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Youth Reflect on Pilgrimage Meaning

By Kay Mule

On June 7, 2011, the Sojourners of the Burning Heart youth group returned from a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. It was unusually crowded for this time of the year with over 22,000 pilgrims present. After the June 9th Peace Mass at St. Rita Church in Harahan, LA, they shared a little of the meaning of their pilgrimage.

Sarah Denny, 22, graduated one week before the pilgrimage, her sixth trip.

She will be teaching religion at Chapelle High School in the fall. "Medjugorje is the place that is completely surrounded by grace. We love it so much because it is a reflection of heaven. It is a place where we can take our masks off and be accepted for who we are. We learn that we are all faulted creatures. Our Lady as our mother picks us up and presents each one

of us to her Son. I was really tired the entire time and slept a lot. I felt guilty at first but realized that God is not a God of condemnation. Our Lady just wants to hold her children whether they are sleeping or awake. I realized that He was probably doing a lot of work on me and I needed to be asleep. Otherwise I would have wanted to control myself."

Releigh Benoit of Nichols State first learned about Medjugorje when she was 14 years old.

"I became really interested when two Sojourners came to my school and talked about it. I always really wanted to go and I want to hang out with people who are really crazy about their faith. This January everything fell into place. The trip was absolutely amazing. I grew so much in a matter of 10 days, more than I did in the

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Messages of Our Lady of Medjugorje

May 25, 2011

Dear children! My prayer today is for all of you who seek the grace of conversion. You knock on the door of my heart, but without hope and prayer, in sin, and without the Sacrament of Reconciliation with God. Leave sin and decide, little children, for holiness. Only in this way can I help you, hear your prayers and seek intercession before the Most High.

Thank you for having responded to my call.

30th Anniversary

June 25, 2011

Dear children! Give thanks with me to the Most High for my presence with you. My heart is joyful watching the love and joy in the living of my messages. Many of you have responded, but I wait for, and seek, all the hearts that have fallen asleep to awaken from the sleep of unbelief. Little children, draw even closer to my Immaculate Heart so that I can lead all of you toward eternity.

Thank you for having responded to my call.

Reflection on the Message of Our Lady

by Fr. Charles Sellars, omi

Prayer

Knowing that it is God who gives us growth, if we open ourselves to the revelation of the divine plan, the reign of God, we can make real progress. In the introduction to the preface of the Holy Mass, the presider encourages us to "Lift up your hearts." Opening our hearts to the pure love of God is the way to receive and understand the word of the reign of God. Grappling with God's word is a way of turning over the soil of our lives and softening it with the showers of God's grace in order to receive the seed of God's love and bear fruit in abundance.

Our prayer is, "What is God saying to me today?" Listen! Hear Jesus reminding us to bring more love into our family lives.

Hear Him tell us to be good neighbors to those who live on our street.

Hear Him prompt us to visit the sick, the elderly, the lonely.

Hear Him tell us to spread His joy in the workplace, the shopping center.

Hear Him say that we have responsibility to promote His values in the civil and political arena.

Remember to go to Him in prayer to recuperate the energy needed to carry out the inspirations of the Spirit.



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past four years, and that is through Mary. I picture Mary in this big mansion in heaven. All she does is open the front door and says, 'Here, let me bring you to my Son.' That is how it was for the whole trip. She was telling me to rely on her Son. It was absolutely amazing. I am so grateful that I got to go."

Mary Nadeau, 24, just graduated from Tulane University and will be studying theology in the fall in the master's program at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

"This was my second trip to Medjugorje. One of the biggest things I saw on this trip is how the Lord is always working for our good. 'All things work together for the good of those who love Him.' A lot of things that I took from my first trip, I now see how He was preparing me for things that were coming. A lot of those things He brought to fruition on this trip. Medjugorje is a place of great grace and also of great healing. One of the biggest things on this trip was letting the Lord work in the different places in my heart where I needed healing. He was taking me where I needed to be. If I was alone, that is where I was meant to be. If I was with people, that is where I was meant to be. He is constantly at work in all of us. On the last day I was walking home and I felt that I should be alone. I was sunburned and getting even more sunburned, and it seemed the journey home was three times longer than I remembered. I was thinking, though, that it would be really awesome if someone would pull up in a cab and pick me up. I was praying the rosary, and all of a sudden a cab came screeching to a halt with two priests from our trip asking me if I wanted a ride home. Our Lord was constantly orchestrating our entire trip, and that holds true for here, too."

