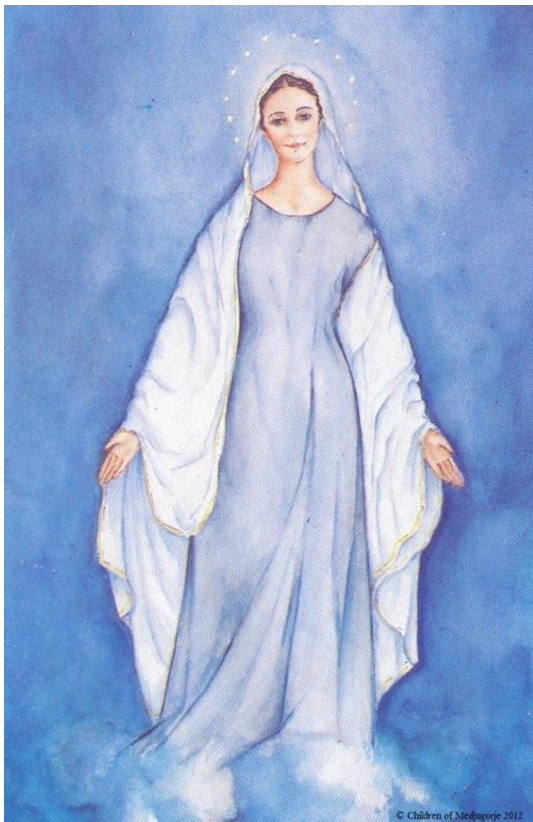


Sister Emmanuel's February Newsletter from Medjugorje

15 February 2015

Dear Children of Medjugorje, praised be Jesus and Mary!

1. On February 2nd 2015, Mirjana received her apparition in the big room of her pension near her home. She was surrounded by a smaller than usual, due to the winter season. At the end, she shared with us this message:



“Dear children! I am here, I am among you. I am looking at you, I am smiling at you and I love you in the way that only a mother can. Through the Holy Spirit who comes through my purity, I see your hearts and I offer them to my Son. Already for a long time I have been asking of you to be my apostles, to pray for those who have not come to know God's love. I am asking for prayer said out of love, prayer which carries out works and sacrifices. Do not waste time thinking about whether you are worthy to be my apostles. The Heavenly

Father will judge everyone; and you, love Him and listen to Him. I know that all of this confuses you, even my very stay among you, but accept it with joy and pray that you may comprehend that you are worthy to work for Heaven. My love is upon you. Pray that my love may win in all hearts, because that is the love which forgives, gives and never stops. Thank you.”

2. Observing Lent with the Power of God! It strikes me to see how suffering and anxiety are increasing in people’s hearts, and how many remain locked in situations that appear to be unmanageable! Some are victims of malicious attacks, some have opened the door to the evil one through grave sins, others endure very painful and hurtful conditions in their life. Whatever seems “unmanageable” in life, it is important to remember that this word, “unmanageable” does not exist in the vocabulary of God or that of His followers! Our Lady told us, “Through fasting and prayer, dear children, you can obtain everything.” She also said, “You will find a way out even for situations that seem impossible to you.”

Our friend Matthew had an overwhelming worry that was threatening his entire family: to find himself penniless at the beginning of his retirement. He had been successful in his business, but he had made powerful enemies who were trying to drown him, out of jealousy. Here is his story:

“In 2009, our children had left the family home, and were independent, so we were alone in our large 7-room house. We decided to sell it and find a smaller place to live. We quickly found somebody interested to buy it. After signing the preliminary sales agreement, we rented a place so that we could take our time to buy the house we wanted. That’s when our worries started. The bank imposed on us impossible conditions for our finances and, at the same time, our buyer pulled out at the last minute, so the sale did not take place. Our house was empty, and we were paying the heating bills, the property tax and, on top of that, the rent for the apartment! The situation had no other solution than a prolonged lawsuit, which would have lasted years. The bank threatened to seize the house and to sell it dirt-cheap at a public auction! The sale offers were coming in, but strangely enough, they would always fall apart

at the last minute. All our efforts to sell were like shooting in the dark. There was no solution in sight, we were at a complete standstill.

It is then that I remembered a message of Our Lady, 'Through fasting and prayer, dear children, you can obtain everything.' So in July 2014 I decided to go to Medjugorje for nine days and do a novena of fasting on bread and water, the daily rosary, the Eucharist, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In other words, I was taking Our Lady 'up on her word'. The fasting went wonderfully well because from day one I had offered it to Mary, begging her to support me. I was so afraid of failing. It was an astonishing discovery: I would go to Viktor's (a restaurant near the church) to eat my fasting bread. I was eating next to pilgrims who were having their normal meals, letting off the most tempting smells to accompany my bread! However I felt no desire to change my menu.

When I got back home, we signed a new preliminary sales agreement to sell our home, but the problem remained because of the bank blocking everything. We had signed the agreement with all our trust in Our Lady, certain that she would help.

