

17th INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The 17th International Seminar for married couples will be held
in Medjugorje from November 9-12, 2016

Be merciful, just as also your Father is merciful. (Lk 6, 36)

In Our Lady's School

Programme:

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

- 2 pm Registration of the participants
- 4 pm Introduction to the seminar
- 5 pm Evening Prayer Programme in the church

Thursday, November 10, 2016

- 9 am Morning Prayer
- 9:30 am Lecture, sharing
- 12 pm Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- 3:00 pm Lecture, sharing
- 5 pm Evening Prayer Programme in the church

Friday, November 11, 2016

- 6 am Prayer on Cross Mountain
- 10 am Lecture, sharing
- 12 pm Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 3 pm Lecture, sharing
- Preparation for confession
- 5 pm Evening Prayer Programme in the church

Saturday, November 12, 2016

- 7 am Prayer on Apparition Hill
- 10 am Experiences and testimonies
- 11:30 am Final Holy Mass

The seminar coordinator is Fr. Marinko Šakota.

Speakers at the seminar are: Father Ivan Filipović and married couples from the Community Cenacolo

Don Ivan Filipović was born on November 29, 1968 in Tomislavgrad (Bosnia and Herzegovina), where the roots of his family are. As a child, he moved with his parents to Slavonia (Croatia), to Đakovo where two brothers and the youngest sister were born. He grew up in a peaceful, Christian family where he adopted true human values, although in his growing up certainly the presence of the father was missing who was on "temporary work" in Germany. In Đakovo, he finished elementary and high school, branch mathematics and informatics, which allowed him to enrol as student in the Faculty of Informatics in Varaždin, which he hasn't finished.

He interrupted his studies when he was nineteen, left his home country and went "out into the world" to seek true freedom, autonomy, human affirmation In his search, life has led him through some periods of time and through several European capitals where he met a lot of beauty, and unfortunately the world of drugs.

From "the clutches of death," he managed to pluck with the help of the Community Cenacolo that received him when he was 26 years old, in a rather serious state of dependency.

After four years of treatment, the Community allowed him to deepen his interest in the Humanities at the Institute of Religious Sciences in Pisa, Italy. With pleasure and success, he completed two years of study at the Institute. Afterwards, he moved to the north of Italy, to the Central Community House in Saluzzo, where he finished with several young people from the Community the Faculty of Theology in Fossano.

He was ordained to the priesthood on July 17, 2004 in the diocese of Savigliano, Italy, with the permission of the bishop to work and act in the Community Cenacolo, to which he devoted his life and where he still lives.

The seminar will be held in the hall behind the church. Participation per couple for the seminar is 40 €. Reservations may be made via email: seminar.marija@medjugorje.hr, or fax on the number: +387 36 651 999 (for Marija)

Dugandžić). The number of participants is limited due to the space constraints and therefore we kindly ask that you send your registrations as soon as possible. In the same way, we ask that all couples, seminar participants organise their own accommodation in Međugorje.

For the purpose of the seminar organization and your own safety, please consider yourself registered for seminar only when you receive our written confirmation. If you did not receive our reply, it means that we have not received your application and that you are not registered, because you forwarded your e-mail to a wrong address or you have got a virus which blocks your e-mails automatically. Consequently, you may consider yourself registered for the seminar only if you had received a positive response.