Kevin Blaze, 19, sophomore at UNO, first trip.

"I remember pulling up in the bus when we got to Mother's Village in Medjugorje. I felt really at home. It was very peaceful. The biggest thing that happened was really trusting in God. I think I grew a lot more in

my faith and trusting in God. He really tested that. When we left Medjugorje for home, I left my passport on the bus. The guide had to go back to get it. I missed my flight and had to travel home by myself. The whole time I was praying that I could get a flight home and it would all work out." It just so happened that another group with the same travel agency met up with Kevin at the Split airport and took him under their wing. He met his group, who had been praying for a guardian angel to help him, in Philadelphia.

Christina Cambre, 22, a graduate of Loyola University, third trip.

"I think the biggest thing I got this time was an incredible amount of joy. There were at least four or five days where I could not stop smiling no matter what was going on. We got caught in a rainstorm with hail. I just laughed the entire time. Some things did not go as we planned but worked out so beautifully because Mother Mary was watching over us the whole time. Even now after being home for two days I still have that joy!"

Lydia Dufresne, 20, junior at UNO, second trip.

"I can't compare the two pilgrimages. Both were very good. This one was so blessed because I was really able to grow in so many relationships with other members in our group. Some nights we did praise, worship and prayer with our group outside of our house. The beautiful sunset and the amount of peace and joy and beauty I found during that time with the group were special. We could feel Our Lady's presence. It was very crowded in Medjugorje, yet even with so many people I would still have that sense of peace and beauty."

Dorissa Filopoulos, 23, currently at Southeastern University, elementary education, first trip.

"There is so much freedom to be ourselves, living in our Mother's presence, to live as Mary's children and the sense of peace."

Jamie Diliberto and fiancée Elisa Barado traveled to Medjugorje for the first time.

They had no expectations in advance. "We were not going there to see any supernatural events. We went with open hearts to receive what Our Lady had for us. We did not experience anything as individuals but came away with deeper understanding and tools that are necessary for our relationship." Before they left for Medjugorje, they received three confirmations that they should do the Croatian marriage with a cross for their wedding in November 2011. In December they were given a gift of a crucifix and a letter explaining the Croatian marriage tradition. The day before they were leaving, they received two more confirmations about doing the Croatian marriage tradition.

For two separate events in New Orleans, Jamie, a singer and guitarist, had done a holy hour with the music and singing as they do in Medjugorje. Mimi Kelly was able to get permission for him and Elisa to join the music ministry in Medjugorje for one of the night-time holy hours. Jamie was blown away. He describes it this way: "It was amazing. No words can describe what it is like to be in the sanctuary, outdoors, with incense going, and some 22,000 people singing and praising the Lord." After it was over, they were asked to return the next night. They felt so blessed to be on the altar in back of St. James Church for the nightly holy hour for four nights.

Carol Cancienne had five trips with the Sojourners. This was her sixth trip to Medjugorje.

She described the service project they did. They traveled 20 miles to Mostar, a city really affected by the war of 1991. The remnants of the destruction from the war are still visible with bullet holes and mortar shell holes on walls, and new buildings next to crumbling buildings. They visited a facility which helps three groups: a daycare for handicapped children, another for mentally-challenged adults, and a separate resi-

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First Approved U. S. Apparition

The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in the diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin was recently recognized as an approved apparition site, “worthy of belief.” Three apparitions of the Blessed Mother took place in October 1859 to a 27-year-old farm woman named Adele Joseph Brice. During the first two apparitions, not a word was spoken. During the third apparition, Our Lady spoke to her and gave her instructions to teach the children about the faith, otherwise they should lose their faith.

