



# Medjugorje Information Center of Las Vegas

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*in honor of*  
**OUR LADY  
QUEEN OF PEACE**

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 29th**

**Holy Family Roman  
Catholic Church  
St. Joseph's Chapel**

**Confessions, 6:00 pm  
6 o'clock, Rosary  
The Holy Mass  
follows**

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## Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!

**OCTOBER 25, 2012  
GOSPA MESSAGE for  
the World as given to  
MARIJA PAVOLIC-LUNETTI**

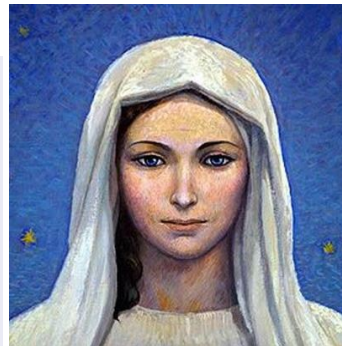
"Dear children! Today I call you to pray for my intentions. Renew fasting and prayer because Satan is cunning and attracts many hearts to sin and perdition. I call you, little children, to holiness and to live in grace. Adore my Son so that He may fill you with His peace and love for which you yearn. Thank you for having responded to my call."



**OCTOBER 2, 2012  
MONTHLY MESSAGE to  
MIRJANA, for those who  
have yet not come to know God!**

Dear children; I am calling you and am coming among you because I need you.

I need apostles with a pure heart. I am praying, and you should also pray, that the Holy Spirit may enable and lead you, that he may illuminate you and fill you with love and humility. Pray that he may fill you with grace and mercy. Only then will you understand me, my children. Only then will you understand my pain because of those who have not come to know the love of God. Then you will be able to help me. You will be my light



bearers of God's love. You will illuminate the way for those who have been given eyes but do not want to see. I desire for all of my children to see my Son. I desire for all of my children to experience his Kingdom. Again I call you and implore you to pray for those whom my Son has called. Thank you.

## REFLECTION: When I realized how much I love Her ...

This message was given to Mirjana on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. When She says I need apostles with pure hearts, she talks to everybody especially adults. May the Holy Spirit enable you so that you may be filled with love and humility.

I think we all say we love Blessed Mother and that She loves us, and we know that She loves us. And of course if you have not experienced the love of Blessed Mother, then you got to pray and you will start to feel Her love. When the light goes on, "Oh, she really loves me; I did not realize that she really loves me" - that's a wake up call when you realize how much She loves you. When you know and you feel and you recognize that She loves you -- it's mind boggling, it blows your mind.

You know, for young people at my age at that time, the big thing was what things she could get for me. Parents point out to the child how beautiful, how compassionate She is so that child becomes confident in what the parent tells them. So, when the child asks something of their parent, and the response is not there, they go to Blessed Mother where they receive what they ask, if not, then consolation. And therefore, the child gets caught up in a relationship with God and Blessed Virgin Mary and the child goes to Her for many things.

I did not realize what that meant until I was about, after the war, 24 years old. You just "take" all the time and you presume that that is what you have to receive and you say thank you and that is about it. Then one of these days you understand how real Her love is so you can love Her back and that is a wonderful experience to know that someone outside yourself loves you. When you realize that She loves you - it's not an easy thing to grasp because when you recognize and are convicted that someone loves you THAT much you are beholden to them. What do you want from me? It's not so much what She can do for you but what do you want of me? You WANT to do something to respond to that love. That's where She gets you. That's where She gets you. So it's rough, especially when you are young, it's rough.

**"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."**  
– Saint Maximilian Kolbe



## NOTE FROM PERLA SAENZ

All of the six Medjugorje visionaries: Vicka – Mirjana – Ivanka – Marija – Ivan – Jocov, have been given a mission. Their mission is to let us know the importance of the “Presence of Our Holy Mother

in the world today” and the magnitude of her messages. The prominence especially for us Catholics of the “Real and healing Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity”. She comes in an extraordinary way to tell us that “God exists and wants to give us His peace” She comes to remind us of this truth in this chaotic time when evil wants to extinguish God in our world, in our lives. From the Annunciation to the end of time...Our Blessed Mother points the way to Her Son.

