, Thy pleading our Light! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!"

We turn to the Blessed Mother, Who always brings us



May Crowning at the Medjugorje conference at Notre Dame in 1998

Holy Spirit, live and reign, God, forever and ever. Amen."

I remember these holy prayers honoring our Blessed Mother and giving praise to God as if it was yesterday. I learned these prayers by heart at the age of 5, by my mother taking me by the hand and bringing me to church every Monday night! I wanted to go back the next night, too, but my mom told me I had to wait another week, and I cried all the way home because we couldn't do that all again! The prayers, the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the incense, and candles and singing and holiness, and I remember, most of all, my mother pointing to the Most Blessed Sacrament as I stood on a kneeler to see above the grownups, and her whispering in my ear: "That is Jesus!" I will never ever forget that, and still think of that every time I celebrate Holy Mass and hold the Most Sacred Host up at consecration

and I say quietly to myself: "My Lord and my God!" And I think of my mother telling me that I was looking right at Jesus! Our Lady brings us to Jesus, as my mother did; my mom brought me to the Blessed Mother and to Jesus, and so can we for all others!

May is the month of the Blessed Mother. Do you have a May altar in your home? Do you have a May Crowning of our Blessed Mother in your home? Do you show your children and grandchildren how we can come to Jesus through our Blessed Mother?

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us; pray for us. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to Thee."

Our Lady in Medjugorje is real and true; it is a reality that is happening in our lifetime, and She comes to us in holy love! She is our Mother; we are Her children. The Heavenly Father has given a special grace to our Mother to come to us, and we must listen with our hearts.

"Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to Thy protection, implored Thy help, or sought Thy intercession, was left unaided! Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto Thee, O

Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To You do I come, before You I kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in Your clemency, hear and answer me. Amen!"

In these hymns and prayers, I write them as I learned them, 60 years ago, at age 5.

Our Blessed Mother is pure and holy; She is love, and Her "YES" to God gives us strength to say "YES" to God in what He is calling us to do here on earth. Our Blessed Mother was the guiding light along with Holy Saint Joseph in bringing up Jesus as a little child. Her love, example, and holiness, Her devotion to God, allowed the child Jesus to grow into the man He was.

How many children and grandchildren are NOT going to Holy Mass on Sunday because the parents don't go? How many children think only of chocolate bunnies and eggs on the holy feast of Easter we just celebrated? Our Blessed Mother is still teaching us from Fatima, Knock, Lourdes, and especially Medjugorje. When I first came back from my first pilgrimage to Medjugorje, I was a newly ordained priest in the 1980s. My family wanted to know when I came back, was Medjugorje real or not? It was so very rugged and simple, but it changed my life forever and directed my holy priesthood from that point on, for 30 more pilgrimages. I will be ordained a holy priest 38 years on April 26th, and I have to be the happiest priest in the

world. I feel so much love in my holy priesthood, as I have dedicated myself from day one to the holy Blessed Mother. Like in marriage vows, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, I promised Our Lord and our Blessed Mother I would be faithful and embrace my holy priesthood and God through our Blessed Mother all my life long, and as hard and difficult that any life can be, it is the grace we get through prayer and love and devotion and staying true to God and ourselves and our dear Blessed Mother that bring happiness and joy and love into our lives!

We don't belong to this world; we are only in it for a short time. People have told me life is short, so make the best of happy times. I say eternity is LONG and forever, so put your efforts there, with God and holiness. Put faith in God and our dear Blessed Mother.

"Mother dear, O pray for me, should pleasures siren lay, e'er temp Thy child to wander far from virtues path away, when thorns beset life's devious way, and darkling waters flow, then Mary, aid Thy weeping child; Thyself a mother show! O Mother dear, remember me, and never cease Thy care, till in Heaven eternally, Thy love and bliss I share!"

Have a holy, happy May, blossom like the beautiful flowers that grow at the feet of our dear Blessed Mother!

In Jesus, Mary and Saint Joseph, with great love and prayers,

~Father ray and my little May dog, Dublin ☺



The Healing Power of One Hail Mary

By Tony Zuniga

Let me share an unforgettable example of the power of one Hail Mary with the power of belief. This happened about ten years ago.