Adele and her family were Belgian immigrants who settled on a farm in Wisconsin in 1855. She was known to have a great devotion to the Blessed Mother and desired to dedicate herself to the services of God. She had wanted to enter a Belgian convent, but her parents insisted that she come to America with them.

Farm life in Wisconsin was difficult with harsh winters and hard work for women as well as men. Even so, the pioneers had great confidence and looked upon the hardships as a challenge. There was little or no religious education in this wilderness area, and the settlers began to be careless with their faith. In this environment Adele had her first apparition while carrying a sack of grain on her head on the way to a grist mill about four miles from her home. In the wilderness she saw a lady all dressed in white standing between two

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dential facility for people with multiple handicaps. The group brought musical instruments for the kids to play with. Jamie had his guitar and sang. It was a touching experience for everyone to see the faces of handicapped children light up and to hold someone’s hand to dance with, even the ones who could not stand up. It touched everyone in a special way.



trees, one maple and one hemlock. She was frightened and stood still for a while. When the vision left, leaving a white cloud, she continued on to the mill. She told her parents about the vision. They wondered that maybe a poor soul needed prayers.

“On the following Sunday, Adele had to pass there again on her way to Mass at Bay Settlement, the nearest place about 11 miles away. This time she was not alone, but was accompanied by her sister, Isabel, and a neighbor woman [Mrs. Vander Niessen]. When they came near the trees, the same lady in white was at the place where Adele had seen her before. Adele was again frightened and said, almost in a tone of reproach, ‘Oh, there is that lady again.’

“Adele had not the courage to go on. The other two did not see anything, but they could tell by Adele’s look that she was afraid. They thought, too, that it might be a poor soul that needed prayers. They waited a few minutes, and Adele told them it was gone. It had disappeared as the first time, and all she could see was a little mist or white cloud. After Mass, Adele went to confession and told her confessor how she had been frightened at the sight of a lady in white. He [Father William Verhoef] bade her not to fear, and to speak to him of this outside of the confessional. Father Verhoef told her that if it were a heavenly messenger, she would see it again, and it would not harm her, but to ask in God’s name who it was and what it desired of her. After that, Adele had more courage. She started home with her two companions, and a man who was clearing land for the Holy Cross Fathers at Bay Settlement accompanied them.

“As they approached the hallowed spot, Adele could see the beautiful lady, clothed in dazzling white, with a yellow sash around her waist. Her dress fell to her feet in graceful folds. She had a crown of stars

around her head, and her long, golden, wavy hair fell loosely around her shoulders. Such a heavenly light shone around her that Adele could hardly look back at her sweet face. Overcome by this heavenly light and the beauty of her amiable visitor, Adele fell on her knees.

“‘In God’s name, who are you and what do you want of me?’ asked Adele, as she had been directed.

“***‘I am the Queen of Heaven, who prays for the conversion of sinners, and I wish you to do the same. You received Holy Communion this morning, and that is well. But you must do more. Make a general confession, and offer Communion for the conversion of sinners. If they do not convert and do penance, my Son will be obliged to punish them.’***

“‘Adele, who is it?’ said one of the women. ‘Oh, why can’t we see her as you do?’ said another weeping.

“‘Kneel,’ said Adele, ‘the Lady says she is the *Queen of Heaven*.’ Our Blessed Lady turned, looked kindly at them, and said, ***‘Blessed are they that believe without seeing. What are you doing here in idleness...while your companions are working in the vineyard of my Son?’***

“‘What more can I do, dear Lady?’ said Adele, weeping.

‘Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation.’

“‘But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?’ replied Adele.

“***‘Teach them,’*** replied her radiant visitor, ***‘their catechism, how to sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing. I will help you.’***”

The vision of Our Lady then lifted her hands, as though asking a blessing for those at her feet, and slowly vanished, leaving Adele overwhelmed and prostrate on the ground.

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When the news spread about Adele Brice's vision of the Blessed Virgin, most people believed the account and were astonished. Some thought she was out of her mind. Adele, however, considered it a commission to catechize the children and admonish the sinners of the Bay Settlement. For the next seven years, Adele traveled the area from home to home and village to village, teaching the children what they needed to know for their First Holy Communion.