These are grave and puzzling times. One only has to open the newspaper or turn on the television to see all the violence and upheaval in the world unlike never before in what is happening with our government and leaders throughout the earth...”in a recent message given to visionary Ivan in Italy, Our Lady urges us to pray for our world rulers. That they use their God given power to promote peace and for the good of man. She calls us in a special way to pray for life. At this time as ever before we are being led on a path without God...His Truth...The Holy Bible...His Living Word in Scripture. These truths are being watered down to almost non existent and sadly among many of us Catholics. Our true freedom of religion is being threatened.

In a very strong message again given to visionary Ivan recently while in Turin, Italy, Our Lady mentions peace five times. ***“Dear children, also tonight I want to help you. Pray for peace. Pray with me for peace in the world. Peace, dear children! Only peace! I am praying with you for peace in the world. For this reason I say to you, dear children, persevere in prayer! Thank you, dear children, because also today you have responded to my call”.***

Contrary to the thinking of the world, a world taking the path more and more without God. Our Holy Mother has been calling us to a new time. This time of grace she tells us is when we should be able to discern the “***signs***” of the time.

In the four messages below Our Lady strongly emphasizes how we are to live so that we can live in a new time of the “Our Father”. Our Lady comes as the Queen of Peace to show us the way of God’s peace.

January 25, 1993...Dear children! ***Today I call you to accept and live my messages with seriousness. These days are the days when you need to decide for God, for peace and for the good. May every hatred and jealousy disappear from your life and your thoughts, and may there only dwell love for God and for your neighbor. Thus, and only thus shall you be able to discern the signs of the time. I am with you and I guide you into a new time, a time which God gives you as grace so that you may get to know Him more.***

August 25, 1993...***Dear children! I want you to understand that I am your Mother, that I want to help you and call you to prayer. Only by prayer can you understand and accept my messages and practice them in your life. Read Sacred Scripture, live it, and pray to understand the signs of the times. This is a special time; therefore, I am with you to draw you close to my heart and the heart of my Son, Jesus. Dear little children, I want you to be children of the light and not of the darkness. Therefore, live what I am telling you.***

October 2, 2010...***Dear children! Today I call you to a humble, my children, humble devotion. Your hearts need to be just. May your crosses be your means in the battle against the sins of the present time. May your weapon be patience and boundless love – a love that knows to wait and which will make you capable of recognizing Gods signs – that your life, by humble love, may show the truth to all those who seek it in the darkness of lies. My children, my apostles, help me to open the paths to my Son. Once again I call you to pray for your shepherds. Alongside them, I will triumph.***

March 2, 2011...***Dear children! My motherly heart suffers tremendously as I look at my children who persistently put what is human before what is of God; at my children who, despite everything that surrounds them and despite all the signs that are sent to them, think that they can walk without my Son. They cannot! They are walking to eternal perdition. 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 Gods 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 motherly blessing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Our Lady was very sad.***

Vicka, Marija and Ivan, especially more so in this past year, are traveling all over Europe drawing many by the thousands, who are coming out to listen to Our Lady’s message, witnessing in a way like never before. The message is the same but with an intensive urgency to get our attention that Our Lady Queen of Peace, in what she is saying in Medjugorje, is important for the world as all her apparitions throughout the centuries. She is permitted by God to appear for a reason and she is serious. God exists! The Medjugorje visionaries are speaking out, trying to help Our Lady convey as best they can her messages. She needs them, she needs us. Our Lady is stressing, pleading with us to respond. Our Lady calls us so that we can enjoy eternal, heavenly bliss with The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit, with her, all the angels and Saints. She wishes this for all her children. Fr. Adam OCD tells us that our problem in the world today is the lack of saints being made and visionary Ivan says the problem is spiritual. Great examples to show us how to pray, to come to know Jesus and who have made a difference in the world are Great Saints we celebrate this month such as (Continued page 6)



## YEAR OF FAITH PILGRIMAGES 2013

Sponsored by the MI Center

**HOLY LAND MARCH 6—16 from LAS VEGAS**

*First Pilgrimage meeting Monday, November 19th at 6 p.m., SEAS*

**MEDJUGORJE, LATE SUMMER 2013.** Details coming soon!

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## DISCALCED CARMELITES OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Praise be Jesus, now and forever!

