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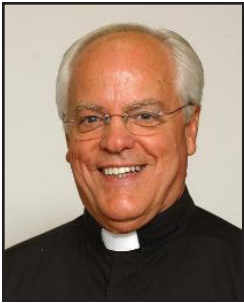
CURRENT MONTHLY MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER 25, 2017

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.



The picture shown above was taken at Vicka's grandmother's house in Medjugorje. The sign underneath the painting says, "Artist's impression from Vicka's description of Our Lady with Baby Jesus during the apparition, Christmas 1981." The artist is a Croatian painter named Davor Zilic. To read more about that apparition, see page 3. To see the painting in color, visit our website.

“Dear children! In this time of grace, I call you to prayer. Pray and seek peace, little children. He who came here on earth to give you His peace, regardless of who you are and what you are – He, my Son, your Brother – through me is calling you to conversion, because without God you do not have a future or eternal life. Therefore, believe and pray and live in grace and the expectation of your personal meeting with Him. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



Fr. Bill Kiel

The Gift of Giving Ourselves

By Fr. Bill Kiel

"Dear children, rejoice in the birth of Jesus and pray for all those hearts that have not opened to Jesus so that Jesus may enter into each of their hearts and may start working through them – so that every person would be an example of a true person through whom God works."

(12/25/2000)

During the month of December we [Christians] focus on the anticipation and birth of Jesus as we celebrate Advent and Christmas. We use "Rejoice" many times in our Christmas greeting cards and banners, looking forward to the celebration of Christ's birth. Have we remembered to pray for those who have NOT opened their hearts to Jesus? Many people celebrate a "holiday" season but not the "holy" birth of Jesus. We do well to stay mindful of the words we received last month:

"I see many pure souls, many of my children who are seeking love and consolation, but no one is offering it to them. I also see those who are doing evil, because they do not have good examples; they have not come to know my Son." (11/2/2017)

The Christmas season is often associated with giving gifts of various kinds – hand-made items, home-baked goods, clothing, tools, decorative items, gift cards, Mass cards and prayers, among others. It would be good for each of us to ask, "Have I thought about giving my very self, as a living example of a faith-filled Catholic?" A few words to encourage us: *"As my apostles, I call you to keep trying to be an example of merciful love and hope. Always pray anew for all the more love, because merciful love brings light which breaks the darkness—it brings my Son."* (4/2/2016) *"... spread the faith in the hearts of people by your example, your prayer and merciful love. I am beside you, I will help you."* (5/2/2017) *"By your*

witness and example, you can draw closer the hearts that are far from God and His grace..." (4/25/2017)

When we think of ourselves as examples to help others come to know Jesus, or come back to Jesus, we may think we are too weak or not living the kind of life to be the example we are asked to be. But, remember, we are continually being offered the graces and help to grow in our faith and know Jesus in even deeper ways: *"That is why I am gathering you, who are ready to open your heart to me, you who are ready to be apostles of my love, to help me; so that by living God's love you may be an example to those who do not know it. May fasting and prayer give you strength in that and I bless you with my motherly blessing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* (3/2/2011) Also, *"I desire that by your example you help sinners regain their sight, enrich their poor souls and bring them back into my embrace. Therefore pray; pray, fast and confess regularly. If receiving my Son in the Eucharist is the center of your life, then do not be afraid, you can do everything; I am with you."* (6/2/2012) Try to live these words given to us, encouraging us with help and graces to be living examples of God's love.

Why are we not following the example of our Blessed Mother who is always leading all of us to Her Son, Jesus? We need to ask ourselves, "What are we doing to be the example expected of us?" and "What do we need to do to be a better example?" *"Let people always see in you an example of how God acts on people and how God acts through them."* (9/12/1998)

Let this Christmas be one of the best for ourselves and others as we follow the words: *"Do the same as I do! Come share love and with your own example give my Son to everyone."* (3/2/2005) May you be blessed with the love and joy of Jesus this Christmas season and the graces to give His love to all.

Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Editor's note: Fr. Kiel will be the spiritual director for a pilgrimage to Medjugorje June 10-19, 2018. Contact Dennis Todaro at 724-837-7434 for information.



Christmas crèche in Medjugorje

Many Thanks

Thank you in advance for saving your newsletter renewals until January. (Don't worry – we will not remove you from our mailing list at this time unless you move and do not provide a new address.) This December, I will be busier than usual as my 89 year-old father will be getting a knee replacement on December 5. I know I can count on your prayers for the success of his surgery. You prayed for him when he was diagnosed two years ago with an "aggressive" cancer and the cancer seems to be in remission! Thank you very much! May you and your families be greatly blessed this Christmas season and in the New Year!



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Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for December

The Elderly: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



The First Christmas Apparition in Medjugorje

The following is used with permission from the book My Heart Will Triumph by visionary, Mirjana Soldo. This is just a short excerpt of her lengthy account of her first Christmas after the apparitions started in 1981.

As Christmas day wound down for everyone else, I prepared for my apparition, and I was more excited about it than usual. After all, it was Jesus' birthday, and what mother is not filled with joy on her child's birthday? I would get to experience the apparition with the others for the first time in months.

I joined Ivanka, Vicka, Marija, Ivan and little Jakov in the church. After praying together, we all felt Our Lady's presence. She appeared before us in a gleaming, golden dress unlike anything I had ever seen – this style was identical to the gray one she usually wore, but the fabric looked like molten metal. It radiated gold, and Our Lady herself emitted the same lustrous hues.

Describing her dress as "golden" hardly defines it, though. There are no human words that can convey the beauty of such a color. Even the word "color" is inadequate, unless a color can be alive, and infused with emotion. I can say

that my couch, for example, is a beige color, and in earthly terms I would be correct. The "color" of her dress, however, is almost like light – but an ethereal sort of light that bends, flows, and undulates according to Our Lady's movements and the feeling she wishes to convey.

Our Lady's arms were folded across the front of her dress, which seemed peculiar until I realized she was holding an infant, just like the first time we saw her. She hadn't come again with an infant until now. I yearned for a closer look, but something prevented me from seeing the baby's face. "Love one another, my children," Our Lady said with a warm smile. "You are brothers and sisters."

She then blessed us and departed. Regaining my senses, I was surprised to find myself in Medjugorje with the others and not at our apartment in Sarajevo. The experience was so intense that I forgot where I was.

Editor's note: We still have a limited supply of Mirjana's book we would like to give away to those who cannot afford it or to priests and religious. We also have a copy of the film Apparition Hill to lend out. Email June at jklins1981@verizon.net.

Message to Mirjana on November 2, 2017

"Dear children, As I am looking at you gathered around me, your mother, I see many pure souls, many of my children who are seeking love and consolation, but no one is offering it to them. I also see those who are doing evil, because they do not have good examples; they have not come to know my Son. The good which is silent and is spread through pure souls is the strength which sustains this world. There is much sin, but there is also love. My Son is sending me to you – the mother who is the same for everyone – that I may teach you to love, to comprehend that you are brothers. He desires to help you. Apostles of my love, a living desire of faith and love is sufficient, and my Son will accept it. But you must be worthy, you must have good will and open hearts. My Son enters into open hearts. I, as a mother, desire

that you may all the better come to know my Son – God born of God – to come to know the greatness of His love which you need so much. He accepted your sins upon Himself and obtained redemption for you, and in return He asked that you love each other. My Son is love. He loves all people without difference, all people of all countries and of all nations. If you, my children, would live the love of my Son, His kingdom would already be on earth. Therefore, apostles of my love, pray, pray that my Son and His love may be all the closer to you; that you may be an example of love and may help all those who have not come to know my Son. Never forget that my Son, one and triune, loves you. Love your shepherds and pray for them. Thank you."

Loving Presence – the Way to Joy

The following is excerpted from Fr. Slavko Barbaric's reflection on Our Lady's message of December 25, 1996.

