

Title: The Apparitions of Our Lady at Medjugorje	Author: Fr. S. Kraljevic, O.F.M.
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Subject (e.g. Prayer, Family Life, Sacraments, Saints, Bible Study, Moral Conduct, Social Justice)	
Faith and Loving God	
1. What is this book about? (describe briefly)	
<p>This book is about the apparitions of Mary, Mother of God, at Medjugorje, in Hercegovina, B&H during the years 1981 – 1983. It is written by Fr. Svetozar Kraljevic, O.F.M., a Franciscan priest. He interviewed the six child visionaries, provides historical information concerning the chronology of the events , adds his own analysis as well as that of other religious figures, and also interviewed local town citizens for their input. The miracles of healing that occurred at Medjugorje are discussed, especially that of a child called Daniel. Other miracles that have occurred there are also talked about. The first visitation of Mary was on June 24, 1981 and the first child to have seen Our Lady was Ivanka Ivankovic. The other child visionaries are: Mirjana Dragicevic, Vicka Ivankovic, Marija Pavlovic, Ivan Dragicevic, and Jakov Colo.</p>	
2. What main message does the author convey?	
<p>: Fr. Kraljevic wrote down verbatim the words of Our Lady as given to him by each of the six children. Our Lady calls the world to peace, conversion, faith, prayer, penance, and fasting. She asks us to reconcile with each other. This includes between individuals, groups and countries. She asks us to love God more and not to offend Him, especially because He shows so much mercy to us. We need to believe there is only one God and one Faith. The Rosary is recommended, as well as the Our Father and The Gloria. Our Lady asks us to repent of our sins while there is still time, and urges monthly confession to purify our souls. We need to pray for the souls in Purgatory also. Fasting done by those who are healthy enough to do so is very important as well. Those who have certain medical conditions are not asked to fast but can be devoted to prayer and penance. Others can fast for them. Other requests are made as well such as praying for priests and religious.</p>	
3. What inspired you the most about this book, and why would you recommend it?	
<p>I loved this book so much that I found I read it over and over again. The messages conveyed by Our Lady gave me spiritual nourishment. I found my love for God increased and sought to find ways to please Him more. I was surprised that my response to this book’s spiritual guidance was to this extent. Other spiritual books have not affected me so. This is a powerful book and I recommend it for your spiritual edification.</p>	
4. Who would benefit from reading this book?	
<p>Non-believers can benefit from reading this book since it might ignite a devotion that currently isn’t there. Lukewarm believers and “Fallen Away Catholics” can especially benefit from careful reading of this book since it will help to strengthen their faith in God if they are so inclined.</p>	
5. Any other impressions:	
<p>I hope every person who seeks to increase their devotion to God will read this book. Their spiritual flame will glow brightly afterward! It is wonderful to know that these six visionaries, now fully grown adults, still to this day receive visits from Our Lady, although not as often as when the children were young. Such visits are reported by various publications, most notably by “Our Lady’s Monthly Messenger” from the MIR Center of Western Colorado. If you would like to receive their free publication of the current Marian apparitions and related events, write to: MIR Center of Western CO, 2574 Young Court, Grand Junction, CO, 81505. The bulletin is 100% free with no strings attached.</p>	