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Our Lady's Message October 25, 2022

"Dear children! The Most High permits me to be with you, and to be joy for you and the way in hope, because mankind has decided for death. That is why He sent me to keep instructing you that without God you do not have a future.

Little children, be instruments of love for all those who have not come to know the God of love. Witness joyfully your faith and do not lose hope in a change of the human heart. I am with you and am blessing you with my motherly blessing.

Thank you for having responded to my call."



October 25, 2022, Marija speaks to Fr. Livio on Our Lady's message

Fr Livio: It is a very demanding message, Marija!

Maria: Father Livio, this message seems to me very beautiful and as you say very demanding but also a message of hope and joy as the words of Our Lady instruct us: ***"The Most High permits me to be with you", thanking God "to be the way in hope because mankind has decided for death. That is why He sent me to keep instructing you that without God you do not have a future."*** Humanity is at a crossroads, it no longer loves life, it has decided for death. How many times has Our Lady told us: "Be love, be prayer and hope, be my extended hands" that we also see in this message by saying: "stay close to God, He is calling us to be His instruments.

If we have experienced God's Love in our life, we too become Love for those who have not yet known him. I always remember a joke told by a bishop friend of mine of Italian origin who lives in Albania. He said one day during a retreat here in Medjugorje that a non-Christian who had no knowledge of God but wanted to know about Him. The way in which they presented the Sorrowful Madonna pierced by the seven swords, Jesus who died on the Cross and finally St. Joseph, elderly almost unable to be capable of thinking and acting, was a disaster, so much so as to give him a completely distorted idea of the Holy Family.

Our Lady, on the other hand, is helping us to be tools like She is for all those who have not come to know the God of love. She is telling us to return to God who is with us, He is the God of joy, of love, of hope, the God of Peace especially where in so many parts of the world in addition to war, they are spreading death with these new ideologies to such an extent that we no longer know who we are, where we come from and where we must go. Churches are empty because we Christians are afraid, we do not love and no longer adore Jesus above everything for which she is inviting us to ***"Witness joyfully your faith and do not lose hope in a change of the human heart."***

As for you Father Livio with Radio Maria, we also here in Medjugorje testify in many ways. Every day we see the wonderful change of the heart of so many pilgrims who come from all over the world and who abandon sin. They experience this miracle of healing, falling in love with God so much that they even receive the holy call to priesthood. Through the testimony of those who experienced this radical change, baptized Christian people who have become lukewarm, convert.

Through listening to the radio and with the help of the modern means of communication, many pilgrims begin to pray, to deepen their wonderful faith through the reading of Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church! Their hearts grow sensitive, they begin to discern good from evil. They understand that only Jesus like no other in the world in the history of humanity could die for us, giving us Eternal Life.

During these forty-two years of Our Lady's apparitions, Our Lady has come from the future, from Heaven, and my heart yearns with a great desire to reach Her. If I had followed my instinct to never let her go when at first, She took us to visit those places, I would never have returned here on this earth. Today earthly life and material things no longer meet my needs that have changed with the help of prayer. The desire to cut the old habits which have been rooted inside for so long, grows. For example, living only for things like an obsession for sports, which I do not understand because I have never had it. I am not saying that it is a bad habit. You could for instance combine a long walk (that alone would not make sense) with the intention of turning it into a pilgrimage, even making a sacrifice by praying for Peace in the world. All this is always possible with the help of God.

Fr Livio: Marija I wanted to say: You'd better stay with us for a long time because you still have a lot to do!

Maria: We have things to do as long as God allows us, and we are open to His Will. I believe that God loves us so much that He knows what is best for us! We sometimes do not understand why we do not receive the graces we have requested. But in the end, we realize it was because we had to obtain from God an even bigger and greater grace just right for us.

Fr Livio: True it is just like that.....

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Fruits of Medjugorje

Philip Keller otherwise known as Trapper Jack hosts a podcast known as *Touched by Heaven* where he shares everyday encounters with God. Trapper organised a pilgrimage for 50 listeners in October. With so many of the beautiful stories that people share on his podcast relating to Medjugorje, he wanted to share it with his listeners in pilgrimage.



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Angeline Wilkes joined Trapper in Medjugorje and she shares the story of not only her own conversion but also her parents and husband David. Angeline and David experienced a series of miracles on their first visit including a life saving moment where David suddenly found himself hanging off a cliff edge in the dark and Mary coming to his rescue.



English Homilies



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Fr Dom Murphy OP celebrated the English mass on the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on 7th October. He shares how in our busy lives full of lies and distractions, the Rosary is a beautiful gift that is a "beacon of light to find our way, to calm our angst, to reset our compass, a lighthouse to guide us home to that joy we were made for".



Fr Leon Periera OP is chaplain to the english speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje and in his homily on the 9th October encourages us not to follow popular culture and pursue changes to doctrines, morals or our faith.

Fr Leon suggests we should communicate church teachings better, to teach the truth and not settle for leaving the prodigal son in the pig sty.

News from Medjugorje

The month of October has continued to see a large number of pilgrims visiting Medjugorje and a number of feast days have been celebrated including the feast of the Holy Rosary and the feast day of St Francis. St Francis' feast day is particularly celebrated in

Medjugorje which is managed by the Franciscans with a special celebration on the 3rd of October remembering the day he died.

Rosie Zubac meets this month with Bishop Adesina from Nigeria who is in his 33rd year as a priest and 3rd as a bishop. He reflects on his first visit to Medjugorje as an act of thanksgiving for the gift of his vocation.

He shares how he has experienced peace in his soul and there is "no better place to be to experience God".

Bishop Adesina celebrated mass on **4 October - link**



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