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Chapter 1 : Marian apparition

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This included transferring parishes administered until then by the Franciscans to diocesan clergy. The friars resisted, and in the s Franciscan provinces still controlled 63 of 79 parishes in the dioceses of Vrhbosna and Mostar. In the s, friars in Herzegovina formed an association of priests to encourage popular opposition to diocesan parish takeovers. A decree by Pope Paul VI , Romanis Pontificibus , ordered that Franciscans to withdraw from most of the parishes in the Diocese of Mostar-Duvno , retaining 30 and leaving 52 to the diocesan clergy. In the s the Franciscans still held 40 parishes under the direction of 80 friars. The village began to attract pilgrims. They held seven meetings in all. This second commission completed its work in May . Eleven members determined that the events at Medjugorje were Non constat de supernaturalitate i. The bishops would both review the work of the previous commissions and conduct its own inquiry. The Conference instructed that pilgrimages should not be organized to Medjugorje on the supposition of its being supernatural. On 10 April , the Yugoslav Episcopal Conference issued at Zadar its own Non constat de supernaturalitate declaration stating that: Catholic parishes and dioceses may not organize pilgrimages to Medjugorje, as that might give the impression of a canonical endorsement. Vlastic was under formal investigation for alleged "dubious doctrine, the manipulation of consciences, suspect mysticism and disobedience towards legitimately issued orders". Because the commission established in was still in the process of its investigation, the CDF determined that the judgment of the Yugoslavian bishops which precluded such gatherings remain in force. Having completed his assessment, Hoser announced that the previous impediment had been lifted. The Archbishop spoke favorably of the staff at the site. Today, dioceses and other institutions can organize official pilgrimages. Constat de supernaturalitate Determined to be supernatural approved 2. Non constat de supernaturalitate Not determined to be supernatural Neither approved or condemned - not determined - neutral 3. A commission on Medjugorje established in by Pope Benedict XVI and chaired by Cardinal Camillo Ruini voted to confirm the supernatural origin of the first seven occurrences of the apparition only. James into a pontifical shrine under Vatican oversight. However, Pope Francis also mentioned that The Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, which reviewed the Ruini report and other material to which it was privy, expressed doubts about both the phenomenon and the Ruini report. Archbishop Henryk is expected to give the Pope his report sometime in the summer of , and the Pope may possibly make a final decision on Medjugorje by the end of

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Beginning on June 24 and June 26, , six children from the village of Medjugorje, in the now independent state of Bosnia, claimed to have witnessed apparitions of the Virgin Mary.

North Sea England Visionary: On the way back, he encountered a terrible storm and since it seemed that everything was already lost, Helsim turned in prayer to God. Suddenly appearing among the clouds of the storm, the Holy Virgin who promised to save the Abbot, asking him to commit to introduce the feast of the Immaculate Conception in England and Normandy. After the successful return, the abbot was able to introduce the festival in England and thus fulfill the desire of the Mother of God. Feb 12, Title: Maddona di Conche Visionary: Constantius Inspired by his great love of Mary, Mother of Mercy, Constantius decided to erect a church in her honor next to a small convent of nuns who live in humility and chastity, and care of the church. While, with some carpenters, praying the "Our Father", he was eyeing the logs for the beams and planks, Costanzo sees a white dove reappear, calmly, repeatedly takes in its beak a chip of wood in the air and transports it to the Mount. Curious of the occurrence, he follows it, and came into the town of Conche, where he realizes that the dove has ordered the chips and wood chips so as to trace the perimeter of a building. Looking up, Costanzo sees a Lady with the Child in her arms, lifted up on the perimeter marked by the dove, which, with motherly smile, points to the track. Therefore he builds in that place the church as proof of his conversion and his love for the Virgin. He erected the church and convent, and there has been a rush of pilgrims from all over to implore the protection and the graces of Our Lady of Mercy. Magazine "Maria Ausiliatrice", Feb ; www. Laurentius in the abbey was an Oblate of Liege. As he, despite the greatest efforts, could not get good grades in his studies, he decided to ask the Mother of God, begging her to help him. Our Lady appeared to the young religious and promised him the gift of knowledge to be dedicated in honor of God. In all humility, Rupert was fruitful in his work as a writer and was ordained priest in In all his activities, he showed a deep devotion to Mary and in particular a great knowledge of patristics, which makes him among the most famous and influential writers of his era. May 25, Title: Madonna di Montevergine Visionary: On this mountain, after some long pilgrimages, William of Vercelli retired permanently in prayer , then St. With the passage of time, he joined other hermits and founded the Congregation of Benedictine hermits, also called the Guglielmini white robes of the Order and the Benedictine rule. One day, during his long meditation, William was called by the Holy Virgin to erect a shrine where a pagan deity was first venerated. The shrine has since the seventeenth century has held an old painting of the Madonna "Comforter of the afflicted" regal and contemplative expression, probably from Constantinople. Saint Arnulfo Arnold Mary appeared to Saint Arnulfo Arnold , who was hermit, abbot, and finally, from , bishop of Soissons. The Mother of God appeared to him announcing his death. Arnold asked her if he could leave the earthly world on the day of the Assumption. On the evening on the eve of this anniversary, he announced to the brethren gathered around his bed that Mary would have heard his last wish. Arnulfo died the following day. He was canonized in and is the patron saint of brewers and millers. Countless were the Christians sacrificed on the alter of Revolution, especially in Paris, where the tireless work of the guillotine filled the street gutters with rivers of human blood. Trouble had come to the countryside as well. Already at the beginning of the century, the greed of the secular landlord of Fontgombault had chased away all but five monks. By this time, at the end of the century, not a single monk was left to sing the Divine Praises. Theayor of the village of Fontgombault had begun to sell the very stones of the Abbey walls July 2, But the work of destruction was not yet complete. It was about this time that an impious hand sought to destroy the statue of Mary above the northern door of the church. He positioned a ladder and climbed up in order to carry out the practice, quite common with the revolutionaries, of breaking off the head and members of a piece of art that offended him and the new ideas of those who had no more need of God and His Saints. As he swung his hammer, however, he suddenly lost his balance and fell off the ladder, hurting himself mortally when he hit the ground far below. As he lay dying, the poor man