I receive many phone calls from people asking for prayers. These calls come from all over the world. One day my phone rang and a woman's lovely voice asked me if I was Tony Zuniga. I said, "Yes." She then told me that she had heard about me and wondered if it was true that I help people with all kinds of problems in their lives. I simply told her that I always try to help anybody I can. "What's your problem?" I asked her.

She said, "It's not me, it's my sister. She is very sick and dying. Can you help her?" I had been professing the power of one Hail Mary and the power of belief for so many years that I didn't even ask her what kind of problem or sickness her sister had. I just blurted out, "Tell your sister to believe and to pray one Hail Mary and turn her problems over to Mary, the Mother of God. Then tell your sister to forget about her problem and go to sleep. God will take care of everything for her and she will be healed."

I almost went into shock when she answered right back, "What's a Hail Mary?"

Before I could even answer her, she added, "We're Hindu. We are not Christians. But I'm interested in this Hail Mary of yours. Let me get a pencil and paper and write it down." So I recited the Hail Mary to her over the phone and she thanked me. That was it. That's all we shared.

She called back later to tell me that her sister had been completely healed. She also added that both she and her sister had now become Catholics and that she was very happy because her father and mother were now also thinking of becoming Catholic.

When she told me the above story, I went straight to the Blessed Sacrament and gave thanks once more, for what God had accomplished through me. I also thanked the Holy Spirit for prompting me to speak to her about the Hail Mary. We are not alone. God is always with us. As Bishop Fulton J. Sheen said, "When God is with you, who dares to go against you?" Don't forget that His Son, Jesus, is also with us. He is real, alive and present in the Holy Eucharist in all the tabernacles of the world and available to all of us at all times until the end of the world.

The Medjugorje Herald

As of April 25, 2023, the number of Masses reported for Our Lady's intentions was 39,450. It would be nice to reach 40,000 by the anniversary on June 25. We're getting closer! Thank you.

Medjugorje Changed My Life

The following is excerpted from a testimony given by Tracy Kush on Fruit of Medjugorje (Episode #428, aired on 3/24/21) on Mary TV. To see Tracy's entire heartfelt testimony, please visit Fruit of Medjugorje at marytv.tv.

My name is Tracy Kush.... I live in Kansas City and I have a great story to tell you. I was born a cradle Catholic. My parents were Catholics and we were raised Catholic...First Communion, Baptism, all that happened sometime when I was a young child. [Later] my family just quit going to church, and so I spent most of my teen-age years along with part of my adulthood without God.

I was watching *Unsolved Mysteries* in February, 1995 (which I watched almost every night), and one night, Medjugorje was brought up. It was the episode with Jill Jensen and Rita Klaus. I instantly was drawn – instantly drawn. I had to be there! And so, I called my mother.... I go, "Mom, guess what? I'm going to Medjugorje." She goes, "Where is that?" I said, "I don't know, but I'm going there." ... The very next day was Ash Wednesday. I went right back to church, the church I was baptized and had my First Communion in. And so, I went to Mass, and I talked to the parish priest and immediately joined the parish again.... So, being an adult, 24 years old, they went ahead and had me join the RCIA class, gave me a Bible, and so, roughly 2 months later, in May, I got confirmed with the seventh and eighth graders....

A month later, I was in Medjugorje for the 14th anniversary, and it just blew my mind.... I didn't want to leave. This is my home. And so, every year, the group that I went with, we came every year. Then I met my husband here in 1999....

But I want to step back a little bit. Coming here for a few times before I met him, I also got very involved with the church. I did everything. It was a blessing, because I never could have imagined that the call of Our Lady was so real that just by watching a show on TV...

I have a godchild named Anna. She lives right now in Zagreb, but she was up in northern Bosnia...and her father was killed in the war, so I acquired her through Fr. Jozo's program. One of the things I did was send them money each month, write to her, and come to see her. Every time I come to Medjugorje, I'm able to spend time with her, her mother, and her brother. I can't tell you how blessed I've been that the Mother of God brought me back to the Church, because I was destined to go somewhere other than Heaven, and it has changed my whole entire life.