Let us again think of the main messages – peace, conversion, prayer, fasting and faith. Specifically this means **praying the Rosary**, two days of **fasting**, monthly **Confession**, reading the **Bible**, and attending **Holy Mass** as often as possible. We will do all of this joyfully when we have love. Love gives us the strength to do something; and certainly when we do something out of love, then joy will enter our hearts; and, therefore we should decide to pray every day and to live everything with joy. Whoever prays, fasts and goes to Mass in sorrow is really a sad Christian, and someone once said that a sad saint is really a sad saint. When we think about what Jesus said about fasting, He said that we should show joy on our faces and not sadness; and the angels at His birth said, "Be joyful because He is bringing you the good news. God is born for



Fr. Slavko

you." But we all know how many people do not like to pray, do not like to fast, and how many people no longer come to Mass. Many find prayer and fasting to be boring, yet really it only comes down to us having love, because when we love someone, we will want to be with them and even when the person is ill or is suffering, we will still be happy to be with them. On this point we all certainly need a deep conversion, and here we mean a conversion so that we are happy to be with Jesus and Mary, and happy when They are with us. This we can understand better when we think of the relationship between parents and children. The child is joyful when the parents are present, and parents are joyful when the children are present. Absence is always cause for sorrow, and a loving presence is always the best and the only way to joy.

Editor's note: Fr. Slavko was the spiritual director of the visionaries until his death on Mt. Krizevac on 11/24/00. Bold print is editor emphasis.

The Testimony of Nina Bailey

By June Klins

On October 23, 2017, Marytv.tv aired, on its “Fruit of Medjugorje” program, the testimony of Nina Bailey. I was pleasantly surprised that Nina’s first pilgrimage to Medjugorje was at Christmas, because I like to have a Christmas theme in the December issue, and it is usually hard to find testimonies from Christmas in Medjugorje. God is good!

Nina began her testimony by telling Rosie Zubac, the interviewer, a little bit about herself. Originally from Russia, and baptized Russian Orthodox, Nina admitted she did not grow up as a person of faith. Her parents had icons in the house and used to celebrate Easter. But Nina learned in school there is no such thing as God and that God was, as Karl Marx used to say, “an opium of the mind.” When she told her parents that, she got a beating.

Nina later became a teacher and met a man from England who came to work in Russia. They married and moved to England. Nina’s husband was Anglican and very anti-Catholic. Their children were christened Anglican, but they did not attend church much.

One day in the 1980s, a friend told Nina about the apparitions in Medjugorje. Nina became very curious. She tried to go there one year, but it did not work out. But the following year, she took her young son with her. She said, “That’s when Our Lady gave me a huge, big hug and Our Lord threw so many graces at me. And for the rest of my life, in my last breath and beyond, I will be grateful for His love, which I haven’t deserved, but if I start telling you how many graces and how special they are, it would be a whole volume – such beautiful, beautiful graces.”

When Rosie asked Nina if she could describe anything, Nina began telling her story. The first day of her pilgrimage, which was Christmas Eve, 1990, Nina and her son were walking towards the church, when their guide began running towards them and shouting, “Come quickly! Holy Mary is appearing on the mountain!” Nina imagined that since it was Christmas Eve, Our Lady would be huge – “from the ground up to Heaven,” but when they got to the back of the church, they saw a glowing image on Mt. Krizevac. “It was a glowing image, as if an Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. And you could see movement, and it lasted about 12 minutes, and then faded away slowly.” Her son started to run towards the image, but she stopped him because she was not familiar with the area and did not know what was between the church and the mountain. “Myself, I was on my knees and in tears. Things were happening inside me. I just felt all sorts of emotions, very, very deep – indescribable.”

Rosie commented that Fr. Ed Murphy was also there that day and that is when he received his calling to the priesthood. (His story is in our Volume II book.) Nina responded that it was strange because not everyone who was there saw the image. She said this was the first grace of that pilgrimage.

