

1ST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

"Our Lady of Guadalupe - Medjugorje"

From Saturday 9th to Saturday 16th May 2020



In 1531 the event "Our Lady of Guadalupe" disrupted the history of the New World at a time when indigenous peoples thought the end of the world had arrived. The Virgin Mary appeared to the humble Indian, St. Juan Diego, and miraculously imprinted Her image on the visionary's coat. The cactus fiber, of which his cloak -

called a Tilma - was made, should already have been dissolved for five centuries, but the coat is still there, its bright colors as if it had just been given to us, its mysteries still inexplicable. This mantle is not only a miracle in itself, but the image of the Virgin Mary imprinted on it makes all of us, witnesses to His presence throughout centuries.

Millions of us believe that the Virgin Mary has been appearing in Medjugorje since the end of 1981. Whether in Lourdes, Fatima or Medjugorje, we must believe the visionaries, we have no proof that what they tell us is the truth. By miraculously imprinting Her image on the mantle - the Tilma - of St Juan Diego in Mexico City on December 12, 1531, the Virgin Mary made us all become "visionaries"...

Motivated believers felt incited to propose a first International "Our Lady of Guadalupe" Congress, which will take place in the sanctuary of Medjugorje from Saturday 9 to Saturday, May 16, 2020. We will have the privilege to hear the teachings by Bishop Eduardo Chavez, undisputed world specialist on the miracle of the Tilma of Guadalupe.



He will be accompanied by many other specialists and important witnesses.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Empress of the Americas and the Philippines. She was also declared the Star of the New Evangelization by St. John Paul II.

Her soft and pretty, mixed-race face invites us, over time, to join Her prayer for the world. How many of us will join Her?

Who is this event for?

For everyone, as is the case with all "**Maranatha Conversion**" meetings, but perhaps especially for those who:

- Love "Our Lady of Guadalupe" and want to deepen this devotion.
- Have heard about "Our Lady of Guadalupe" the "Mexican Virgin" but realize that in fact they do not know Her, nor Her message of December 1531 given to the whole world, throughout time and space, to the humble Indian St Juan Diego.
- Know Medjugorje or want to discover Medjugorje but wish to live it in a unique setting.
- Are attracted by the supernatural, seek to enter the mystery of the Invisible, understand that God wishes to communicate with us.
- Do not hesitate to get going, to meet others, to deepen their faith.
- Love to meet people from different countries, are open to others, like to interact with the world, not only in order to find comfort, but also because they know that positive changes in the world cannot happen without us.
- Are not ashamed of their child's faith or would like to find a child's faith... Pope Francis affectionately mentions "popular piety" when speaking about the people who fill our places of pilgrimage and our churches.

Speakers :

- Specialists and theologians who will explain to us the message and the importance of Our Lady of Guadalupe and also of Our Lady in Medjugorje.
- Witnesses who will share with us how their lives have changed, how they were turned upside down when they encountered the Love of God, encounters made possible through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

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Whoever you are, if the theme “Prayer for the healing of humanity, prayer for the healing of mankind’s heart” is enticing to you, come join us!

Join us for moments of intense prayer - and also of fasting - for the healing of humanity and of mankind’s heart.

Times of exchanges will be held with men and women committed to peace and the concrete search for solutions to the challenges of the world.

Come and discover the major spiritual destinations of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Medjugorje, Sarajevo, Mostar...

If, together, we all hit the road,
If we refuse to admit defeat from the outset,
If we decide that from now on, we will partner with Heaven for a better world,
Everything will become possible.

Nothing is impossible to God and He listens to our prayers.
If we are many, if our hearts are united in the same process of prayer and of fasting, for the sake of peace, for the healing of humanity and of mankind’s heart,

If we humbly put our lives in the hands of the Lord,
We can be certain that God will hear us,
That he will fulfill our prayers...

In Pontmain, France, in 1871, the Virgin Mary said: “OH! DO PRAY MY CHILDREN GOD WILL ANSWER YOU VERY SOON, MY SON LETS HIS HEART BE TOUCHED!”