When my husband and I met here in 1999, we instantly knew we were going to get married. We got married and our anniversary happened to be March 18. We were married in 2000.... We have three children. (The first one, named Luke, was actually conceived here on the Easter Vigil of 2000 because we came here for our honeymoon.) ... We basically had to take breaks from trips to Medjugorje. We weren't called to come with our family. We were called to stay home and live the messages there. Our family was consecrated to our Blessed Mother. All our children were consecrated to God....

We finally did make it back to Medjugorje in 2015, and that was for Christmas. That was the first time I brought

my children here, and so it was really an overwhelming experience to them to leave the country and go to this place that is the foundation of our family....

I wanted to share something from the past, before I met my husband, because I thought it was pretty significant....

Mirjana has a second of the month apparition. I know they've ended. However, when they started, I believe in 1987, I think it was just the Blessed Mother along with

Mirjana. I do know before Internet, before major computers, we had gotten a call in February, 1997. It was a Saturday, and my friend that I went to Medjugorje with (a lot older) had mentioned we got invited to pray along with the Blessed Mother and Mirjana. So, we were calling everyone we could in our church, to see if they'd like to pray along. And it was going to be roughly (our time) 4 AM – meet at the church in our small little town and pray for an hour with our Blessed Mother. And so, we all got up and we all got into the church, and we locked the doors. We get into the chapel. We light our candles. We have our statue



of the Blessed Mother, and before 4 o'clock...I could hear somebody trying to get in the door. I was the youngest one, so I ran out of the church into the entryway and behold – She was already inside. I almost feel like a fool because I did not expect it to be our Blessed Mother, but She came and prayed with us physically!!! She reminded me more of Our Lady of Lourdes, all in white, had a rosary in Her hand. And I go, "Oh you're here!", not thinking who it was. I ran back in the church, and I sat down and prayed.... The whole church smelled of roses, and we all kept peeking back at Her. I tried not to, but focus on our prayers. But once the hour was over with, we were really excited to get out and see who this lady was. But She was gone. So, we went outside in the parking lot, looking for a car, looking for any sign of Her and She was literally gone. But for the whole hour, She prayed with us!!! She was the Blessed Mother. A priest confirmed it. The church smelled of roses, but when we went back in afterwards, the smell was gone. She was no longer present, but it's just confirming that we may not see Her (that time we did), but She's with us. Being new back in the faith, really made me feel that we were on the right path, doing the right thing, trying to live Her messages, spread Her messages, and so I wanted to share that with you.... In Medjugorje, I've witnessed so many miracles, and this happened in my hometown!...

My first time I came here – maybe it was my second time – I saw the miracle of the sun, and ever since I've been here...I see it at home. But it's important that people that can't come to Medjugorje can receive graces through Our Lady, through our witness, our example, our living the messages, spreading the messages.... We must spread the Gospel – the Good News. Our Blessed Mother is here because we are in a troubled world. The world today is so in

trouble and so far from God, especially with this coronavirus going on and on. I was supposed to bring some people with me last March, a year ago [2020], and lots of groups. It's a very, very important date [3/18] in the messages. It's the start of the season and [yet] everybody literally shut down. But I still came [laughing] all by myself, and they go, "How can you do that and leave your children?" And I go, "Well, my children are giving me the blessing. They know. They've been here and know I'll be OK." And I came, because I didn't fear the virus. I put my faith in God. And so, I'm just happy to be here again this year. This will be my third time through the pandemic....

*"We
love because
he first loved us"
(1Jn 4:19).*

God loves us. And even when we have bad days and we don't give Him as much prayer as we need because we're focused on work or computers, phones, we've got to put all that stuff aside, because that is the distractions that can keep us from putting God first. And in what I've learned, each time I come here, is that I've got to get spiritually charged....

Coming here, especially the first time, I had no idea what I was going to be experiencing, and when I came, I was just in awe my first day. We were sitting outside Saint James church during the Rosary and I looked up over Cross Mountain and I saw Our Lady there – a silhouette.... I could not imagine that I could actually see that. There's been miracles of the sun spinning, the Cross spinning, the Cross disappearing, the Cross lighting up, just seeing a lady...in a wheelchair, who had a shattered spine, literally get up and walk. But the biggest miracle, I believe, of the signs you see, are the conversions – the conversions of heart, the change you see from day one of your pilgrimage to the end of your pilgrimage – the conversions of people, you can just see it. I can't even explain it. But I know most of you that have been here, or know Medjugorje, know what I'm talking about. It's the biggest miracle, the conversions.