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regretted in an instant the evil deed he had done and begged God, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God whom he had so gravely offended, to forgive him. Such was his change of heart, his conversion at the moment of death, that the witnesses recognized in the event a special grace from heaven. From that moment on the statue has been known as Our Lady of a Happy Death.

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Chapter 3 : The Miracle Hunter : Miracle Hunter Tours

Medjugorje miracle: Video of Mary statue weeping This is a video of a statue of Mary weeping. The statue, called Our Lady Grace, is found near Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the town of Tihaljina, in the church of St. Elijah.

And the designation is deeply significant, recognizing the messages of Our Lady of the Rosary of San Nicolas, which exhort peace and give dire warnings, one miracle researcher says. The bishop has investigated the contents of the apparitions through It means that the messages from the apparitions are not only approved for the faithful to read, he explained: A wife and mother named Gladys Quiroga de Motta saw these glowing rosaries and began to pray to the Virgin Mary. The Virgin appeared to her on Sept. Her figure glowed with light. With only a fourth-grade education, Gladys had no great knowledge of the Bible or theology. She is a mother of two daughters and a grandmother. At various times, the Virgin Mary apparition referred the woman to several Bible verses. You are obedient; I am happy because of it. Rejoice, for God is with you. She found the statue on Nov. It was in the belfry of the diocesan cathedral. The statue in question was of the Mother of God holding the Child Jesus. The statue resembled the apparition. Gladys also received 68 visits and messages from Jesus. She was always at the disposal of the church authorities. Gladys now lives a life of great devotion, always keeping a low profile. She reportedly received the stigmata on her wrists, feet, side and shoulder. There have been several documented healings related to the apparitions, including the healing of a boy with a brain tumor. Many focus on topics like peace, repentance, returning to the sacraments, and drawing people closer to Christ. But there are also messages in an apocalyptic theme, predicting great turmoil for humanity ahead. That is why the work of the devil is growing and expanding. She stressed the importance of prayer, especially the rosary. I ask everyone to listen to her. My mother must be accepted. My mother must be heard in the totality of her messages. The world must discover the richness she brings to Christians. I want a renewal of the spirit, a detachment from death, and an attachment to life. I have chosen the heart of my mother, so that what I ask will be achieved. Souls will come to me through the means of her Immaculate Heart. Bishop Domingo Salvador Castagna ordered the construction of a shrine as the Virgin had requested. Construction began in and the shrine was consecrated in That year, he approved the publication and dissemination of the messages of Our Lady of the Rosary in San Nicolas. Every year, a massive pilgrimage to the shrine takes place on May He consulted experts and witnesses and was conscious of his duty to monitor or intervene in such apparition claims. He said that he judged the events according to two criteria: Could it be a work of the Enemy? Are they of supernatural origin? The investigation also evaluates the visionary to confirm that they are of sound mind and moral character.