**We** are so delighted to share with you the third foundation of our beloved Discalced Carmelite Sisters of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Our association with them began when they first came to Las Vegas. Never complaining, they lived in a most austere environment. Through their prayers and sacrificial life, God rewarded them in a way no one could have imagined. That is a story in itself but the joy that we report to you is that these groups of prayerful women have been abundantly blessed since their move to Nebraska in 1999 and have recently opened their third foundation in the Diocese of Oakland and not too far will be their fourth. All in God's time! We reported on their second foundation in Pennsylvania where Monsignor Franzinelli was able to visit them as well as our dear Priest, Monsignor Gordon. The Sisters are doing so well. The original foundation in Valparaiso, with the 10 holy women who departed for California, left 27 and vocations continue to increase at both. How great is that to give oneself totally to God in that way for our Holy Church, Priests and for you and me—the laity. On the reverse, please see the brief summary of the Cristeros War in Mexico where come their roots.

With thanksgiving and great love from all of us to God for all men and women religious and missionaries! May God reward them mightily. St. Teresa of Avila, thank you! It's been 450 years! [www.lasvegasmariancenter.com/carmel.htm](http://www.lasvegasmariancenter.com/carmel.htm)

### Carmelite nuns settle into rural life in Canyon: Third Foundation, Sep 2012

"We live a hidden life," said Mother Agnes, the superior of the five trail-blazing Carmelite nuns who have been making themselves at home in the Diocese of Oakland.

Well back from the road, a twisting and pot-hole-marked private road leads to their community nestled in the hills above Moraga. Deer and wild turkeys are no strangers to the yard between their home and their chapel.

It's not a traditional Carmel, or home for the cloistered nuns. But they're working on that. It has been a place of prayer since late July, when the nuns arrived from Valparaiso, Nebraska, to make a new community in the Diocese of Oakland.

Why Oakland?

"We have a very high opinion of our bishop, even though he was just made archbishop of San Francisco," said Mother Agnes, who is the community's temporary superior.

"The community we're from in Nebraska had so many vocations we had to make a foundation," Mother Agnes said. "We already made a foundation in Pennsylvania. At that time we were 33 sisters and we sent 11 to Pennsylvania. In those three years we got up again to 37. We're not supposed to be more than 21. Why not go west, because we'd already gone east, and we're in the middle?"

In coming west, the Carmelites were coming home, said Rev. Campbell, pastor of St. Monica Church in Moraga, who is now the sisters' pastor as well. Carmelite sisters who left Mexico during the Cristeros War settled into a convent on the Saint Mary's College campus in Moraga, Father said. They lived there for two years, before resettling in Southern California in 1930. As a student at Saint Mary's, Father Campbell lived in a dormitory that had once been the Carmelites' home.

The Carmelites are living a quiet, rural life, faithful to their 450 years of tradition. They wear traditional clothing — floor-length habits of dark brown and white, with black veils cascading down their backs. They live a life of solitude, prayer and "a lot of silence." "We see ourselves as the heart in the church because we remain hidden," said Mother Agnes. "We pray for the church." They have a particular intention. "Our Holy Mother founded Carmel really to pray for the church, to pray for priests in particular. That's really our life, to give our lives for priests, and for the faithful."

Their days begin at 4:30 a.m., and includes prayer, Mass, silent visits to the Blessed Sacrament ("We go see our Divine Spouse," said Mother Agnes), work completed in silence, simple meals eaten in silence, while one sister reads, dishes washed by hand as they pray for the souls in purgatory, and two hours a day during which they do handwork and speak to one another. They begin the next day's prayers before going to bed at 10:30 p.m.