And confessions – Confession is amazing! Like I said, most of my life that I can recall...I was without God. I didn't have Confession and didn't know about it, because my family just kind of walked away from the Church. So that is the most wonderful thing that God gives us is that opportunity to be forgiven of our sins. And Medjugorje, I know, has brought in so many all over the world. Because of Medjugorje, more confessions are being heard and more people are being saved, more people are being converted....

But one of the things, too, and I know people talk about this a lot, is the dogs here in Medjugorje [laughing]. My first time, I had a little dog that literally everywhere I went, she was there. There was a beagle, a mother beagle, and I called her "Mary's angel". Every time I come, I experience something with a dog. My husband and I, when we met, we had climbed Apparition Hill before there were lights, and we got lost, and a dog was up top and led us back down. We had no cell phones; we had no way of knowing where we were at. We could have wound up in the next town. But the dogs are really special here. I think they

sense the goodness of this place and the wonderful miracles.

I've witnessed [hesitation] evil spirits that have come here and watched them be exorcised out by Fr. Peter Mary Rookey and Fr. Jojo. It's a pretty amazing situation here, when that does happen, because wherever Our Lord is at, the evil one is trying to come to take the souls to him. And I've witnessed so many miracles.... Just the peace you feel here, you can't get anywhere on earth, and the fact that you're from this country and this country... but we are all together, we're like united in our Mother's love and this is Her school and She's here to teach us. So, She's like all mothers, constantly repeating herself until we get it right....

The youth festival – that was the most amazing experience I could ever imagine! My kids were pretty shocked when I took them, because they [previously] came for Christmas, which was kind of quiet, peaceful, to the busiest season of the year – and seeing so many young people pray and worship God and love Him and receive Jesus, and praying the Rosary, and climbing that mountain! It's amazing, and that's why my kids, I try to get them here as much as I can and started bringing some of their friends and converting their friends to Catholicism, because I believe that is what God is asking of us. We need to get as many of His children back to Him because He loves us all, and most of His children on this earth are not with Him...they don't know Him, and that's why Mirjana, when she prayed on the second of the month with the Blessed Mother, it was for all those who have not experienced His love....

I know each time I come, it's a calling. And, like I said, for 15 years we did not come because of having children. Finally, the calling came, and it's been coming very strong all the time now.... This, to me, is the closest place to Heaven on earth....

When I came here in 1999, it was my fourth trip here, I believe...and this gentleman kept coming up to us and asking us to watch his luggage. I went outside the airport to get some fresh air and I noticed he had a scapular. I told him the scapular was showing, and he kissed it and put it back and he said, "Hi, my name is Luke." And his name



A dog resting on Cross Mountain

tag said "Raymond". So, I'm like, "What should I call you?" He said, "Call me Warren." He had come the year before with his mother.... He was drawn to come to Medjugorje, and his mother knew our group was going, so he ended up joining our group. And he never left my side. We were together the whole time, and we never have been apart. We got married six months after we met (on March 18) ... Wonderful husband, wonderful provider, gave me three beautiful children, and if it wasn't for him,

I wouldn't be here today (as far as this trip). But again, all I can do is thank our Blessed Mother, because She is calling us here and She changed my life, because I was destined to a life of hell if I had not heard of Medjugorje.

Editor's note: If you are interested in a pilgrimage with Tracy, you can email her at tracykush@sbcglobal.net.

Staying in Medjugorje at Visionary Marija's Guest House

By Angeline Wilkes

David and I went to Medjugorje in October 2022 and stayed at Marija Pavlović Lunetti's guest house. She is one of the six visionaries who has been seeing our Blessed Mother Mary every day since June 25, 1981. We returned to Medjugorje to mark the 25th year anniversary of our visit to Medjugorje in 1997, when David arrived an agnostic but left a convert.