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CHAPTER SIX Apparitions, Messages, and Miracles: Postindustrial Marian Pilgrimage (pp.) Marian pilgrimages and images have had a dramatic resurgence in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Alleged Apparitions are attested for the entire Christian era. Already James the Great, one of the disciples of Jesus of Nazareth, should be 40, the mother of Jesus appeared after Christ as so-called Madonna del Pilar on January 2 of the year. Out of the hundreds of reports of symptoms that should have taken place over the centuries, only a few are ecclesiastically recognized. To churches, monasteries and pilgrimage sites can develop at locations with Marian apparitions. In the 11th century there were already in the literature, the motif of the simple woman, who was given a special treat in the form of a vision. In shaped by the Enlightenment 18th century the number of appearances of Mary went back. In the 19th century the number, however, against the background of a renewal of the Catholic Church and a greater emphasis on a feeling intense piety increased again. In the center of the new piety stood by the cult of the Virgin Mary. The historian David Blackburn, who has studied, among other things Marpingen Marian apparitions in the second half of the 19th century, demonstrated by means of a number of approved church and not registered medical phenomena that the visionaries of the 19th century features such as a life of addiction, raw treatment, early separation from the family or loss of a parent, an outsider and oppressive in the majority of cases poverty are common. For many of the visionaries, the phenomenon was therefore means emotional support and comfort. Even the pious accounts of the apparitions of the 19th century have always emphasized that it was members of the poorest strata in the visionaries of the great church recognized Marian apparitions. The visionary events that were given to the seers, or claimed to be, the lives of their fellow human beings partly touched on much. According to the Scryers often struck first against rejection and distrust. This was true in many cases for the priest, belonged to the municipality of the seers. On the part of their bishops clergymen were stopped to wait for the church investigation and decision on the appearance. A high degree of local acceptance found seer where the expected pilgrimages promised prospect of material gain. Often, however, the presence of many pilgrims also had undesirable side effects. In particular, the intervention of the authorities could lead to an impairment of local life. So French authorities threatened the inhabitants of Lourdes, round out a planned railway line to Lourdes, where the city does not come to his senses. The phenomenon of Marian apparition occurs mostly in Catholic and Orthodox Christians; in isolated cases, even in supposedly non-believers, which then usually converted due to this phenomenon. The individual reports of Marian apparitions are varied. Part is reported by individual phenomena, which are not repeated or not further known. Better known are repeated apparitions that can attract with appropriate notice, a large audience Fatima. The sensory perception of individual phenomena is different: In most cases, at least the people who had the first Marian apparition, they both see and hear. Other senses, such as a common rose scent are known. Also, the messages conveyed can be of various types and include both prophecies and words of encouragement in individual life crises. Reported are also cases in which Marian apparitions was allegedly predicted and witnessed the subsequent occurrence of several people. It is claimed that the absence of such predictions or repeated appearances by doubting the seer or doubt or definite prohibitions can be caused by church authorities. Evaluation and assessment Marian apparitions are seen by many believers as a miracle. Others reject these phenomena generally from, either as unimportant to the personal experience of faith, as quackery or occultism. Scientifically these phenomena are often rated as hallucination. Meanwhile, however, refer primarily political and social scientists repeatedly to the specific social functions of Marian apparitions in the context of a globalized modernity. Thus, these origins are mostly social movements that substantiate political and social resistance. In this sense phenomena have stabilizing effects on emotional bonding forces within societies. Like all phenomena potentially wonderful origin are also checked Marian apparitions of the Roman Catholic Church to its authenticity. These three assessment formulas have been established: *Constat de natura super lite* - It is clear that this is Supernatural.

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Non constat de natura super lite - It is not clear whether it is supernatural or Constat de non supernaturalitate - It is clear that the apparitions are not supernatural. These assessments are usually granted after a thorough examination by the diocesan bishop, but can also be other instances are transferred. Reports of Marian apparitions, including those that are recognized by the Church as supernatural, are not part of the teaching of the Catholic Church. Each Catholics therefore remains free to believe in the authenticity of an apparition or not. Granted supernatural Supernaturalism is awarded by the Roman Catholic Church: After a Russian tradition had the Slavic ascetic Andrei, also known as " fool in God ", in the famous Blachernae Church in Constantinople Opel on a October 1 in the 10th century during the Midnight Mass a vision of the Virgin Mary, from the doors of the sanctuary stepped out, and tearfully prayed long. Even the servant Epiphanius claimed to have seen how she finally spread her shawl over the present people. The Russian Prince Andrei Bogolubsky took over the legend, built the " Madonna of Mercy " Pokrov has its own church and made 1 October throughout Russia to her feast day. The report zufolge she revealed her hiding a hidden before the Muslim Tatars miraculous icon. Known as the " Kazanskaya " miraculous image became a symbol of Russia, in her honor were erected cathedrals in Moscow and Saint Petersburg. On April 17, , the " Theotokos ", the founding legend of the Basilian of According Pochaiv, a group of monks who had fled into the caves near Ternopyl before the invasion of the Mongols from the famous cave monastery of Kiev Pecherskaya Lavra appeared, " in a pillar of fire. Water from a nearby spring have since been attributed to healing effects, a monastery at the apparition site became a popular place of pilgrimage. On April 25, Mary is the 11 -year-old Marina Kisyn be published on the belfry of the village church closed for 40 years. This had been more than years ago because of a miraculous icon of the Virgin and a fountain with allegedly healing waters ever a place of pilgrimage. As the phenomena repeated on the following days, came up to 40, pilgrims despite all the sabotages of the former communist regime. Almost all want to have also seen the vision in orange red and blue light. Authenticity confirmed by the Coptic Catholic Patriarch and the Egypt: On April 2, , weeks after it came to nightly appearances of a " woman in white light ," which were watched by hundreds of thousands of Coptic Christians and Muslims over the dome of the Coptic Church of St. Zeitoun is according to legend, the place where the Virgin Mary rested in their flight to Egypt under a sycamore. Many miraculous healings and conversions were reported. Authenticity confirmed by the Coptic Patriarch Assiut: On August 17, , a series of Marian apparitions began on the St. Many witnesses claim to have seen mysterious lights, doves of light, or luminous figure of Our Lady, also photos and videos are available. It is a blessing for Egypt.

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Chapter 5 : Queen of Peace - A pilgrimage to Medjugorje

First published in , Image and Pilgrimage in Christian Culture is a classic work examining the theological doctrines, popular notions, and corresponding symbols and images promoting and sustaining Christian pilgrimage.

