

Pilgrims' Peaceletter

FULFILLING OUR LADY'S MISSION



Our Lady's Message: August, 2025

“My little children, my beloved ones; you are chosen because you have responded, you have put into practice my instructions and love God above all else. Therefore, little children, pray with all your heart that my words may be realized. Fast, sacrifice yourselves, love out of love for God Who created you, and be, little children, my extended hands to this world that has not come to know the God of love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

(With Ecclesiastical approval)

Message from Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV gave a direct and personal message to all youth during the 36th annual Medjugorje Youth gathering,

“Walk together, support each other, and inspire one another.

Remember: no algorithm will ever replace an embrace, a look, a real encounter—not with God, not with our friends, not with our families. There is a language stronger than any barrier: the language of faith, nourished by the love of God.”

August 4, 2025

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Mother's Day in Medjugorje

Deepening the Faith One Pilgrim @ a Time

In May, 2025, Pilgrims' Peace Center traveled once again to Medjugorje, in service to the mission of our Mother Mary. Mary's mission is simple, to lead souls to Her Son, Jesus.

The experience is different for each Pilgrim who travels to Medjugorje, but over the many trips we've guided, there are a few consistent themes.

- ✦ A deepening of one's faith
- ✦ Unexpected surprises, even miracles
- ✦ An overall great experience
- ✦ A desire to become part of Her mission

Indeed there were surprised during our May pilgrimage! On Mother's Day, not only did Zlata and her whole team treat us to a special Mother's Day brunch, we were also treated to a **private** mass celebrated by our spiritual director, Father Michael Dion, in the recently built Surmanci-Devine Mercy Chapel! As if that weren't enough, at the Croatian evening mass, the **NEW POPE, LEO XIV**, was elected!

Can you imagine that moment? Thousands of people gathered for mass, bells ringing, shouts of singing and rejoicing that the Holy Spirit had lead us to a new chapter! [Here is a video clip](#) capturing that moment in time when the bells were sounding. What a gift it was!

Come JOIN US on our next trip in JUNE, 2026!

Trip details and a downloadable registration form can be found [@pilgrimagetours.org](https://www.pilgrimagetours.org)



Climbing Apparition Hill



Praying on Apparition Hill



Local Lunch Time!



Fr. Michael @ Divine Mercy Chapel, Mother's Day



Archbishop Aldo Cavalli



Zeljka guides @ the Blue Cross

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement".

- St. Augustine



Next Pilgrimage: June 3rd -12th, 2026

*You are warmly invited to join us on our next
Pilgrimage to Medjugorje!*

OUR PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- **Round Trip Airfare:** Includes taxes and luggage fees to Croatia, and private moter-coach to Medjugorje.
- **Accommodations:** Air-conditioned in twin-bedded rooms with private baths, double occupancy, at the beautiful Pensione of Visionary Vicka's family. (A few single rooms are available with an added charge of \$350: **First come, first served.**)
- **Two Meals Daily:** Two delicious, home-cooked, large family style meals are provided daily. (The third is on your own.)
- **Guide:** Excellent English-speaking local guide/interpreter with first-hand knowledge of the apparitions: Zeljka Rozic is a first cousin of the visionary Vicka, and has 40 years' experience guiding pilgrims in Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- **Prayer and Activities:** Daily Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, Prayer of the Rosary, Presence at the Church during Our Lady's apparitions, Prayers for Healing, Climbing the Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain, Talks by visiting and local priests, and visionaries when available. Other activities are exclusively part of PPC and may be during the week. You will have plenty of personal time for self-prayer and reflection, shopping, and rest.
- **Optional humanitarian works:** Participation in hands-on humanitarian activities in and around Medjugorje through Pilgrims' Peace Center will be announced.
- **Croatia:** One late afternoon and night in Croatia; hotel (no meals), included.
- **TOTAL PACKAGE PRICING:** varies based on your departure city & payment date; call Annie @ 206.931.1865 to get your specific package pricing. For those departing from Tampa, FL your package price is \$3,900.00 and for those leaving from Seattle, WA your package price is \$3,999.00 (10% off all packages for Pilgrimage Tours' Alumni who bring a person that has never been to Medugorje!). To secure this reservation pricing, full payment is due by April 1, 2026, otherwise additional charges may apply. Absolute deadline is May 27th, 2026; prices may vary significantly.

For more details and to download your reservation form go to pilgrimagetours.org

PPC Humanitarian Work

Fulfilling Her Mission to Bring Us to Jesus



Youth Scholarships

Tens of thousands of young people attend the Medjugorje Youth Festival every year! In 2025, youth from nearly 80 different countries traveled to unite in faith and prayer.