When an additional five novices arrive later this month, Mother Agnes, a native San Franciscan, will return to Nebraska, where she is the novice mistress. "There, under my care, I had 20 young women, 18 to 29. They're looking for a life that has a lot of the traditional signs of the old orders. It's a challenge for them. It's not an easy life. They see our life has a lot of traditions and customs, and shows a lot of reverence toward God.

"They're pretty stable vocations. They stay. They persevere," she said. Formation in the order takes about five years. Mother Agnes entered the order 46 years ago, when she was 25. "It's a wonderful life, I always tell them when they come and inquire. We don't make ourselves known. We don't advertise. We don't have a website."

To those in the world beyond the cloister "We're a reminder that God actually exists, that he cares for us. When people look at us, they think, 'Why would they give up their lives?'"

"We're saying we love God so much that we give our whole life for him."

The call to the contemplative life may be hard to understand by those outside the walls. "The sisters who come are very gifted," said Mother Agnes. "They could have been teachers or nurses. They're very talented young women."

The sisters have heard this thought, Mother Agnes said, "What a waste, these people will be tucked away behind bars for the rest of their lives." But that's not how the nuns see it. "Why not give God the best?" Mother Agnes said. "He's worth it."



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## “For Greater Glory”

Written by **Archbishop José H. Gomez**, Tuesday, 29 May 2012  
(<http://www.carmelitesistersocd.com/forgreaterglory.asp>)

The anti-Catholic persecutions in Mexico in the 1920s and 1930s are long forgotten, it seems.

The reality is hard to believe. Just a generation ago, not far from our borders, thousands of men, women and even children, were imprisoned, exiled, tortured and murdered. All for the "crime" of believing in Jesus Christ and wanting to live by their faith in him.

So I welcome the new film, "For Greater Glory." It tells the dramatic story of this unknown war against religion and our Church's heroic resistance. It's a strong film with a timely message. It reminds us that our religious liberties are won by blood and we can never take them for granted.

That such repression could happen in a nation so deeply Catholic as Mexico should make everybody stop and think. Mexico was the original cradle of Christianity in the New World. It was the missionary base from which most of North and South America, and parts of Asia, were first evangelized.

Yet following the revolution in 1917, the new atheist-socialist regime vowed to free the people from all "fanaticism and prejudices." Churches, seminaries and convents were seized, desecrated and many were destroyed. Public displays of piety and devotion were outlawed. Catholic schools and newspapers were shut down; Catholic political parties and labor unions banned. Priests were tortured and killed, many of them shot while celebrating Mass.

The dictator, Plutarco Elías Calles, used to boast about the numbers of priests he had executed. His hatred of organized religion ran deep. He really believed his reign of terror could exterminate the Church and wipe the memory of Christ from Mexico within a single generation.

He was wrong. In the forge of his persecution, saints were made.

It became a time of international Catholic solidarity. American Catholics opened their doors to refugees fleeing the violence. My predecessor, Archbishop John Cantwell, welcomed many here to Los Angeles — including Venerable María Luisa Josefa de la Peña and Blessed María Inés Teresa Arias.

We need to ask for the strength to be Cristeros. By their dying, they show us what we should be living for.

Ordinary Catholics became Cristeros, courageous defenders of Jesus Christ. Many felt compelled to take up arms to defend their rights in what became known as the Cristeros War. Others chose nonviolent means to bear witness to Christ.

"I die, but God does not die," Blessed Anacleto González Flores said before his execution. His words were prophetic.

Martyrs are not defined by their dying but by what they choose to live for. And the Cristeros' blood became the seed for the Church of future generations in Mexico.

Today, we need to know their names and we need to know their stories.

We need to know about the beautiful young catechist, Venerable María de la Luz Camacho. When the army came to burn her church down, she stood in front of the door and blocked their way. They shot her dead. But the church was somehow spared.

We need to know about all the heroic priests who risked their lives to celebrate Mass and hear confessions. Growing up, we had prayer cards made from a grainy photograph of one of these priests, Blessed Miguel Pro. He is standing before a firing squad without a blindfold, his arms stretched wide like Jesus on the cross as he cries out his last words: ¡Viva Cristo Rey! ("Long live Christ the King!")

