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Parish Office - Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th October 2024.
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Medjugorje: Vatican Approves Prudent Devotion to Mary, but the Apparitions and Messages are still “alleged”

The September 19 note from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF), signed by prefect Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández and approved by Pope Francis in a August 28 audience, grants a “nihil obstat” to the spiritual experience at Medjugorje.

The authoritative judgment means that pilgrims may continue to visit and pray at the site, as some 40 million people from around the world have done since the apparitions allegedly first began 43 years ago.

Six children, who are now middle-aged, first reported experiencing visions of the Blessed Mother, originally on a hilltop near the rural village of Medjugorje, on June 24, 1981. The Vatican’s report notes that the remote site, formerly part of Yugoslavia, is now widely “perceived as a space of great peace, recollection, and a piety that is sincere, deep, and easily shared.”

While it offers no definitive judgment on the supernatural authenticity of the alleged apparitions, the Vatican’s report highlights the abundant good fruits that have come from Medjugorje.

“The positive fruits are most evident in the promotion of a healthy practice of a life of faith, in accordance with the tradition of the Church,” the report states.

It points to “abundant conversions, a frequent

return to the sacraments (particularly, the Eucharist and reconciliation), many vocations to priestly, religious, and married life, a deepening of the life of faith, a more intense practice of prayer, many reconciliations between spouses, and the renewal of marriage and family life.”

The note says, “It should be noted, that such experiences occur above all in the context of pilgrimages to the places associated with the original events rather than in meetings with the ‘visionaries’ to be present for the alleged apparitions.”

The prelate note recalls Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger’s 1985 statement that emphasized separating the question of supernatural origin from spiritual fruits: “this doesn’t detract from the fact that those pilgrimages were fruitful, useful, important for the life of the Christian people.” Towards this end, Pope Francis said: “no magic wand” to determine the authenticity of the phenomena, but “the spiritual pastoral fact cannot be denied.”

On the authenticity of the messages, the Vatican holds that they are “alleged messages” with the central themes as constant calls for **conversion, peace, reconciliation, and a return to the sacraments, and to abandon a worldly lifestyle and excessive attachment to worldly goods.**

Mission Sunday: next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father’s annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Please donate €4.00 by texting the word ‘Mission’ to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01-4972035. To learn more go to www.missio.ie

Church of Our Lady, Bundoran:
Eucharistic Ministers for October:
7pm Bernie Fox and Kathy McEniff.
8.30am. Patrick McGloin.
11am Evelyn Sharpe, Beatriz Keenan and Donna Cheshire.
October Ministers of the Word:
7.00pm. Bernie Fox.
8.30am. Mary Mulreany.
11.00am. Evelyn Sharpe.
October Altar Society:
Rosaleen O’Keefe & Moia Gallagher.
Church Collectors for October:
7pm Cindy O’Beirne, Seamie Granaghan & Bernie Fox.
8.30am. Kevin Garvin, Maura Walsh & Mary Mulreany.
11.00am. Donal Breslin, Pat McGovern, Norah Flaherty & Evelyn Sharpe.

St. Joseph’s Church, Ballyshannon:
Eucharistic Ministers for October:
Seamus O’Neill & Bernie Boyle.
October Ministers of the Word:
Joan McGrath.
October Altar Society:
Maureen Connelly & Kathleen Lawless.
Church Collectors for September:
Patrick McKenna.

St. Joseph’s Church, The Rock:
Sunday—October 13th at 10am:
Harry Fannon (Lisahully).
Canon McGourty P.E. will announce on a day to day basis his availability for Mass etc.
Sunday—October 20th at 10am:
Patrick, Elizabeth, Eamon & Gail Kelly (Clontyseer & Manchester).

Confessions in Bundoran Church:
Every Saturday 5-6pm.

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Saturday - October 12th Mass at 7pm
Gerald, Rose & Michael Travers & Patsy Loughlin (Church Road).
John & Mary O’Neill (Galway).

Sunday—October 13th Mass at 8.30am:
Dec Mbs McGovern Family.

Sunday—October 13th Mass at 11am:
Michael (Sooney) Rooney (Sea Road/Dublin) M.M.

Monday – at 10am.
Private Intentions.

Tuesday – at 10am.
Private Intentions.

Wednesday – at 10am.
Prayer Service.

Thursday – at 10am.
Private Intentions.

Friday - at 10am.
Private Intentions.

Saturday - October 19th Mass at 10am
Private Intentions.

Saturday - October 19th Mass at 7pm
Private Intentions.

Sunday—October 20th Mass at 8.30am:
Paddy & Shiela McGloin (East End).

Sunday—October 20th Mass at 11am:
People of the Parish.

 **May all who died recently Rest in Peace.** 

Joe Chapman (St. Colm’s Tce).

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May the Lord protect, guide and help us in the week to come.

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