Nina continued to witness about a second grace she received – what she called a “Fatima sun”. A friend of hers told her to look at the sun spinning, but Nina was reluctant to do so because she did not want to damage her eyes. When the friend insisted, Nina put her hands up to her eyes, but did not need to, because she could look at it without hurting her eyes. The sun was spinning,... but then a Host was in the middle of the sun and “suddenly that Host took off, came out of the orbit of the sun and very gently growing bigger and bigger, and gently, gently spinning and coming towards me, and I was just mesmerized and frozen, looking at it. But then it became so big and so close to me, suddenly fear grabbed me. And as soon as the fear came to me, it



Medjugorje in 1990

stopped.” Nina understood this as a sign from Our Lady because prior to this pilgrimage, as she was searching for God, she would receive communion in whichever church she attended, including the Catholic Church. “After that *miracle of the sun*, I could not receive Holy Communion, the Host... until I became received as a Catholic myself.”

Nina continued with the third sign they received that Christmas Eve. She said that after dinner, her son wanted to go outside to play, and soon they heard

him crying. They all ran out, thinking he had fallen. But he was looking up to Mt. Krizevac where there was “a huge blood-red crescent – like a cradle, and almost like Jesus inside.” One of the ladies shrugged her shoulders and said, “Our Lady is giving us signs.” Nina wanted to run towards that sign, but as soon as she stepped down, it disappeared.

Nina said, “I know these are all external signs. Maybe at that time I needed them; maybe nothing else could have worked for me. But it was so vivid that they have brought me to my faith. And after that, the Lord gave me more graces.”

When Nina went back to England, she had a thirst for the knowledge of God. She couldn’t get enough. She started to go to church every day and began instructions to become Catholic. She could not wait to receive Our Lord. As for her son, he would be on his knees for hours praying the Rosary in front of the statue of Our Lady. People would come to see this child on his knees praying and then would join him.

In the meantime, Nina’s husband, whom she described as a wonderful man, could not stand hearing the Rosary prayed in their home. But they continued to pray for him,

and Nina said, "The prayers worked!" Her husband eventually wanted to go to Medjugorje. Nina said, "When he came here, things happened to him."

One day on their pilgrimage, as they were waiting outside on a bench for Mass to begin, a man walked up behind Nina's husband, placed his hands on his shoulders and started praying. Being a gentleman, Nina's husband did not say anything. During Mass, when it was time for Communion, Nina's husband went up with crossed hands (because he was not Catholic) for a blessing, and lo and behold, the priest was the same man who had walked over and prayed over him. The priest gave him a very long blessing. The next day, they went to Fr. Jozo's and that same priest was there. The priest asked Nina's husband if he would like to be prayed over, and he responded, "If you'd like to." Nina sat down so not to disturb them. She noticed her husband's face turn white, and then the priest left. A little while later, her husband was able to share what happened. He said that when the priest was praying, he looked at him, and his face turned into the face of Jesus!

When Nina's husband returned to England, he became Catholic. She said he began praying three Rosaries every day as well as the 15 prayers of St. Bridget.

Rosie, the interviewer, exclaimed, "Wow! That's huge!"



Fr. Jozo in 1990

Nina shared another sign of Our Lady's presence that was related by their guide. She said that the guide's brother took two pictures of visionary Ivan – before and during one of his apparitions. The first one came out normal, but in the second one, when Our Lady appeared, the whole room was lit up with a different kind of light. One of the children asked Ivan if the light from Heaven shines only on him. Ivan said, "No, it's on you, too." The child said, "And what about my brother who is in the village?" Ivan affirmed that he would be lit up also, because all of Medjugorje is lit up in the light of Heaven and when we kneel for the apparition, we are bathed in the light of Heaven.

Nina exclaimed, "This place (Medjugorje) is holy ground. It's not only Krizevac or Apparition Hill. It's the whole Medjugorje, because Our Lady is here."

