



From the Desk of Sr. Emmanuel Maillard

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Dear Children of Medjugorje, praised be Jesus and Mary!

1. April 2, 2015 Mirjana received the apparition of Our Lady in her private room, as she was not well enough to go to the Blue Cross.



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After the apparition, she conveyed to us the following message from Our Lady:

"Dear children, I have chosen you, my apostles, because all of you carry something beautiful within you. You can help me to have the love, for

the sake of which my Son died and then resurrected, win anew. Therefore, I am calling you, my apostles, to try to see something good in every creature of God, in all of my children, and to try to understand them. My children, you are all brothers and sisters through the same Holy Spirit. You, filled with love for my Son, can speak of what you know to all those who have not come to know that love. You have come to know the love of my Son, you have comprehended His Resurrection, with joy you cast your gaze towards Him. My motherly desire is for all of my children to be united in love for Jesus. Therefore, I am calling you, my apostles, to live the Eucharist with joy, because in the Eucharist my Son gives Himself to you anew and with His example shows the love and sacrifice towards the neighbor. Thank you."

2. The Strategy of Modernism.



Since 1981, Our Lady has given us her favorite piece of advice over 400 times: "Pray!" Why? Because prayer is the key to holiness, and Mary wants to take us there by the hand, it's our only future. But don't be mistaken, she knows that it's not easy to get there! She truly understands the One who is behind the traps that threatens the journey - *your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour*, (1 Peter 5:8). So she warns us. In her message on March 25th, she clearly showed us the strategy that Satan uses for his attack: **modernism!** In other words, **being bored with God!** What's the remedy? **Prayer.**

"Pray," she said, "and fight against temptations and all the evil plans which the devil offers you through **modernism.**" Also in May 2010, she said: "God has given you the grace to live and defend all the good that is within you... but Satan does not sleep, and through **modernism**, he is leading you astray and guiding you to his way." Our Christian culture is threatened not only by radical Islam, but most of all by our own weariness with God, which comes from a lack of prayer. Modernism

tells us that God is boring, that we can't possibly know God through the intellect so we cannot trust Him, or our faith for that matter, and that we should be skeptical of that which we can't see! It numbs our identity in God, and our consciences. We replace Christ and a living faith with the delusions of a secular world without God. Such a culture seeks to fill its inner void, lack of hope, and loss of identity with material possessions and the pursuit of earthly comforts. Prayer, on the other hand, makes our pursuit of holiness a splendid adventure, and it invigorates our relationship with God!

For the Blessed Mother, **modernism can only be defeated through prayer**, which feeds the fire of a living faith. She is pleading with us to mistrust the culture and to place all of our hope, trust and love in her Son. She said, "Do not permit Satan to open the paths of earthly happiness, the paths without my Son. My children, they are false and last a short while. **My Son exists**. I offer you eternal happiness and peace and unity with my Son, with God; I offer you the Kingdom of God," (8/10/10). Our culture has pushed God to the periphery and it is up to us to bring Him back into the center of our lives and our society, through living prayer, (See PS 1).

3. Attempted Assassination? On April 12th, an interesting anniversary for the Church may have gone unnoticed. On that day, the "Virgin of Revelation" appeared to a violent man who was conspiring to commit a terrible crime. His name was Bruno Cornacchiola, and at the time he was 34 years old. On the 12th of April 1947, Bruno walked through a little town square near Rome with his children, a little ways from the place where Saint Paul was beheaded, the *Tre Fontane* (Three Fountains). He was irritated because his three children, who were playing in a nearby grotto, refused to answer his call to return home. So he went into the grotto, and there he found his children on their knees, staring, as if captivated by a strange presence. Bruno raised his eyes toward the back of the grotto, and there stood Mary, holding the Bible in her hands! A cross was lying on the ground near her, in pieces. It was the very cross that he himself had destroyed and thrown into the trash bin earlier that week!



For Bruno, this was the shock of his life, and the start of a complete turnaround! He fell in love with the Blessed Mother, even though he was a Protestant, and immediately converted. Then he began an amazing journey with her. He completely renounced the evil plan he hatched for the following day: to assassinate Pope Pius XII with a knife! On a wall of the grotto, on that very day, he wrote: "In this grotto, the Divine Mother appeared to me. With love, she invited me to return to the Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Church." Two years later, he met with Pius XII, and handed him the very dagger that he was planning to use to kill the Pope. It bore the inscription *Death to the Pope!* Then, with tears in his eyes, he asked for forgiveness. Bruno devoted his life to making Our Lady known, and she continued to convey messages to him.