Our Blessed Mother comes to us when we need her most, with a message and guidance specific to the problems and suffering at hand. Here is a list of 40 beautiful stories of Marian apparitions in countries all over the world to inspire you and remind you of the eternal compassion and counsel which she unceasingly offers to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico St. Juan Diego encountered Mary as he climbed the Hill of Tepeyac in Mexico during a routine walk in . After two unsuccessful attempts to convince his bishop, St. Juan Diego explained to Our Lady that he needed to bring a specific sign in order to verify the validity of his vision. Juan opened his cloak to the bishop, a cascade of roses fell from his tilma, revealing the ornate details of the miraculous and mysterious image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. To this day, the tilma remains in excellent condition, and Our Lady of Guadalupe is invoked by thousands of faithful all over the world. At once, she saw a figure that she believed was her guardian angel, who then escorted her to see Mary descend the chapel steps and sit in the chair reserved for the spiritual director. Catherine reported this vision to her spiritual director, who was skeptical at first, but then Mary appeared a second time, standing on a globe and holding a golden ball, light surrounding her. Catherine understood this vision to mean that the ball represented the world, and the light emanating from Mary were all of the individual graces people would receive from venerating her as Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. She wore a crucifix suspended by a necklace from her neck. Her devotees were mainly of nineteenth century, rural France, but saints, such as St. John Vianney, called upon her for intercession regularly. John Paul II explained that she is a timeless representation of Mary, desperately encouraging us toward deeper prayer, conversion, and commitment to God. Our Lady of Lourdes, France Likely one of the most beloved and well-known of the Marian apparitions, young Bernadette Soubirous, who was uneducated and poor, saw a beautiful lady standing near a wasteland where Bernadette and her sister were gathering firewood. This added to the credibility of the vision. As the Immaculate Conception, Mary was dressed in white, bearing a golden rosary and blue belt around her waist with two golden roses at her feet. After much controversy over these ongoing apparitions, they were eventually approved by the Church. Our Lady of Pontmain, France Two boys of the Barbadette family, Joseph and Eugene, saw a vision of Mary during an ordinary evening of assisting their father in the family barn. When Eugene looked up at the night sky, he saw a beautiful woman wearing a blue gown covered with golden stars and a black veil under a golden crown. As word spread during the height of the Franco-Prussian War in , people looked at this unusual star in the sky, where children were given the grace to see the same Marian apparition that the Barbadette boys saw, but adults could not. Every child who caught a glimpse of her described her in the same detail as Joseph and Eugene did at first sight. Once the apparitions were approved, she was known as Our Lady of Hope, because her presence in the sky literally stopped the advancement of the Prussians against France. Our Lady of Knock, Ireland In the s, the people of Ireland were still experiencing the aftermath of the Great Irish Famine, which left countless unemployed, starving, and homeless. In a small parish church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, a group of 15 men, women, and children witnessed multiple apparitions that included St. John the Evangelist, and Mary. Our Lady was radiant and hovering a few feet above the ground, dressed in a white cloak and bearing on her head a radiant golden crown that was illuminated. The people joined in praying the Rosary for two hours while they continued to behold this vision of saints. At the site of the apparition, which is today known as the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, many granted favors were reported and it became of interest worldwide. The beautiful lady encouraged the children to pray the rosary daily in order to bring peace to the world and end the war. Mary continued to appear to the three children, revealing prophesies and even making the sun dance , so that the people would come to believe in her message. The five children were walking home from school one day, when Albert one of the visionaries pointed out a lady dressed in a long