Nina ended her testimony with a plea for prayer for priests. "Every priest needs prayers of protection. They are attacked through human beings and other forces. But that's why Our Lady asks us to pray for them. They are the bridge to

Heaven. Without priests we are nowhere. Thank God for priests and for everything."

Editor's note: Nina's entire testimony can be seen in the "Fruit of Medjugorje" archives on www.marytv.tv. It is Episode #287.

Editor's note: In March of 2013, I wrote an article inviting people to have Masses said for Our Lady's intentions. As of November 25, 2017, the number of Masses reported to us for Our Lady's intentions was 20,244. In the past year I have been in contact with a college student and convert named Michael Cummings who would like to take this effort to a higher level.

A Great Task for Our Lady

By Michael Cummings

Our Lady has called us to a great task! It will take many committed volunteers for the years to come. My hope in writing you is that you hear Her cry through mine and respond with all your heart to stand by Her side by standing by mine. The mission is to contact all the parishes in the nation and ask them to offer (for free) one Mass per month in 2018 for Our Blessed Mother's intentions.

On September 25, 1991, Our Lady said, "... dear children, help my Immaculate Heart to triumph in the sinful world. I beseech all of you to offer prayers and sacrifices for my intentions so I can present them to God for what is most necessary. Forget your desires, dear children, and pray for what God desires, and not for what you desire. Thank you for having responded to my call."

St. Peter Julian wrote: "M. Olier, the holy founder of St. Sulpice... had three Masses celebrated every day, the intention of each Mass being placed in the Blessed Virgin's hands, that She might, in offering it to Her Son for the Church, obtain infinite treasures of grace."

It takes only simple reason, when infused with our faith, to see the immense power and potential of giving the ultimate prayer of the Holy Mass to our Mother Mary, to use at Her disposal. No spiritual act is greater than this!

Jesus and Mary will take care of everything and what better way to put it all in Their hands?

"Dear children! With great joy in my heart I thank you for all the prayers that, in these days, you offered for my intentions. Know, little children, that you will not regret it, neither you nor your children. God will reward you with great graces and you will merit eternal life..." (message of the 25th anniversary, June 25, 2006)

I have spoken with my spiritual director, Fr. Ron Nelson (chief pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Eugene, OR) on this topic. He endorses my efforts in this endeavor and said, "I believe this is a wonderful idea and hope many parishes contribute Masses for Our Blessed Mother's intentions!"

We have already achieved good results from the few states we have contacted, but cannot do this alone. Many hands make light work! Please "share each other's burdens" and join the team by sending me an email at: michaeljoseph6456@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Editor's end note: Michael asks that you pray for him and this mission. It is quite an undertaking with 22,000 parishes in the U.S.A.

A Surprise After Midnight Mass

By Mary Momot, OFS

My Mom passed on May 3, 2007, and that October I had Gregorian Masses* said for her.

That Christmas was our first holiday without her, and it was difficult. On Christmas Eve, my husband and I opened our gifts to each other aside from our family. He gave me a canvas painting of Our Lady of Medjugorje. Of course it made me cry, as it was so very beautiful. I decided quietly to ask Our Lady for a sign that my Mom was in Heaven. I guess I had been afraid to really ask before. I wanted to ask for something concrete and I did not know what that should be. So I just asked to see a quarter – maybe one lying on the ground or in my pocket.

Midnight Mass was beautiful. Our choir, accompanied by my husband as the organist, sounded especially good. Afterwards, the girls from my prayer group laid our flowers at the manger and everyone said goodnight. We are usually the last to leave the church to lock up, etc. While in the sacristy, my husband noticed an envelope had



Mary's painting

is no official guarantee that the soul goes to Heaven after the 30 Masses, this custom, which dates back to St. Gregory the Great, was declared "a pious and reasonable belief of the faithful" on the authority of the Sacred Roman Congregation on Indulgences.

been left in the church basket. I picked it up to put it in a cupboard until morning, and underneath it was one quarter!!! I could not believe my eyes. I started to cry.