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Day 1: Saturday, May 9th, 2020: Arrival of the pilgrims

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Settling in hotels and boarding houses

Welcome by the guides, according to languages spoken by groups

Evening Rosary - Mass - healing prayers

Dinner then return to St James church for an hour of Adoration

Overnight stay in hotels, boarding houses

Day 2: Sunday, May 10th, 2020: Medjugorje

Morning Presentation of the various groups and speakers. Presentation of Medjugorje by a Franciscan. Mgr. Chavez's presentation of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Lunch Buffet lunch for the pilgrims to socialize

Afternoon Prayer on Podbrdo/ the Apparition Hill

Evening at the Rotunda: Rosary Prayer and confessions - Mass - Healing

Dinner and overnight stay in hotels, boarding houses

Day 3: Monday, May 11th, 2020: Medjugorje

Morning Breakfast and departure by bus to the conference room

Lunch Buffet lunch for the pilgrims to socialize

Afternoon Continuation of the teachings and testimonies then back to Medjugorje

Evening Rosary and confessions - Mass - healing prayers

Dinner and overnight stay in hotels, boarding houses

Day 4: Tuesday, May 12th, 2020: Sarajevo, Intronization of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Morning Very early breakfast and departure by bus for the city of Sarajevo (150km, about 3h drive). Welcome by the team of priests who work with cardinal Puljic

Lunch then Visit of the city of Sarajevo

Departure for the sanctuary at Stub. Intronization ceremony of the relic of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Marian Sanctuary of Sarajevo, Mass

Dinner with parishioners and Christians from Sarajevo

Return to Medjugorje – **Overnight stay in hotels, boarding houses**

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Day 5: Wednesday, May 13th, 2020: Siroki Brijeg and Mostar

Morning Breakfast and departure by bus to the conference room

Fasting lunch

Departure for the Franciscan monastery of Mostar to meet a Brother (Guardian or other) in order to discover the beautiful, large and new church of the monastery; the previous one was destroyed during the 1991-1995 war

Free time in the old town

Return to Medjugorje

Evening Rosary and confessions - Mass - healing prayers

Fasting dinner vegetable soup, salad, fruit

Overnight stay in hotels, boarding houses

Day 6: Thursday, May 14th, 2020: Medjugorje

Morning Breakfast and departure by bus to the conference room

Lunch Buffet lunch for the pilgrims to socialize

Afternoon Return to Medjugorje and visit to the Cenacolo community

Evening Rosary prayer and confessions - Mass - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

Dinner and overnight in the hotels, boarding houses

Day 7: Friday, May 15th, 2020: Medjugorje, Krizevac - way of the cross

Morning Breakfast and departure at the foot of Mount Krizevac for the Way of the cross

Fasting lunch in Medjugorje, in the hotels, boarding houses

Afternoon Free time for personal prayer

Evening Rosary prayer and confessions - Mass - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

Fasting dinner (vegetable soup, salad) **and overnight stay in hotels, boarding houses**

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Day 8: Saturday, May 16th, 2020: departure day

If possible, Mass for all Maranatha Pilgrims

Departure of the groups in accordance with the respective ways of transport (bus, plane...)

Organization of the pilgrimage

To facilitate the organization of pilgrimages / conferences "**Maranatha Conversion**"; "**Maranatha Medjugorje**" works with partners from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Only people who have registered for this pilgrimage with the association "**Maranatha Medjugorje**" or partner associations, movements or agencies of "**Maranatha Medjugorje**" will receive a badge to participate in meetings.

Indeed, for reasons of logistics, it will not be possible to join the group, without having registered with "**Maranatha-Medjugorje**" prior to the start of the pilgrimage.

This project requires your help!

We are looking for volunteers to make this unique pilgrimage known and, why not, gather pilgrims to form groups from the United States, Canada, Mexico, France, Canada, Belgium ... or other countries.



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MARANATHA-MEDJUGORJE

One full week, land only

(airplane not included)

Fixed price of 849 € per person

8 days, 7 nights

This price includes:

- Standard 3-star accommodation in Medjugorje, double-room basis (if you do not appoint your roommate, you will randomly be assigned one). The number of single rooms is limited.