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white robe who was standing near a railroad nearby. All of the children present witnessed this miracle, and the lady returned to them 32 more times over the course of a few months. The pilgrimage site today, which has been approved by the Church as a veritable Marian apparition site, draws the faithful, many of whom report miraculous cures. Over the course of 8 apparitions, Mary told Beco to put her hands in a spring of water, saying that it was for healing for all nations. The small spring is directly attributed to many miraculous healings, even to this day. She first appeared to 6 Herzegovinian children in , all of whom are still alive. For several years, the young visionaries reported seeing Mary on a hill in Bosnia on a daily basis, but some of them no longer receive apparitions. Our Lady of Medjugorje calls all people to pray, fast, and do penance. Although many wondrous phenomena have occurred at the site of the apparitions, such as the sun spinning or dancing in the sky or pilgrims seeing angels or images of crosses, the apparitions have not yet been approved by the Church and are under investigation. She first shared them with her parish priest, then with her prayer group. The Mother of the Redeemer Farm is now a full-fledged retreat center, and the Wades no longer live on site. Instead, it houses full time priests and religious, who offer retreats to pilgrims, as well as daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Receive this Rosary from my hands and keep it forever and ever. You are obedient; I am happy because of it. These apparitions were recently approved by an Argentinian bishop as supernatural in origin. Mary instructed Benoite to travel out of Laus and seek a sweet smelling perfume at a chapel, which she wanted to be renovated. The message of Our Lady here, also known as the Refuge of Sinners, is reconciliation " with oneself, with others, and with God. The apparition site is one which has been approved by the Church. Apparitions in Tensta, Sweden In , several witnesses claimed to have seen Mary on the roof of their church, a Syrian Orthodox parish in Tensta, Sweden. Those who saw her said her appearance there was relevant to the ongoing strife in Syria. Our Lady asked them to pray for peace, to be harbingers of peace everywhere. She appeared to the witnesses three times, one of which seems to be captured in a photograph. These apparitions have not yet been approved by the Catholic Church. The statue is said to have brought about miraculous cures to those who believe. The main message of Our Lady of Akita is prayer especially the Rosary and penance, with an ominous warning of persecutions and heresies to befall the Catholic Church in future times. Adding some credibility to these apparitions, Sr. Sasagawa was miraculously healed of a hearing impairment she had, and the healing occurred shortly after the Marian apparitions began. The statue also is reported to mysteriously weep from time to time, one occasion of which was broadcast on national Japanese television. The Church is still investigating the validity of these apparitions. It is a popular pilgrimage site following a miraculous recovery of a boy who drowned in Other miracles have been reported at this site since that time. Legend states that in , during the Second Northern War, Our Lady held off Swedish troops for over a month, protected the Poles and their monastery where the icon was kept at the time , and changed the course of the war. Suddenly an ethereal cloud descended upon their parish church and annihilated one of the walls, vanishing just as quickly as it came. In its place was a fresco of Mary and the Christ Child, a painting on a surface no thicker than an egg shell that became affectionately known as Our Lady of Good Counsel. The Augustinians have cared for the mysterious image at the parish of Santa Maria, where numerous miracles and cures are said to have taken place. In , the Holy House of Nazareth was transported by angels from Nazareth across the Mediterranean to a small town, Tersatto. Shortly thereafter, the Blessed Mother appeared to him in a dream and told him that the church was truly from Nazareth and was where the Annunciation took place, brought to his care by the power of God. To prove this, she said he would be cured of an illness from which he suffered for many, many years. Thousands of miracles have been reported at the House of Nazareth, under the intercession of Our Lady of Loreto. Many saints, including St. Alphonsus Liguori, and St. Frances Cabrini have made a pilgrimage to the holy house. Our Lady of Ocotlan, Mexico Tradition tells us of this story, which occurred in , where a convert named Juan Diego Bernardino climbed atop a hill in Ocotlan to draw some water from a spring that was known to have healing properties. A deadly illness had left many in his region very ill, including his entire family. As he came to the apex of the hill, he saw a beautiful lady who spoke to him: Where are you going? At the bottom of the hill, she led him to a pine grove with a spring of water, still in

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existence today. Our Lady told Juan that the smallest drop of water would restore a person to perfect health and that he would find an image of her in the grove where they were standing. The massacre was so horrible that all of the Santa Fe settlers fled and went into exile for thirteen years, taking very little with them. He carried an image of La Conquistadora on a flag and entered Pueblo territory in Santa Fe with it waved high. Don Diego was kind and knew Our Lady would deliver his people peacefully back into the territory. Miraculously, the Pueblo Indians began to trust Don Diego, who became the new governor of New Mexico, and the people were able to return. Our Lady of Altagracia, Dominican Republic According to pious tradition, the daughter of a rich merchant in the Dominican Republic asked her father to bring her a portrait of Our Lady of Altagracia from Santo Domingo, which no one had heard of at the time. Shortly thereafter, the man vanished without a trace. Today there is a shrine in the Dominican Republic where the image is encased. Venerators travel from far away, as many miracles have been attributed to Our Lady under this title. She is also the patroness of the Dominican Republic. Our Lady of the Pillar, Zaragoza, Spain An ancient Spanish tradition states that the Blessed Mother appeared to the apostle James the Greater one of the original twelve while he was praying by the banks of the Ebro. She was accompanied by angels, standing on a pillar, and appeared to him for encouragement. He had not made many converts and was battling discouragement at the time of the apparition. Before she left James, she gave him a wooden statue of herself and instructed him to have a chapel built on the site in her honor. Today there is also a shrine where pilgrims venerate Our Lady of the Pillar. Our Lady of Pompeii, Italy In , a third order Dominican who had taken the name Brother Rosario held a deep desire to promulgate devotion to Mary and the Rosary in the region of Pompeii, Italy, where he lived. As he began traveling, he became very disheartened at the lack of faith, and the extreme poverty and ignorance of the people he encountered. He also renovated a dilapidated church and named it Our Lady of the Rosary. Then, in , a young girl from Naples, Italy named Fortuna Agrelli was suffering from an unknown, incurable disease.

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Chapter 6 : MaryTV “ Medjugorje

It means that the messages from the apparitions are not only approved for the faithful to read, he explained: the bishop is saying the events were in fact actual miraculous apparitions.