We need to learn from the examples of all the Cristeros who have been canonized and beatified by the Church. And today especially, we need to pray for their intercession.

As it always has been, today our Catholic religion is under attack in places all over the world. In Mexico and America, we don't face suffering and death for practicing our faith. But we do confront "softer" forms of secularist bullying. And our societies are growing more aggressively secularized.

Already, sadly, we've accepted the "rules" and restrictions of our secular society. We keep our faith to ourselves. We're cautious about "imposing" our beliefs on others — especially when it comes to politics. In recent months, our government has started demanding even more — trying to coerce our consciences, so that we deny our religious identity and values.

We need to ask for the strength to be Cristeros. By their dying, they show us what we should be living for.

So, let's make that our prayer this week. That like the Cristeros, we might be always ready to love and sacrifice to stand up for Jesus and his Church.

And may Our Lady of Guadalupe — Mother of Mexico and the Americas, and the bright star of the New Evangelization, pray for us.



Pope Benedict sent a message to Bishop Jesus Garcia Burillo of Avila, Spain to mark the 450th anniversary of the foundation of the Monastery of St. Joseph and the beginning of the Carmelite reform by St. Teresa of Avila. Saying the anniversary fills him "with joy," the Pope wrote: "The reform of the Carmelite Order arose from prayer and tends towards prayer. In promoting a radical return to the original Rule and abandoning the mitigated Rule, St. Teresa of Jesus sought to create a form of life which favored a personal encounter with the Lord, finding 'a place where we can be alone and look upon Him present within us.'"



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Secular Carmelite Retreat in Sept 2013 in Redlands, CA. Kindly contact: Retreat Captain—Bea Griebing, (702) 889-0344; Email: [ubeagood@gmail.com](mailto:ubeagood@gmail.com). Persons who are interested in going for a silent retreat are welcomed.



## YOUTH CORNER by McKayla Philippi

### "An Interview with Francesca Evaristo 10 y/o"



**Q. How old were you when you traveled to Medjugorje?**

A. When I went to Medjugorje, *I was five years old*. I went with my parents and I was the only child in our pilgrim group.

**Q. If there was one thing you would want to tell younger kids about your experience while on pilgrimage Medjugorje, what would that be?**

A. If there was one thing I could tell younger children about, it would be that Medjugorje is truly a beautiful and holy place. It is very fun to not only fly there, but it is so beautiful to see all the holy places, especially a big cross from which flows miraculous water. It is called the "Weeping Cross."

**Q. How has Medjugorje and the messages that Our Blessed Mother has given to the world impacted your life?**

A. I think it is very beautiful that Our Lady speaks to the visionaries. It shows that she loves us very much--enough to tell us messages and guide us on our journey to Heaven. I enjoyed climbing up Apparition Hill and I even picked up a couple of rocks from it that I still have today. I had a rosary (or more than one!) with me often on the trip. Medjugorje is like Heaven on earth!

## Catholic Homeschooling, "Is God Calling You?"

### By Tracey Philippi

How in the world did I become a Catholic homeschool mom? If you would have asked me 14 years ago if I would have ever considered this - the answer would have been no way! My thoughts on homeschooling were not very positive. I believed that homeschool children were socially impaired. Little did I know what God was preparing me to do was the very thing that I thought that I would never do, homeschool. This has been one of the most fulfilling and fruitful experiences for me as a mother. The times that we are living in Blessed John Paul II called it the "culture of death." The attack on the family comes from all corners of society: sins against chastity, contraception, abortion, divorce, same sex marriage, secularism, relativism have all infiltrated the formation and corruption of our young children. These are some of the many reasons why my husband and I have chosen to educate our children in the home. I am going to share my experience as a Catholic homeschool mom and urge parents or grandparents to keep an open mind if God is calling you to do the same.