During the first few days, we didn't see Marija because she has a home in Italy and also in Medjugorje, but we were expecting to see her about three days into the pilgrimage. While I was in the large foyer of her guest house, I recognized her walking past me. I could see she was busy, helping the staff manage the guest administration after her late arrival from Italy. What struck me immediately was the youthful, joyful and relaxed expression on her face. She noticed me looking at her and smiled. I said "Hello, Marija!" She must have picked up that I was mildly star-struck and removed any discomfort by warmly greeting me with a hug. We exchanged a few words, including that she had been stuck in traffic as there were long delays on the drive from Italy. As a result, she had only a couple of hours of sleep. I commented to her how it was possible that she looked so joyful and youthful with only 2 hours sleep. She smiled, shrugged, and said something along the lines of "perhaps I'm reflecting Our Lady, who always comes positive and joyful."

In the basement of the guest house is a large chapel. In the evening at 5 pm, Marija rings a bell and calls everyone to Rosary. The chapel fills up and the Rosary is led by invited priests or religious at the front, in English, Croatian, Italian or other languages. All pray in their native tongue. As it gets close to the time of the apparition, Marija kneels down and continues praying. We know when Our Lady arrives, as Marija stops praying and gazes upwards. Everyone falls silent for the duration of the apparition. We were lucky to take part in this three times. On the third occasion, there was a little baby girl standing on her mother's lap, facing outward toward Marija. She was perhaps 18 months old. During the silence of the apparition, the baby called out, "Mumma! Mumma!" It was so wonderful to hear. Later, one of our pilgrims overheard this mother tell another pilgrim that the baby had never said "Mumma" before; this was the first time. After the apparition, Marija would share that she recommended everyone and their prayer intentions to Our Lady. Marija often mentions that Our Lady asks us for our prayers and sacrifices, for peace – starting first with peace in our hearts, then peace in our families, and peace for the world.

In the evenings, after the day's events, pilgrims would often gather in the large foyer where there are many lounges and coffee tables. Marija would often join, and said she very much enjoyed practicing her "English" with us. The night before we were due to depart, our Chaplain had just finished blessing religious articles set out on a coffee table. We were gathered around, recounting our time during our stay, having a few laughs, and lamenting that the pilgrimage had come to an end. Marija joined us for a lovely chat. She stayed quite a while, but spoke mostly about the day-to-day aspects of Medjugorje, the people and some history. However,

my heart started to burn with questions about Our Lady, though I dared not ask. I didn't want to be one of those overly curious, tiresome pilgrims she'd likely encountered all too many times. But I wanted to hear more about what Our Lady is like. How did She address her? Was it formal or informal?

Finally, after a prayer, I summoned up the courage: "Marija, when you speak with Our Lady, does She speak to you at the level of the world, or does She speak to you on a personal level?" Maria looked at me; I could see she wanted to answer me fully so I would understand, and the answer she gave in her broken English, though simple – was full and comprehensive. "Our Lady is first Mother, but she is also Queen." I then sought clarity: "Oh, so there is distance between you?" Marija quickly corrected me, "No, no, not distance, respect." I sat and let that sink in. Marija also said that Our Lady has a most beautiful and regal posture. One of our pilgrims, Philip, interjected: "Oh, so She stands like a queen?" Marija looked at Philip, put her hand on his arm and said, "Not *like* a queen. She *IS* Queen." The silence that followed as we all weighed that up was so appropriate. Marija then went on to say, "When Our Lady looks at you, you are like Her only child. She looks at you with such love, it reaches through your soul, right down to your little toe." Smiling, Marija asked for the English word for the smallest (pinkie) toe. Finally, she said, "When you meet a very famous person, you might feel very excited at first. After a while, that feeling goes. With Our Lady, that feeling never goes; it is always like the first time."

These simple words conveyed a deep meaning to me. The paradox that Our Lady can command such deep respect merely by Her queenly presence, yet convey a love that is so deep and personal simultaneously, is a mystery to behold.

When we left the following day, having been given this gift from Marija – she came out to say goodbye. I asked if she would bless my children as I pointed the phone camera at her. She gave me a big smile and made a hand gesture of blessing, and warmly wished us all the best.

As we pulled out, I had such peace in my heart. I noticed the sun looked so very much like a host in the monstrance. It is said that the heart of Medjugorje is Adoration, where thousands gather on their knees and adore Christ in the host. The silence and sense of communal peace among so many faithful and mutual adoration

for Our Lord, in one place, is unequalled. In the parting sky image, I felt God calling me to try and visit Him more in the Blessed Sacrament. In doing so, my relationship with Jesus has only deepened.