With faith they held up a statue of Mary and processed on their knees around the sanctuary.

To honor the Blessed Mother, Adele's father erected a makeshift chapel near the spot of Adele's vision. Then she built a school so children could come to her for instruction. She also built a home and started a community of lay sisters to help her and to continue her work after her death. They followed the rule of St. Francis, and eventually became postulants in the Third Order of St. Francis. Thousands of children were instructed in the faith by Sr. Adele and her helpers.

The Tragic Fire

On October 8, 1871, almost 12 years to the date of the last apparition, a tragic event known as the Peshtigo Fire happened. After a year of a great drought, rivers, streams and many wells had dried up. Forest fires had been burning for a month when a tornado-like wind came from the southwest fanning the flames into a huge blaze. It was estimated that 2,500 lives were lost; ten times more than the Chicago fire that happened the same day. When the flames approached the Green Bay area, hundreds of families were driven from their homes. Nothing could stop the blaze.

As it approached the Robinsonville area, Sr. Adele and her companions would not abandon Mary's sanctuary. People from the area brought their families and live-

stock to the shrine as they were encircled by a raging fire that they could not escape. With faith they held up a statue of Mary and processed on their knees around the sanctuary, praying the rosary and crying to the Mother of God to help them. The fire scorched the chapel fence but did not enter the five acres of land consecrated to the Blessed Mother. After many hours, a heavy shower of rain extinguished the fire. At daylight they could see that everything was destroyed except the land around the chapel.

What's more, the only livestock to survive the fire were the cattle brought to the chapel grounds by farmers and their families who came to the shrine seeking shelter from the firestorm. Though the chapel well was only a few feet deep, it gave the cattle outside all the water they needed to survive the fire, while many deeper wells in the area went dry. Hence, the chapel well has been sometimes referred to as the "miraculous well."

Like Joan of Arc

"People came in large numbers to the 'sacred spot' to listen to Adele, who had changed from a bashful country girl, uneducated and unimposing, to a fiery preacher and teacher whose perseverance and enthusiastic obedience to the voice heard only by her, won her converts at every turn. For several years she met with opposition from the clergy, who declared the alleged apparitions to be myths. Adele persisted in telling of the vision, and pilgrims to the mound between the trees increased in number. Finally, repeating the fate of Joan of Arc, Adele was refused the sacraments and threatened excommunication if she persisted in her stories.

"But Adele's enthusiasm only increased... She prayed in her grief to the Blessed Lady of her visions to give external signs that the incredulous might know and believe. Then the healings began.

"The present chapel was built in 1940. The altar in its crypt stands over the site of the apparitions. Every October 8th there is a procession around the grounds to com-

memorate the miracle that happened during the fire. Many reported healings have taken place over the years which were recorded by the Sisters of St. Francis of Bay Settlement. Wheelchairs are abandoned and crutches are cast aside as silent testimonies of healings.

"Every year thousands of visitors come to the shrine. Sr. Adele died on July 5, 1896, at the age of 66, and is buried in the little graveyard near the chapel."

[Much of the above was related by Sr. Pauline, successor and contemporary of Sr. Adele.]

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Ivanka's Yearly Apparition



The visionary Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez had her regular annual apparition on June 25, 2011.

At her last daily apparition on May 7, 1985, Our Lady confided to Ivanka the 10th secret and told her that she would have an apparition once a year on the anniversary of the apparitions. It was that way also this year.

The apparition, which lasted 8 minutes, took place at Ivanka's family home. Only Ivanka's family was present at the apparition. After the apparition, Ivanka said: "Our Lady spoke to me about the first secret and, at the end, said: *'Dear children, receive my motherly blessing.'*"



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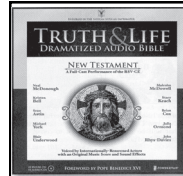
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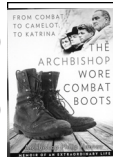
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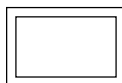
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WANTED – SERVANT OF MARY!