- Full menu, from dinner of day 1 to breakfast of day 8 - including Wednesday and Friday "fasting" meals. The pilgrimage "Maranatha-Medjugorje" is a time of fasting and prayer.

Fasting lunches consist of bread and water.

Fasting dinners consist of bread, vegetable soup, fruit.

People who sign up agree to respect this aspect and understand that the organizer will not provide different meals. On the other days, standard meals are served according to the program.

- Various transportation during the stay, as required in the program.

The trip to Medjugorje, whether by road or plane is **at participants' charge and responsibility**.

Upon arrival at the airport on day 1, local buses will be waiting for airline passenger at the airports of Split, Dubrovnik, Sarajevo and Mostar, which are the usual airport destinations for Medjugorje. Pilgrims arriving on various flights will be grouped and transferred to local buses, which will leave the airport for Medjugorje on an ongoing basis, as they fill up.

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For departure on day 8, buses will again bring together all registered pilgrims and drive them to the different airports. To benefit from this free transport, participants are required to register at the latest three weeks before arriving in Medjugorje, specifying their arrival and departure airports, flight numbers and time schedules.

For those who do not want to wait at airports, it will be possible to take a taxi, but this option is not free. There is a two-hour journey from Split and a three-hour one from Sarajevo or Dubrovnik. It costs 130 € per trip if the vehicle is dispatched from Medjugorje to pick you up at the airport. Count about twice that price if you call the taxi yourself directly at the airport.

- Meetings, lectures and visits, according to the program.
- The entries to the sites and/or museums mentioned in the program.
- An accompanying guide/translator.
- Translations into French, English, Italian, Spanish, Croatian according to the number of pilgrims enrolled. There are options for other languages if we have a sufficient number of pilgrims for those languages.
- Planning your trip with the registration form.
- Pilgrim's badge and pouch.
- Preparation of your trip in cooperation with group leaders and in connection with the relevant people on-site in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This price does not include :

- Air or road transport to Medjugorje, except transfers offered to and from airports under the conditions proposed above.
- Options: single rooms (limited number): count an additional 154 € / person/week.
- Travel insurances: for credit card payments verify insurance conditions/details with your bank. Also check with your personal insurance company for other contracts.
- Tips for guides and drivers (according to the country rule: € 2 / day / person for the guide and € 1.5 / day / person for the driver).
- Donations and offerings for meetings and celebrations are at your discretion.

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- Drinks, extras and all general, personal expenses.
- Anything not listed in "This price includes".

Cancellation fees:

- * Up to 60 days before departure: 150 € fee per person.
- * From 59 to 30 days before departure: 300 € fee per person.
- * From 29 days to the beginning of the pilgrimage: full price retained (no refund).
- * In case of a no-show: full price retained (no refund).

There will be no cancellation fees for participants who find a replacement person if they cannot attend.

Terms and conditions :

Your registration is confirmed only once you have paid. An invoice will be sent to you.

Please ensure that you are covered by travel insurance.

Check that you have your travel documents in order to get to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- The valid identity card is sufficient for EU citizens.
- For other countries, check if you need a visa in addition to your valid passport.

Special conditions of sale:

For political, military, health, climatic, mechanical or economic reasons, in the interest and/or for the safety of travelers, the association "Maranatha-Medjugorje" reserves the right at any time to cancel the trip, change the route, interrupt the course or change the price and it cannot be held responsible under such circumstances. In case of a cancellation or interruption, the participants will be refunded as follows:

- Before departure: amounts paid, excluding any damages and interest;
- During the trip: in proportion to the number of days of travel, excluding any damages;
- In case of force majeure external to the organizing structure, an amount of 50 € will be retained as a partial compensation for organization costs.

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REGISTRATION FOR THE PILGRIMAGE

To register for the pilgrimage, you must complete the registration form on the website of « *Maranatha Medjugorje* »:

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The registration will only be validated after complete payment for the pilgrimage

The association "Maranatha-Medjugorje" offers two ways of payment:

1. Online, using one of the accepted cards
(Visa, MasterCard, Maestro, American Express)

Or

2. Direct payment by bank transfer to the account

Price of the pilgrimage for one person: 849 €
In national currency = 1660 convertible Marks or BAM