After my conversion my life drastically changed. I went from being a fulltime working mother to being a full time mother in the home. My third child Zach was born. Zach was born with allergic colitis and a congenital club foot. The bliss of having a new baby and rejoicing in my new found Catholic faith (see [Feb 2012 newsletter](#) for my conversion story) was about to take a drastic change. The reality was I had a baby who was in chronic pain and cried 20 hours a day. I was uprooted from our home in Henderson, NV. and traveled back and forth to the University of Iowa. This is where Zach would receive medical care from a specialist. God used this time to open up my heart. The school of suffering was one of the best things God allowed me to experience. During this time in Iowa I was able to spend countless hours before the Lord in Adoration. Zach would cry so much that the only place I could think of going to was St. Mary's Catholic Church in Iowa City. The time I spent alone in Iowa with a sick baby taught me how to pray and to go before the Lord and listen. I am not so sure that if Zach was born without his medical problems that I would have been open to receiving the graces God was bestowing upon me. It was during this time that I started to feel strong promptings to homeschool. I can only explain this as Divine Intervention. I say this because I would have never had these thoughts on my own. Like I said before, my view on homeschooling was not a positive one. I did not want my children to be weird. How in the world could I ever be equipped to teach my own children? I wrestled with these thoughts and reassured myself that this would not be possible. First, I am not a qualified school teacher, second, children need to be socialized and educated by trained professions, and third, my husband Mark would never go for this. Mark already was stressed about my conversion. He struggled with our new life and my new found faith. I knew that this could be the straw that would break him and I was not willing to test it.



The months rolled on and the homeschooling idea did not leave me. I finally made a deal with the Blessed Mother and said, "Okay Mother, I will be willing to homeschool, but you need to deal with my husband. So if you want me to homeschool you will have to get Mark to consent." Well, within a couple of months my husband became the volunteer P.E. teacher at my son Marc's Catholic grade school. He came home one evening after spending the afternoon at the school and said to me, "I think we could do a better job at home teaching Marc." I about fell over! Was I hearing him right? I think I was in shock for a few days. This was a true miracle. I realized without any doubts that God truly was asking me to homeschool. My husband was on board. I needed to keep my end of the deal with Our Lady. (Continued page 6)

## MISSION STATEMENT

**The Center is a non-profit organization, chartered by both Federal and State of Nevada as the Medjugorje Information Center of Las Vegas, aka Marian Information Center.** Our purpose is the publication of a quarterly newsletter and to maintain an active website ([www.lasvegasmariancenter.com](http://www.lasvegasmariancenter.com)), principally to inform our readers of current Vatican and Catholic news unreported by the secular press and to provide current and updated information regarding reported *alleged* and approved apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. [Discretion is always necessary in discernment of news about any alleged apparitions.] ... We encourage prayer and the practice of the Roman Catholic Faith in conformity with the teaching and absolute authority of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI and his successors.

## GRACE'S TRAVEL BLOG 9-29-2012 "Suspicious"



In every neighborhood throughout Italy one will find shrines of Our Lady and Jesus...even in the countryside and mountain villages. This Madonna watches over the inhabitants of Le Cure, which is our neighborhood. She is affectionately known as the blue Madonna by the locals and has been here since the late 1600's. I have been blessed to make many trips to this country since our honeymoon 29 years ago. I found it ironic that, although there were many visible signs of Catholicism, there were few Italians who attended Sunday Mass. However, I detected a big change on this trip starting with Wednesday's 6 p.m. service at St. Francis of Assisi. Initially, I decided that this Mass was so well attended because of the upcoming feast day ... On the following two days I attended Mass at Our Lady of Divine Providence, here in Le Cure. Again, I was rather surprised how well attended these two Masses were, and there were even men present...young men. Confessions took place right before these Masses as we prayed the rosary. My suspicions grew. There were more in attendance at this Sunday's Mass than in all of the combined attendance of the Masses at which I was present during my visits to this country in the past 29 years ... My suspicions were confirmed as we were leaving Mass. Posted on the bulletin board located in the vestibule was Our Lady's message of September 25 to Marija Lunneti. With all of the Italians who flock to Medjugorje every week, I should not be surprised of the changes that I have witnessed here. These are the many fruits of Medjugorje! Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!

## Continued—PERLA'S NOTES Continued—TRACEY'S CONVERSION & HOMESCHOOLING

**PERLA:** Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrated St. Therese of the Child Jesus and Oct. 15th St. Teresa of Avila.