I'm looking forward to returning to Medjugorje on May 31st this year. For the first time, David and I will escort pilgrims through our new pilgrimage company, Saintly Travel. We'll be staying with another visionary, Mirjana Soldo, who is also a beautiful, humble sister in Christ. We'll be led by her long-time friend and English interpreter, Miki Musa. I can barely wait.

Editor's note: Angeline is from Sydney, Australia. Her testimony, including the conversion of her husband, is in our February 2023 issue, which can be read online on our website.



A Mystery Solved

By June Klins

I never tire of hearing stories about how Our Lady works to bring Her children to Her Son. I hope you love this story as much as I do.

This story was told by Denis Nolan of Mary TV before he and his wife, Cathy, prayed the daily Rosary on March 22. Denis, who is a great story teller, said that 27 years ago, a pilgrimage group leader named Lynn Hoffman bought a piece of property in Medjugorje next to visionary Ivan's property and near to visionary Mirjana's property. Mirjana asked Lynn, "Why did you buy that property? Are you going to build a hotel?" Lynn replied that she was not going to build a hotel, and that she really had no idea why she bought it. She was just sure that Our Lady wanted her to buy it. Lynn told Denis that for 25 years she prayed every day to Our Lady, asking Her why she was supposed to buy the property. Then she said to Denis one day, "Today I know." She said she was supposed to give it to Mary TV!

Denis was grateful, although he thought it might be a distraction. But then a couple of years ago, when Denis and Cathy were out to dinner with Franjo and Rosie (who also work with Mary TV), it finally clicked why Our Lady wanted Mary TV to have the property. It turns out that from ground level at that location, you can see the place of the first apparition, which also happens to be the place where the Permanent Sign will be, when the Third Secret comes to fruition. Wow! The mystery was finally solved!

Denis told visionary Marija recently and she was amazed, but she mentioned how hard it is to get permits from the government there. Denis told her it was already taken care of. Cathy had gotten, in prayer, that Our Lady wanted them to get this completed as quickly as they could. Cathy remarked that getting all the permits was miraculous, as everything fell right into place.

But what about the cost of such a project? The building has to be very strong because of the earthquakes in that area. Denis really did not know how much it would cost, so he asked Cathy to pray about it. Our Lady told Cathy it would cost \$800,000. Admitting he is not good at marketing, Denis remarked, "That's huge!" Our Lady had a plan though.

In the meantime, Denis got, in prayer, that he and Cathy

were to travel to Medjugorje in March and stay with Marija and be there for the March 25th apparition. Again, they did not know why, but followed their hearts.

On March 22, Tracy Kush (see her testimony on pp. 4-5) was talking to Denis after the English Mass and Denis mentioned what Our Lady had told Cathy in prayer – that they needed \$800,000 to finish the project and that She wanted it done as soon as possible. At that, Tracy reached into her pocket and pulled out \$1000 and handed it to Denis, who said she did not need to do it right then. But she insisted on giving it to him immediately. She said, "Look, it only takes 800 people each to give \$1000, and you've reached it."

Denis exclaimed as he told this story before the Rosary that day, "Praise God!" "That's do-able." Cathy interjected, "Well, we're more convinced every minute that we're in the right place and that God is working and He wants very much for this to happen."



On the Mary TV website is a video about what has been dubbed "The 800 Club". It begins with the words, "A simple idea is turning into a movement – 800 people to donate \$1000 to complete the new facility that will broadcast the Permanent Sign to the world." If you want to be a part of this very important project for the world, you can visit Marytv.tv to donate online, or send a donation to Mary TV, P.O. Box 899, Notre Dame, IN 46556. If you cannot donate money, prayers and fasting would be very much appreciated.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for

May: For church movements and groups –

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



"Fasting is not a recent invention; it is an heirloom handed down by our fathers. Everything distinguished by antiquity is venerable. Have respect for the antiquity of fasting. It is as old as humanity itself; it was prescribed in Paradise."

- St. Basil the Great

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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 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.

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