Pilgrims' Peace Center is committed to annually awarding a scholarship to one youth between the ages of 18 and 23 to attend the Youth Festival.

If you want 100% of your donations to go to youth scholarships, donate below with the message **#100%toYouth**.



Works of Mercy

Our Catholic faith explicitly asks us to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead. (CCC 2447)

For the past 37 years, PPC has attended to these particular struggles people face in Medjugorje.

If you want 100% of your donations to go to these acts of mercy, donate below with the message **#100%toMercy**.



Projects

Whether contributing funds to the addiction recovery center, Cenacolo, or providing wheelchairs to St. Joseph the Worker facility for children with disabilities, or in the future, restoring the Stations of the Cross @ the Oasis of Peace, you have the opportunity to participate firsthand while on your pilgrimages with us!

If you want 100% of your donations to go PPC projects, donate below with the message **#100%toProjects**.

Your general donations will be allocated to Scholarships, Works of Mercy, Projects, & Administration.

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Your support and contributions will enable us to provide pilgrimage scholarships and improve living conditions for the poor and underserved in Medjugorje. Your generous donation will fund this mission, thank you!

DONATE NOW!

PPC Humanitarian Works: *Mended Hearts*

by Sandy Tobin



Twenty-eight years ago (1997), I had a “chance” meeting with a woman I had never met in a Medjugorje restaurant called, 'Columbo's'. She gave me a postage stamp size photo of a 2 year old who was dying from a hole in her heart. There was only a last name and she was “somewhere in Central Bosnia” where there was still fighting going on due to the war. The woman said the child would be impossible to find and was probably dead by then anyway. Obviously, she didn't know that when Our Lady gets involved, nothing is impossible!

We found little Nermina! Our daughter Christy flew back over to get mother and child as soon as everything was arranged; travel and surgery. When they arrived in Tampa, FL, Nermina's lips and fingernails were blue. The open heart surgery saved her life!

Days later, she was playing in our living room and starting to speak English. A year later, we got political asylum for Nermina, her 6 yr old sister, and their parents.

Nermina excelled in school, was Valedictorian of her high school class, got a scholarship to college and earned a Bachelor's Degree, Masters Degree and finally a PhD in Chemistry! Today Nermina does medical research!

Nermina is a sweetheart, the most thoughtful, loving young woman you'd ever like to know.

On June 11, 2025, Nermina got married to an equally wonderful young man and we were 'guests of honor'. That distinction, as we all know, goes to Our Lady, because the obstacles along the journey could only have been overcome with her Motherly Intervention. Look what Our Lady did....starting with only a tiny picture of an angelic face that belonged to a child whose mother had been told to “just let her die!” The distinction also goes to you, each donor who provided the means to bring, not only Nermina, but her whole family, to America, and provide her a life-saving surgery.

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude and love for those of you who contributed to mending Nermina's heart, and the hearts of her family. What a privilege it has been for all of us to be a tiny part of Nermina's story and to work so closely with Our Lady on the things that matter most!

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Guiding Pilgrims

'PILGRIMAGES EVOKE OUR EARTHLY JOURNEY TOWARDS HEAVEN' CCC NO. 2691



Pilgrims' Satisfaction Survey 2025

ALL respondents gave Zeljka



A Pilgrims' comment answering the survey question, *"I'm just disappointed that there's nothing above excellent."*

We agree Zeljka, you're above excellent!!



Pilgrims' Peace Center Guide, Zeljka Rozic!

One of the most unique and valuable aspects PPC pilgrimages is our guide who accompanies us each day, Zeljka Rozic. When Vicka Ivankovic-Mijatovic, started seeing the apparitions of Mary in 1981, her first cousin, Zeljka Rozic, was close by. Dreaming of being a journalist at the time, Zeljka knew that her path would be taking a different direction. Hundreds, and quickly thousands, of people started pouring into her small village, with no parking lots, no hotels, no eateries...so what's a girl to do? Well, as we would hope any good Catholic would do, she, and all the surrounding families, received people into their homes! They never charged anything and sacrificed their own bedrooms and food for the sake of their guests, even to the point of going hungry themselves. The force in numbers demanded infrastructure be built; utilities, sewage, water, garbage, paved roads, expanded housing, places to eat HAD to be provided for the sake of pilgrims traveling from all over the world. Like most of the locals, Zeljka's hospitality was organic and eventually turned into a life-time of service. Pilgrims consistently comment on how extraordinary it was to be guided by someone who had lived the Medjugorje story since the very beginning, who had a breadth of knowledge that only a family member of a visionary could have, who cared so lovingly and deeply for the pilgrims and their personal experiences. THANK YOU ZELJKA!!!

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Join Us!!!



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