I knew then in my heart that my Mom was truly in Heaven. Even though the burdens of the world were still there, I felt a little lighter in my step and had a smile on my face. Later that day, I learned that Our Lady said, on January 10, 1983, that more souls go to Heaven on Christmas than any other day!

May we all learn to be open to all God's graces. Merry Christmas!

Editor's note: Mary is from Depew, NY. Her vocation as a professed Secular Franciscan came through Medjugorje.

* Gregorian Masses are 30 Masses said in a row for one deceased soul. Although there

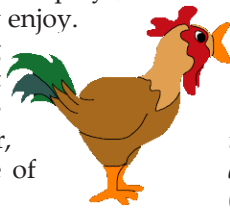
The Legend of the Rooster

By June Klins

Those of you who have been to Medjugorje, particularly in the earlier days, will probably remember being awakened by the sound of a rooster crowing. After a pilgrimage to Medjugorje with my friend, Carolanne, this became a symbol of Medjugorje for us. Over the years, we exchanged many gifts that had roosters on them – dish towels, plates, key chains, coasters, etc. Carolanne even gave me a stuffed animal rooster that says on it "Jesus loves you" and plays, "The Chicken Dance," which my grandkids now enjoy.

But I always thought there was something more to the roosters in Medjugorje than just another farm animal they have there, like sheep and cows. I always felt that the rooster, who says "wake up," is so representative of Our Lady's call for us to "wake up."

A few months ago, Carolanne sent me a story she read on the internet called "The Legend of the Rooster".



The legend states that the only time the rooster has ever crowed at midnight was when Jesus was born. It further says that in Latin American countries, Christmas Midnight Mass is known as "Misa del Gallo" (the Mass of the Rooster), and that the crowing of the rooster at the dawn of each morning – not just Christmas – symbolizes "the daily triumph of light over darkness and the victory of good over evil." Doesn't that sound like Our Lady's hope for us?

"Dear children! I come to you as a Mother with gifts. I come with love and mercy. Dear children, mine is a big heart. In it I desire all of your hearts, purified by fasting and prayer. I desire that through love our hearts may triumph together. I desire that through that triumph you may see the real Truth, the real Way, and the real Life. I desire that you may see my Son. Thank you." (Our Lady, March 18, 2007)

Cock-a-doodle- doo and have a blessed Christmas!

Lesson from a Three Year-old

By June Klins

A few months ago, my three year-old granddaughter, Lily, helped me make cut-out cookies. Every time something would go amiss – flour spilling, or the colors for the frosting not coming out like we expected, or the sprinkle bottle getting a little too close to the frosted cookies and getting frosting on it – Lily would say, "But it's OK, Grandma." She said it so many times that I felt like she was the teacher and I was the student. I was not agitated at all about these little mishaps, but I felt that God was speaking to me through her in reference to other things, particularly all the "hiccups" I have every month with this newsletter. (Rarely a month goes by without problems – either with production or our mailing. Only a few friends and family members know what I go through every month, but it ALWAYS works out.) After

that day, I have repeated those words, "It's OK, Grandma" to myself many times when things did not go as planned. Although Lily did not realize it, she was teaching me to accept whatever happens, that God is in charge, and that ultimately it will be "OK".

Think of Mary when the angel appeared, or when there was no room in the inn, or when the Holy Family had to flee to Egypt. Of course, they did not say, "It's OK," but their mind-set would have been the same. They accepted their lot and surrendered to God. Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo, a mystic who died in 1970, received a special Novena of Surrender from Jesus. I have written about this before, and highly recommend it. I felt prompted to print it for you on page 7 as a Christmas gift. Feel free to copy and share.