Clare and visit to the Basilica of St. After lunch we will celebrate the opening Mass of our pilgrimage in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the oldest of the four Papal basilicas in Rome and, time permitting, you will have the opportunity to climb the Holy Stairs. As you make your way to our hotel you will have a panoramic tour of Rome, enjoying views of the Roman Forum, Piazza Venezia and the impressive Victor Emmanuel Monument. You will check into the Domus Carmelitana in Rome where we will stay for two nights. You will continue onto the Vatican Museums which contain masterpieces of painting, sculpture and other works of art collected by the popes through the centuries. In the afternoon you will enjoy a guided tour of the impressive Colosseum which has become a symbol of Rome with its long history. Before returning to our hotel you will stop at the famous Trevi fountain, making sure to throw three coins, ensuring your return to the ancient city. You will celebrate Mass in the famous abbey, home to the sacred relics of St. Benedict, the patron saint of Europe and founder of western monasticism. After free time for lunch you will continue onto the city of Naples where you will have a panoramic tour of the city before visiting the famous cathedral. The cathedral is perhaps best known for the fact that it houses a vial containing the blood of San Gennaro, once the Bishop of Naples and its patron saint. You will continue onto our hotel in Sorrento where you will stay for one night in the Hotel Central. Many miracles were reported, and pilgrims still visit the shrine today. You will celebrate Mass and afterwards receive a blessing with the relic of St. After lunch you will travel to San Giovanni Rotondo, home to St. Pio for over fifty years. You will check into the Hotel Colonne where you will stay for two nights. In the afternoon you will visit the capuchin friary. You will see the cell where Padre Pio lived and died and afterwards have time for prayer in front of the crucifix before which Padre Pio received the Stigmata. Our tour will continue with a visit the Church of St. Pio of Pietrelcina where, after a visit to the upper church and time for prayer in the Adoration Chapel you will arrive at the crypt where we will have time for prayer before the mortal remains of this great saint of our time. We will celebrate Mass and afterwards venerate the relics. We will continue onto Manoppello to visit the Basilica of the Holy Face. After free time for lunch we will continue onto Assisi, birthplace of St. Afterwards we will check into our hotel where we will stay for one night in the Dal Moro Gallery hotel. Clare, founder of the Order of the Poor Clares. We will walk through the town of Assisi, visiting the Basilica of St. Francis where we will have time for private prayer at the tomb of St. We will continue onto Florence where we will stay for one night in Hotel Mulino di Firenze. We will stroll through the narrow-cobbled streets with their elegant 15th and 16th century palaces and visit the Duomo, The Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and will see the medieval candle-lit chapels and fresco decorated churches. We will drive to the medieval town of Siena. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of San Domenico. Founded by the Dominicans in as part of their friary, it is closely associated with St. Catherine of Siena and contains her head in a reliquary. After Mass we will have time at leisure in Siena before continuing onto Rome where we will stay for two nights in the Sheraton Hotel, Fiumicino. Agnese in Piazza Navona and afterwards take a tour of the ancient Catacombs under the city of Rome. The rest of the day will be at leisure for shopping and private sightseeing before returning together to our hotel for evening meal. On arrival in Croatia you will be met by our team of guides and transferred to the Old Town of Dubrovnik for Holy Mass. After Mass, we will take a guided tour of this speculator city. After lunch we will check in to your accommodation in Grand Hotel Park in the Lapad area. Following arrival and settling in, there will be some free time to explore. The hotel is attractively located in gardens of mature pines, cypress trees and oleander flowers. A short walk through the hotel gardens leads to the promenade with an excellent choice of restaurants, bars and cafes. The old city of Dubrovnik is 4 km away by public bus or taxi. Evening dinner in the hotel. Upon arrival in Medjugorje you will be taken to your accommodation in Hotel Woytilja. Following arrival and settling in,

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there will be an opening meeting and introduction at the shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace. Hear a talk by one of the Medjugorje priests on the messages of Our Lady. Continue to the Statue of the Risen Lord for a prayer service. After Lunch meet with your guides at the statue of Our Lady to walk through the vineyards, to the Hill of Apparitions Podbrdo. Listen to the story of the first days of the apparitions and then climb, in prayer, to the site of the first apparition. This evening, after dinner you may take part in the evening ceremonies of Medjugorje. We return for dinner, followed by the evening services at 6pm. After the evening services you are cordially invited to a free concert - An Evening of Prayer through Song - with David Parkes. After Mass the coaches will collect you from your houses and depart for the airport for your return flight. Our transfers always include our own guides who will take excellent care of you. Today's meals included - American breakfast.

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Chapter 7 : Lourdes and Fatima | Fathers for Good

The pilgrimage site today, which has been approved by the Church as a veritable Marian apparition site, draws the faithful, many of whom report miraculous cures. Our Lady of Banneux, Belgium Also known as Our Lady of the Poor, she appeared to a teenage girl named Mariette Beco between January 2 and March 2,