Among these messages, the one dated April 12th is very powerful: "You are persecuting me, enough! Go back to the holy fold. Let prayers be said and let rosaries be recited daily for the conversion of sinners, of unbelievers, and for the unity of Christians." Later on, the Blessed Mother entrusted him with prophecies, but they have not all been published yet. They include that the Church will suffer, the Truth will be forgotten, and many priests will leave their ministry. Our Lady promised to grant powerful miracles for the conversion of sinners. She spoke to him also of the three white loves, the foundations of the Church: *the Eucharist, the Immaculate One and the Holy Father.*

On several occasions, Bruno also met Pope John Paul II, who greatly supported Bruno in his ministry of bringing sinners back into the fold. On behalf of Our Lady, Bruno was able to warn the Pope of a new assassination attempt, which actually took place in Fatima on February 2, 1982, (see PPS). One day the Pope said to Bruno "You have seen the Mother of God, so you have to become a saint!"

Bruno went back to the Father on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 22, 2001. The cause for his beatification has been opened.

For us today, this is a magnificent illustration of Mary's wishes, of her pain in seeing our transgressions, and her hopes in forming her apostles. She is looking for apostles who agree to become one with her soul, and she is not afraid to recruit them among the worst sinners. The time has come to answer her call!

4. With gratitude and joy toward Jesus we have been praying the Divine Mercy Novena and celebrated the feast of Divine Mercy last Sunday. Let me point out a detail about the Merciful Christ as shown by Jesus to Sr. Faustina. When Sr. Faustina saw the Merciful Jesus, of which she commissioned a painting with the 2 rays coming from His Heart, Jesus was intentionally looking down. Why? Out of respect for us! He does not want to embarrass sinners. As a matter of fact, it is a way of telling us, 'Do not be afraid to come to me in confession, even if your sins are grave!' When we go to confession let's remember it is the same merciful Jesus hidden in the priest who welcomes us. Why then should we fear to pour out, in complete truth, our sins and transgressions when they are thrown into this Divine Heart that is only mercy and compassion? (See P.S. 2)



Dearest Gospa, Mother of Mercy, please communicate to us your motherly heart! We want to love and to understand every creature as you do. In this way, you will be overwhelmed with joy!

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PS 1. See the encyclical *Pascendi Dominici Gregis* where Pope Pius X condemns the doctrine of modernism.

PS 2. Two assassination attempts were made on the life of Pope John Paul II, one in St. Peter's Square by Mehmet Ali and one in Fatima.

The attempt in Fatima was much more serious than the one in St. Peter's square because it came from a Priest. Our Lady told Bruno, however, that the Holy Father

would again be protected. The assassination attempt in Fatima happened on May 12, 1982. The man was a Spanish Priest, Juan Maria Fernandez, who opposed reforms proposed during the Vatican II Council, and he named the Pope an "agent of Moscow". Fr. Fernandez spent 6 years in prison before being deported from Portugal. The main difference between the assassination attempts by Mehmet Ali and Juan Maria Fernandez was that Mehmet Ali asked Pope John Paul II for forgiveness. Juan did not.

PS 3. Check out Sister Emmanuel's 10 minute explanation of Divine Mercy and the great grace of this feast. CLICK HERE: <http://sremmanuel.org/pearls/the-feast-of-divine-mercy-lasts-8-days/> Don't forget! This novena to the Divine Mercy can be prayed anytime, and was highly recommended by Jesus himself. In Sr. Faustina's Diary we find many miracles of conversions obtained by the prayers of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

PS 4.

View the Medjugorje celebrations live, at home!

<http://www.medjugorje.hr/en/multimedia/tv-web/>

PS 5. The next LIVE in French will take place on May 3rd at 9:00 PM Paris time (1:00 PM ET). I will speak about the message of the 2nd. The LIVE of April 3rd is retransmitted on: <http://www.enfantsdemedjugorje.fr/index.php/le-direct-du-3.html>

ALSO: Watch my two little "gifts", in French, for the time of Mercy "La miséricorde de Dieu" (4 min) and "Chapelet de la misericorde divine avec Sr Emmanuel" (5 min) on <http://www.enfantsdemedjugorje.fr/index.php/prier-videos.html>

PS 6. Read and circulate "News from Medjugorje" by Sr. Emmanuel each month!

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