In all of her messages Our Lady always ends with..."Thank you for having responded to my call or thank you". In hope, giving us the benefit of the doubt that we will respond. In their own words:

Ivan in Vienna...September 25 "...Forgive. Confess. Pray with the heart. Pray with all your being. Pray with love. Pray with joy. Pray more. Pray, pray, pray. Not with your lips. Not mechanically. Have a special time for prayer and for God. Start to live prayer. Speak less and work more on yourself. Work on yourselves that you may be a sign of visible faith"

Marija in Cassola, Italy...September 22...Materialism and consumerism are fruits of atheism, and must be replaced by putting God first through living the Christian faith actively and daily.

Vicka in Corridonia, Italy...September 1...Tonight the Madonna stretched out her hands and prayed very long and hard for all of us. She gave her motherly blessing to all. In her message she asked us here to pray for the gift of faith. So Our Lady wants that we pray every day for this gift to grow stronger inside our hearts, more alive".

Let it be this way in all of us...that we may respond...Our Lady needs us!!!

**TRACEY:** I did not know how it was all going to happen or where to even begin. The one thing that I was sure about is that God was calling me to homeschool.

Looking back on the early years prior to homeschooling, I now can see how Satan is trying to destroy the family. His goal is to keep us so busy that we don't have quality time together. A typical day for us prior to homeschooling would be: out of the house by 7 am, drop off kids to school, pick up by 2:45, and then off to the many activities, football, baseball, karate, Irish dance, etc. By the time we all gathered at the dinner table we would rush through the meal to finish homework, shower and bed. We had very little time to pray and teach the faith effectively. This was also the age where computers, video games, and cell phones came on the scene. I would ask my first grader what he learned in religion class and he never seemed like he had any good answers. My heart would stir with disappointment and deep down I knew this lifestyle was not what God had in mind for the family.

As I started to homeschool I found a curriculum that is accredited in all 50 states. It would change our lives forever. Seton is a Catholic Homeschool curriculum that has blessed us for over 12 years. It has taught us as a family how to become a true and faithful Catholic family living in the present time. Our day is centered around: prayer, the Mass, learning about the lives of the saints, having quality time to pray the family Rosary and other devotions, having time to perform the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, visiting the Lord in Adoration, practicing virtues, and learning how to defend the faith. The curriculum has daily lesson plans and gives you step by step instructions how to teach all the necessary subjects. We have time for many activities, we still love participating in sports and have met other wonderful homeschool families. Without homeschooling these things would have never been possible. The stigma of my children being social impaired, well we found it to be the opposite. They are learning how to grow in the virtues and become responsible young Catholics. Oh, it doesn't mean any of us are saints yet. The struggle of sin and failure is always lurking. The Sacrament of Confession is a must at least once per month in the Philippi family.

I would like to encourage all parents to know that God has given all of us through our Baptism and the Sacrament of Marriage, the sufficient graces to educate and teach our children. In fact in the Catechism of the Catholic Church reads, #1653, "Parents are the principal and first educators of their children." Please know that if my husband and I can do this anyone can do it. God may be calling you to homeschooling fulltime, part-time, but always calls us to know the faith, live the faith and share it with our children.

**YEAR OF FAITH—Concert by David Parkes, JANUARY 16, 2013. Details coming!**

**BREAKING NEWS:** The Vatican has approved a new **Feast Day of Our Lady of Knock, August 17.** It will be listed in the new Roman Missal and has its own new Memorial Mass.

The reason why the 17th August was chosen is that the 21st August is already assigned to St. Pius X, the Pope of the Eucharist.



### Introducing RON and FRANCES McNally

*What our members may not be aware is that your prayer intentions also reach Ron and his ministry of St. Pio and that his prayer members have been praying for you going on three years! Perla and I were able to meet him in Scotland last year and we just want to emphasize that no matter where we are in God's creation, we are united, always, in prayer. It's a small world and we need each other. We love you in Christ Jesus Ron and Frances. May God reward you abundantly. Thank you.*