James Parish in Medjugorje kept records of over reportedly Miraculous healings, copiously documented. This led to Dr. Antonino Antonacci, an Italian physician, to establish the Bureau of Verification of Extraordinary Healings in since many of these cases were so remarkable" 1 , 2 , 3. The apparent inquiry arises; how can opponents to the Marian Apparitions occurring at Medjugorje claim that no Miracles ever transpired? Until this is done, the claims have no validity. My remarks in Understanding Medjugorje should be seen within that context. Since this "Bureau of Verification of Extraordinary Healings," did not come under ecclesiastical authority, none of its conclusions are of any value" 4. For instance, hypothetically; if Our Lady of Medjugorje were to make the Earth spin backwards, so that the Sun forever onward rose in the west and set in the east, it would be disregarded, as it would have to be approved by the Local Bishop, who hardened his heart against Our Holy Mother more than Pharaoh did with Moses. That, along with all the documentation compiled detailing the other countless miracles, would systematically be slid into his wastepaper basket. Foley practically bases his entire chapter 13 fittingly on quotes from satanic orator Hector Avalos 6. Avalos is a lecturer for "satanism and the luciferian path" 7. For any conscientious Catholic, regressing to cooperating with the "prince of darkness" as a means to accomplish ones dirty work would have been a major red flag. Foley may have surrendered to the erroneous reasoning: Harvard and Yale scholar Daniel Klimek writes: If we look closely at this source which Foley uses, the results are quite troubling. In his stumbling misguided efforts to prove the Marian Apparitions at Medjugorje are a "diabolical intervention", Donal Anthony Foley unintentionally unearths the greatest testimony to the authenticity of the Apparitions, since Jesus made clear that satan cannot oppose himself. Jesus while defending Himself before the Chief Priests, Doctors of the Law, Pharisees and Scribes who were accusing Him of being of beelzebub, retorted: If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come" Mark 3: Jesus Christ Himself proves that Our Lady of Medjugorje is not of "diabolical intervention" because the atheists, luciferians and satanists are in strong opposition to the Marian Apparitions at Medjugorje, therefore, unbeknownst to himself, Donal Anthony Foley has actually been beneficial. Since the beginning of the apparitions, the credibility of the six visionaries has remained intact. They have never contradicted themselves in relating the messages of the Blessed Mary. In addition during these years they have been subjected periodically to every type of medical and scientific examination available. These many tests and their results throughout the years are printed in books, pamphlets, news stories and on web sites. Any remarks that this writer might have would prove insufficient except to add this conclusion of 17 renowned scientists, doctors, psychiatrists and theologians in their long and detailed research on January 14, in Paina near Milan. Within one-fifth of a second of one another: They simultaneously knelt and looked at precisely the same spot without a visible reference point when the Virgin Mary appeared. They knelt and ceased all eye movements from three to 45 minutes. None blinked in response to touching the eye. They did not react to pain during the apparition. When touched with an algometer that causes a lesion or skin burn there was complete absence of sensitivity. They showed no reaction to a hearing test, an input of 90 decibels equivalent to a loud explosion in their ears. They did not blink when a watt light bulb was placed in front of the eyes. Their voices stopped during the vision. Though all muscles mouth, jaw, and throat involved in speech continued, the larynx shut off. This is physically impossible. James Church reports that another team of 12 university professors, scientists and medical doctors from different fields observed Vicka, Marija and Ivan in Milan, Italy for five days in April This was the most serious approach with the most sophisticated equipment ever done on the visionaries. Findings are pending at

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this time. A controversy exists today regarding the importance of Mary. Some people feel that she was simply the earthly mother of Jesus and that too much honor is given her, detracting from our worship of God. Christian tradition holds, however, that at the crucifixion, Jesus gave His Mother Mary to each of us as our spiritual mother. Through her, with her, and in her, God became man. Her messages focus on those of the Bible as she urges us to pray to her son. And since we often ask our earthly mothers and others to pray for us, it is quite natural to ask our Heavenly Mother to pray for us also Miraculous Photographs from September 18, Pilgrimage.

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Chapter 8 : Marian Pilgrimages Italy and Medjugorje

The site of the apparitions quickly became a major pilgrimage center; two million pilgrims visited in the decade after the events of A small chapel was built and by the foundation was laid for the present basilica.

Based on a vision that night, a basilica was built in honour of Our Lady, on the spot that had been covered with snow. The church built there is now the basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore , and the feast was celebrated at that church for centuries on August 5 each year. However, there was no mention of this alleged miracle in historical records until a few hundred years later, not even by Pope Sixtus III in his dedicatory inscription. According to Michael Ott, writing in the Catholic Encyclopedia,"it would seem that the legend has no historical basis. Our Lady of Walsingham[edit] According to the tradition of Our Lady of Walsingham , the Virgin Mary appeared in a vision to Richeldis de Faverches , a devout Saxon noblewoman, in in Walsingham, England, instructing her to construct a shrine resembling the place of the Annunciation. The shrine passed into the care of the Canons Regular sometime between and Today there are two shrines at Walsingham: There are also two separate feast days: Simon was an Englishman , a man of great holiness and devotion, who always in his prayers asked the Virgin to favor his Order with some singular privilege. He saw an early morning vision of the Virgin Mary in which he was instructed to build an abbey on the Hill of Tepeyac in Mexico. At that time, the area was largely Calvinist, the local Catholic Church having been destroyed some forty years previous. The Blessed Virgin is said to have appeared on two consecutive days at the sight where the last priest had buried for safekeeping a box containing church property. In the intervening years memory of the box had faded, however news of the apparition prompted an elderly man to recall where he had helped the priest bury it. As important as finding the icon, was the discovery of the property deeds that allowed the parishioners to recover the church land. She remains a significant symbol of Lithuanian cultural heritage. They were approved by the Vatican on May 5, Currently, the site where the apparitions took place receives more than , pilgrims a year. She reported that one night in the chapel, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to her and asked that a medallion be made to a design that she dictated. The lady added that, "All who wear this medal will receive great graces. The medal eventually produced came to be referred to as the Miraculous Medal. The design on the reverse includes the letter M and a cross. The Roman Catholic Church investigated the claims and found them credible. Our Lady of Lourdes [edit] Main articles: Bernadette Soubirous was out gathering firewood in the countryside. She reported a vision of a miraculous Lady who identified Herself as "the Immaculate Conception" in subsequent visions. In the third vision she was asked to return again and she had 18 visions overall. According to Saint Bernadette, the Lady held a string of Rosary beads and led Saint Bernadette to the discovery of a buried spring, also requesting that the local priests build a chapel at the site of the visions and lead holy processions there. Eventually, a number of chapels and churches were built at Lourdes as the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes "which is now a major Catholic pilgrimage site. She appeared several times, speaking the Polish language as opposed to German; Since in East Prussia German was the main language and there was Polish minority , and explained how important it is to pray and say the rosary. Knock Shrine , in County Mayo , Ireland, is the site of a nineteenth-century apparition. Behind them and a little to the left of St. John was a plain altar. On the altar was a cross and a lamb with adoring angels. The Apparition was seen by fifteen people whose ages ranged from six years to seventy-five and included men, women and children. The witnesses watched the Apparition in pouring rain for two hours, reciting the Rosary. Although they themselves were saturated not a single drop of rain fell on the gable or vision. Subsequent commissions of enquiry set up by the local Bishop and the Catholic hierarchy in Ireland formally approved the apparitions as worthy of devotion, and they were officially recognised by the Catholic church, culminating in the visit of Pope John Paul II in , which he called the ultimate goal of his pastoral visit to Ireland. A purpose-built Basilica was designed and built to cater for pilgrims and is served by an international airport, Knock Airport. The 33 apparitions of Our Lady of Beauraing were reported in Belgium between