Just how does one enter the service of Our Lady and from where does the training come? As near as I can figure, it is in the school of life. Let me step back in time for just a moment.

Whoever would have thought that shy little Mimi from old Metry would ever become the leader of ... well, the leader of anything? Certainly not I!

A quick overview on my life will reveal one coming from an ordinary family, not especially religious, but having a sound Catholic education. I remember that my first close encounter with Our Lady was when I (the shortest girl in my 2nd grade class) was selected to carry her crown for our parish May crowning. Perhaps that was the beginning of a devotion that I didn't even know would come to be.



*"If you knew how much I loved you,
you would cry with joy!"*

Skipping over a lot of years to my own family – a challenging road with lots of ups and downs, but one, which my hope was to be the best mother that I could be for my children. That led to many, many school and parish volunteer activities. It was where I shed my shyness. The desire to be of service was stronger than my paralyzing fear of being noticed. God does provide! Through the duties of the many organizations with which I worked, I learned a lot – how to coordinate events; about liturgy through my work training and scheduling altar boys; how to be and work with volunteers; but most especially, how to pray. As I look back, all this and much more was a training ground for what was to come – Medjugorje!

It was June of 1987 when I boarded a plane for the first time and traveled thousands of miles away to that special village, Medjugorje. On that pilgrimage I truly got a crash course in the whole phenomenon of the apparitions and the importance of the messages. Truly unaware was I at this time that what I had been doing for all those years of raising my children was all about service. I just knew that I enjoyed the things that I did. It was fun to plan festivals for the parish, stage productions for the school, and Masses for my CCD students. But now the service was about to change.

Thanks to a very special nun, Sr. Mary Grace Danos, who was the pioneer in Medjugorje pilgrimage travel, I wound up in the MIR Group office, taking on the post of director. The purpose: to disseminate the message of Our Lady of Medjugorje. But how would I do that? MIR used and continues to use all means of communication to get Mary's message to everyone. We have coordinated conferences, organized special Peace Masses and many, many other activities to reveal her message of peace, prayer, fasting, reconciliation and conversion. Looking back, I can see the training ground that I had in all of the volunteer activities with which I was involved for so many years.

Why do I even mention all this? Because after nearly 24 years of involvement in MIR in several capacities, but mostly as the director of MIR, it's time for me to move on and for another to step up to the plate. Our world has changed in technology and means of communication, and it's time to step into the 21st century so that Mary's message can be disseminated to the full.



Mimi with Mirjana Soldo.

This has been a journey that I could NEVER have imagined, and I will promise that the next MIR Director will surely say the same! It's time to extend the invitation to YOU to think about whether you feel called to the mission of Our Lady of Medjugorje. Please think about it. And if you feel called to this incredible journey, please contact The MIR Group office – themirgroup@aol.com. We will be very happy to discuss this mission with you.

Thank you, Mother Mary, for allowing me to be a part of your ministry and for your faithfulness to us for all these years. And thank you for your support of MIR. MIR will continue, and through your prayers it will grow even stronger in disseminating the Message of Medjugorje.

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Wayne Weible Speaks

The talk given during the 30th Medjugorje Anniversary Celebration in New Orleans is available on CD.

Wayne has a way of tying his testimony to this month's message and expressing his love of Our Lady in such a touching way. He also spoke of how Pope John Paul II sent emissaries to Medjugorje. One of those went there incognito more than once, and that man is now pope. He said that the messages are not meant to entertain, as we are in serious times. He spoke of the controversy over Medjugorje by the bishops and the present state of affairs. His talk has many highlights and reaffirms Our Lady's love for each of us.

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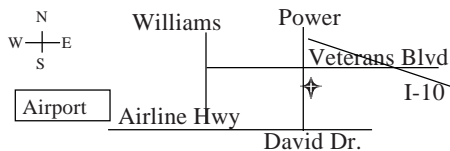
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The Holy Father's

Intention for July, 2011

That Christians may contribute to alleviating the material and spiritual suffering of AIDS patients, especially in the poorest countries.

Intention for August 2011

That the World Youth Day taking place in Madrid may encourage all the young people of the world to root and found their lives in Christ.