Surrender Novena

Day 1

Why do you confuse yourselves by worrying? Leave the care of your affairs to Me and everything will be peaceful. I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind, complete surrender to Me produces the effect that you desire and resolves all difficult situations. **O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!** (10 times)

Day 2

Surrender to Me does not mean to fret, to be upset, or to lose hope, nor does it mean offering to Me a worried prayer asking Me to follow you and change your worry into prayer. It is against this surrender, deeply against it, to worry, to be nervous and to desire to think about the consequences of anything. It is like the confusion that children feel when they ask their mother to see to their needs, and then try to take care of those needs for themselves so that their childlike efforts get in their mother's way. Surrender means to placidly close the eyes of the soul, to turn away from thoughts of tribulation and to put yourself in My care, so that only I act, saying, "You take care of it." **O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!** (10 times)

Day 3

How many things I do when the soul, in so much spiritual and material need turns to Me, looks at Me and says to Me: "You take care of it," then closes its eyes and rests. In pain you pray for Me to act, but that I act in the way you want. You do not turn to Me; instead, you want Me to adapt to your ideas. You are not sick people who ask the doctor to cure you, but rather sick people who tell the doctor how to. So do not act this way, but pray as I taught you in the Our Father: "Hallowed be Thy name," that is, be glorified in My need. "Thy kingdom come," that is, let all that is in us and in the world be in accord with your kingdom. "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven," that is, in our need, decide as you see fit for our temporal and eternal life. If you say to Me truly: "Thy will be done," which is the same as saying, "You take care of it," I will intervene with all my omnipotence, and I will resolve the most difficult situations. **O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!** (10 times)

Day 4

You see evil growing instead of weakening? Do not worry. Close your eyes and say to Me with faith: "Thy will be done, You take care of it." I say to you that I will take care of it, and that I will intervene as does a doctor and I will accomplish miracles when they are needed. Do you see that the sick person is getting worse? Do not be upset, but close your eyes and say, "You take care of it." I say to you that I will take care of it, and that there is no medicine more powerful than My Loving intervention. By My love, I promise this to you. **O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!** (10 times)

Day 5

And when I must lead you on a path different from the one you see, I will prepare you; I will carry you in my arms; I will let you find yourself, like children who have fallen asleep in their mother's arms, on the other bank of the river. What troubles you and hurts you immensely are your reason, your thoughts and worry, and your desire at all costs to deal with what afflicts you. **O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!** (10 times)

Day 6

You are sleepless; you want to judge everything, direct everything and see to everything and you surrender to human strength, or worse – to men themselves, trusting in their intervention – this is what hinders my words and my views. Oh how much I wish from you this surrender, to help you and how I suffer when I see you so agitated! Satan tries to do exactly this: to agitate you and to remove you from my protection and to throw you into the jaws of human initiative. So, trust only in Me, rest in Me, surrender to Me in everything. **O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!** (10 times)

Day 7

I perform miracles in proportion to your full surrender to Me and to your not thinking of yourselves. I sow treasure troves of graces when you are in the deepest poverty. No person of reason, no thinker, has ever performed miracles, not even among the saints. He does divine works whosoever surrenders to God. So don't think about it anymore, because your mind is acute and for you it is very hard to see evil and to trust in Me and to not think of yourself. Do this for all your needs; do this, all of you, and you will see great continual silent miracles. I will take care of things, I promise this to you. **O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!** (10 times)

Day 8

Close your eyes and let yourself be carried away on the flowing current of My grace; close your eyes and do not think of the present, turning your thoughts away from the future just as you would from temptation. Repose in Me, believing in My goodness, and I promise you by My love that if you say, "You take care of it," I will take care of it all; I will console you, liberate you and guide you. **O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!** (10 times)

Day 9

Pray always in readiness to surrender, and you will receive from it great peace and great rewards, even when I confer on you the grace of immolation, of repentance and of love. Then what does suffering matter? It seems impossible to you? Close your eyes and say with all your soul, "Jesus, you take care of it." Do not be afraid, I will take care of things and you will bless my name by humbling yourself. A thousand prayers cannot equal one single act of surrender; remember this well. There is no novena more effective than this: "O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!" **O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!** (10 times)

Mother, I am yours now and forever. Through you and with you, I always want to belong completely to Jesus.

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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.

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