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November and January by five local children ranging in age from 9 to 15 years. The final approbation for the apparition was granted on July 2, , under the authority of the Holy Office by the decree of Andre-Marie Charue, Bishop of Namur , Belgium. They are also known as the Virgin of the Poor. The apparitions were approved by the Roman Catholic Church in . She reported seeing a Lady in White who declared herself the Virgin of the Poor and told her: In one vision, the Lady reportedly asked Mariette to drink from a small spring and later said that the spring was for healing. Over time the site drew pilgrims. Today, the small spring yields about 2, gallons of water a day with many reports of miraculous healings.

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Chapter 9 : Marian apparition - Wikipedia

The Medjugorje Web is the very first web site created in about Medjugorje, and is still the largest, most comprehensive, and visited Medjugorje web site on the internet. Since , in a small village called Medjugorje, in Bosnia-Herzegovina, (map) the Blessed Virgin Mary has been appearing and giving messages to the world.

A house, or a kingdom, cannot be divided against itself. After healing a demon-possessed man, Jesus is confronted by the Pharisees, the pious religious leaders of the time, who question what authority Jesus has to cast out demons. Miracles, like those connected to the appearance or the intercession of the Virgin Mary, cannot possibly be explained as work of Satan. Miracles which, for all intents and purposes, draw millions to Jesus Christ Himself. When I dug deep into the historical miracles of the Catholic Church, especially those connected with the intercession and appearance of the Virgin Mary, I knew I had something enormous to contend with. What I found, dear reader, blew my mind. But I worried, as well, that perhaps all those superstitious Catholics had the wool pulled over their eyes, so to speak, by the Father of Lies, Satan himself. I think this is a fairly common concern of evangelical Protestantsâ€”at least this was my experience. But how can a kingdom be divided against itself? The Marian miracles lead millions to Christ. Over the course of several appearances, the Virgin Mary allegedly told Sister Catherine to have a medal fashioned in her image for faithful Catholics to wear around their necks. Several things are critically important to understand about this story. Catherineâ€”at a critical junction in the life of the Church. The second important thing to understand is this. The body of St. Catherine is what the Church calls incorruptible. What does that mean? Her body has not decayed. For how long now? What blows my mind, dear reader, is that not only have miracles been genuinely associated with the medal that the Blessed Mother gave to St. Like the Miraculous Medal, years later, the symbolism was incredibly rich, and the appearance of the image itself, entirely miraculous. In fact, and incredibly, like the incorruptible body of St. Catherine the very same cloak worn by Juan Diego, displaying the image of Our Lady, can still be seen today, nearly years later. The cloak and its preservation from decay, subjected to rigorous scientific tests, is truly beyond the explanation of science. And pointing to Christ? That blows my mind. From the area Bernadette dug a spring appeared. This spring would later go on to be connected with scores of miraculous physical and spiritual healings and gain official status in the Church as a place of great importance. The Lourdes Medical Bureau, an organization which exists to examine and rule on possible miraculous healings, has declared 68 scientifically inexplicable miracles to have occurred at Lourdes. Lourdes, to this day, is one of the most popular Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world. The Church teaches that private revelation, like these sorts of miracles, can be believed, or not. Why, if she is not, as Catholics assert, first amongst the saints, would God use her in this way? It would, in the end, truly be pulling the wool over the eyes of Catholics if God used Mary in this way and let us go on, happily, believing in her special place in the kingdom. Would God allow that? Would God use that? As a Protestant, I struggled for answers here. It would be, utterly impossible, however, for Satan to be working in this way. Satan could never, and would never, use anything that would lead so many millions of people to a relationship with Christâ€”and that is precisely what these Marian miracles do. There are only so many ways to explain our way out of this, and they all exhaust in a simple conclusion. And that conclusion, the truth about Mary, the saints, and their intercessory power, has blown my mind.