I could see that another effort was needed. So I decided to forcibly move things forward, because the house had been empty over 4 years! I decided that another fast was needed. In no time, I was back in Medjugorje by the end of October 2014. I could not imagine that Mary would not stick to her word! I offered her another Novena of fasting for all her intentions. This time it was the right novena, and it worked! We signed the final sales agreement early in the month of January 2015!"

The moral of the story is Simple! The kingdom of Heaven suffers violence and the violent bear it away, (Matt. 11:12). We just need to use whatever means Heaven offers us. How many more blessings, healings, and liberations would be granted if we told ourselves, like Matthew, 'The Gospa sticks to her word,

let's follow her instructions!' Of course, in her messages she doesn't ask for novenas of fasting, rather she asks that we fast 2 days a week. Look! So many people are ready to undergo a costly therapeutic diet for their physical health, why would they not also think of doing it in the case of a so-called "unmanageable" situation? And why not take advantage of this Lent to let God bring down upon us, our families and on the world, the signs of His power?

3. Pope Francis will go to Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina) on June

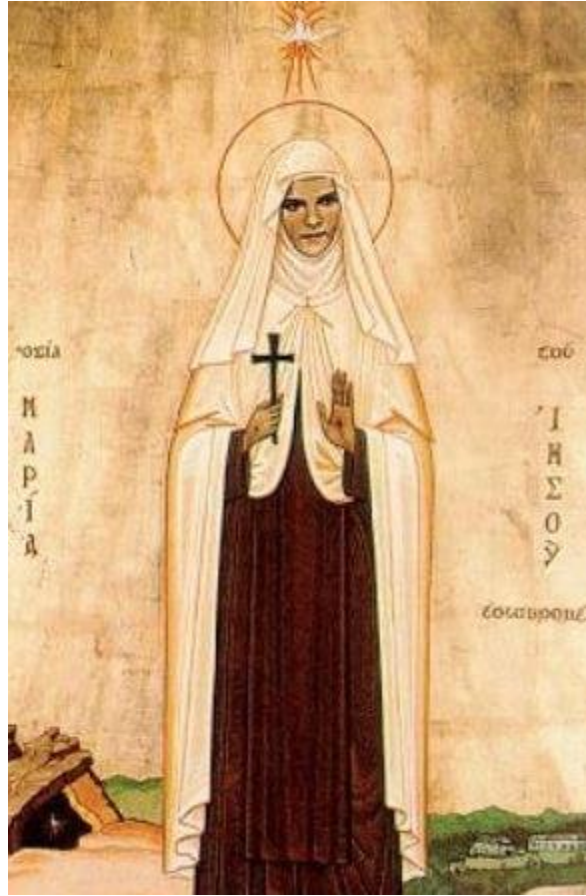


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However, his trip does not seem to have any connection to the site of Medjugorje. Father Federico Lombardi, spokesman for the Holy See, made it clear in an interview on February 2nd, "The Pope said he would go to Sarajevo, he did not say he would go to Medjugorje." Normally the Holy Father allows journalists to interview him while in flight, we will see if he drops some surprising words as he usually does.

Whatever the excitement surrounding this planned trip, Our Lady will continue to do her work in peace and quiet ,until it is completed, until her Immaculate Heart has triumphed. It is up to us to hasten the fulfillment of her plans through our fervent and confident prayers.

4. Great news from the Carmelite convent of Bethlehem!



Sr. Mary of Jesus Crucified, Maryam of Bethlehem (1846-1878), will be canonized on May 17th in Rome! Satan had said: “She will be canonized and I don’t want that to happen!” But John-Paul II said: “Everything in her speaks of Jesus.” Who is the “little Arab”? Maryam Baouardy is a daughter of Galilee and a great mystic of the Carmelite order beatified by John Paul II in 1983. Her religious name was Sister Mary of Jesus Crucified. Her life was a succession of supernatural manifestations worthy of St. Catherine of Siena, from the stigmata to singular battles with Satan. It is hard to discover Maryam without falling in love with her, without wanting to become a saint as well, by following in her footsteps, (See PS 1).

5. On March 19th, we’ll celebrate the solemnity of St. Joseph. The tradition in my house is to offer him a 30-day Novena, starting Feb. 17th. One can start later if he missed the date. Every day, we recite his litany and a decade of the Rosary. Then, we entrust our many petitions to him in a spontaneous prayer. St. Joseph is very generous to whoever pray to him with trust. His remarkable tenderness has not failed for his own since he entered the glory of Heaven! Don’t miss him, and send us your testimonies of his help

and intercession for your family so that others can come to love him and pray to him too! Send your testimonies to: gospa.fr@gmail.com

Dearest Gospa, what would the world be today without your coming to Medjugorje?

Thank you for being present, for looking at us and for smiling at us! You do more through one single smile than all the therapies of the world!

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