

While articulating the moral confusion that plagues Western societies, Sarah also pointed to God's providence in providing Popes to lead the Church in difficult times. "God saw that the world was sinking into a fatal confusion ... To prepare ourselves for this situation, God has given us solid Popes," Sarah explained. He then listed the particular gifts that the four most recent Popes gave to the Church and the world.

God "gave us Paul VI, who defended the life and true love, despite very strong opposition, with the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*," he said.

God gave us John Paul II, whose life itself "was a living Gospel," and taught that the union of faith and reason together is "a light that guides the world towards a true vision of man," he said.

While Benedict XVI gifted the world by teaching with "unparalleled clarity, depth and precision."

"Today, He gives us Francis, who literally wants to save Christian humanism," Sarah explained, adding, "God never abandons His Church."

Sarah said that a primary responsibility for the collapse of faith in the West "must be assumed by the priests." He pointed to decades when, he said, confessionals were empty, liturgy desecralized, and doctrine was not taught in Catholic universities and seminaries.

"Clearly, there is a strong majority of priests who remain faithful to their mission of teaching, sanctification and government. But there is also a small number that yields to the morbid and villainous temptation to align the Church with the values of today's Western societies," Sarah said. "They want above all to say that the Church is open, welcoming, attentive, modern. But the Church is not made to listen, she is made to teach: she is *mater and magistra*, mother and educator," he added.

The cardinal also emphasized the importance of a united community in facing the challenges of the secularized world, which often opposes "the road of Christ."

"In Hemingway's novel *The Old Man and the Sea*, we see the hero attempting to tow a large fish he has fished to the port. But he cannot hoist him alone out of the water; by the time it arrives at the port, the sharks have devoured the fish," he explained. "Today, if you are alone, there are many sharks that will devour your faith, your Christian values, your hope. Jesus created a community of 12 apostles and when it was necessary to send them on mission, he sent them two by two," he continued. "From now on, to defend our belief, to be solid, we must support each other in faith, walk as a united community around Christ," he said.

Inside the Vatican

KEEPING YOUR FAITH WHEN YOUR KIDS LOSE THEIRS

It's a painful thing for a parent. You did your best to raise your kids in the faith. You sent them to a Catholic or Christian school, or you made sure they always went to Sunday School. But now as young adults they walk away. They are not interested. They outright disagree and rebel. Not only are you upset with them, but you may feel abandoned or betrayed by God. Where is He in all of this? What should you do now?

You are not alone. It is unfortunately a common story today. We are up against a powerful culture that is not only in our schools, but invades our homes over the internet and TV. It is right on the phone in your child's pocket. So what should you do... and not do? Here are a few suggestions:

Gird Your Loins for Battle

First, you need to accept this important fact: whether you enlisted or not, you have been called to battle. "The battle is not of flesh and blood, but of powers and principalities." (Eph 6:12)

There is a spiritual battle playing out and your family is the battleground. Try hard not to take their comments or attacks personally. They may

bring up issues and objections to the faith or morality. Do not get pulled into skirmishes and red herring arguments you cannot win. Keep your eye on winning the war. The enemy is very cunning. He works in half-truths and sows confusion. His unmistakable calling card is division. Do not take the bait. Decide to go the distance and fight back.

Understand the Natural Process of Individuation

As kids reach adolescence and young adulthood, they naturally start a process called "individuation". It is not uncommon for them to begin to question their values – "Is this what I really believe or are these my parents' values?" So they test the waters. They are likely learning different values at school. They start to try on different identities and beliefs. It can take you unawares and from out of left field.

And as the process unfolds, it may seem that they are starting to conform more and more to the crowd and the culture. The irony is that they feel like they are being their own person. What is

really happening is they are differentiating from you. Do not take it as rejection, as much as it may sound and feel like that. By understanding the process and not reacting emotionally to it, you stand a better chance of helping them to navigate through it safely.

Allow them to express themselves. Ask them why they see things the way they do. Affirm their goodness and good intentions. Be careful that you are not constantly correcting them. Most often they are genuinely searching. Gently share your own views. If it gets too heated, sometimes you just need to agree to disagree...but always let them know that you respect their thoughts and you are glad they are thinking about things. Be careful not to paint them into a corner where they feel they have to defend their point of view. The truth can get lost when it becomes a power struggle. Be ready to drop the subject and revisit it if things get too heated.

Clarify What You Believe and Why

Now is a time to clarify exactly what you believe and why you believe it. In short, it is time to learn some "apologetics". Find resources that explain the basics of the faith...as well as those complicated moral issues. Simply telling them they should wait for marriage for sex without giving them compelling reasons why may not be enough. Take time to thoughtfully explain your positions. They are listening to worldly perspectives that seem, in their view, logical and compassionate. But, in most cases they only seem that way, but are not. Our job is to listen to what they are hearing and saying and to counter it with truth. "Because I said so" simply ain't gonna fly with them. Do your homework.

Hate the Sin but Love the Sinner

Of course, you love your kids regardless of what they believe. But it is important to reassure them of your unconditional love no matter what. And when fielding disagreements culturally or politically, it is important you do not yield to hateful rhetoric. A simple thing like praying for those you believe to be misled can speak volumes to them. Be clear that it is the sin that you hate and not those caught up in those sins. We are all sinners. Keep in mind how you may have strayed or questioned things too at their age.

Set Clear Boundaries

If your kids are living lifestyles that you believe to be immoral, then be sure to clarify your love for

them and your concerns for their well-being and their souls. It is important to set boundaries. For instance, if your son visits overnight with a girlfriend, letting him know you expect them in separate rooms is fine. This is particularly important if you have younger children for whom you want a better example set. You cannot stop them from doing what they will do outside your home, but you should ask them to respect your boundaries in your home. By allowing them to do what you believe to be wrong in your home can be interpreted as tacit consent. Be clear with them.

Adjust your Focus

It is easy to fall into the trap of constantly focusing on the problem or disagreement. The elephant can take over the room if you are not careful. There are probably some values you still hold in common. Navigate to those subjects whenever possible.

Do things you all enjoy as a family. Board games are a great way to interact and have some laughs together. (It also helps to keep them off their phones for a little while – an added bonus.) Sometimes getting a puppy or kitten that everyone can love and enjoy can also ease tension in a family and bring folks together.

Pray and Offer Up Sacrifices

It is hard to overemphasise the power of prayer and fasting in bringing about conversions. No matter how hopeless it may seem, no matter how far they stray, never...and I mean never, stop praying or give up hope. It can take a long time sometimes but God is always in the process. St Monica prayed for 16 years for the conversion of St Augustine and his conversion came about, through the influence of St Ambrose, when he snuck away against her wishes. Remember, God loves them even more than you do, so pray with confidence and trust unceasingly for as long as it takes.

Ask for Help

You are navigating rough waters here. Join a support group or reach out to a priest or pastor, counsellor or parenting coach. A less emotional perspective can often help you to clarify the situation and come up with better ways to respond to challenges. Just a little help can strengthen you to go the distance and win the prize.

Allison Ricciardi, LMHC Decemer 1, 2017 Article Faith Feature Marriage & Family

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10 TIPS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CATHOLIC HOME Fr Ed Broom OMV

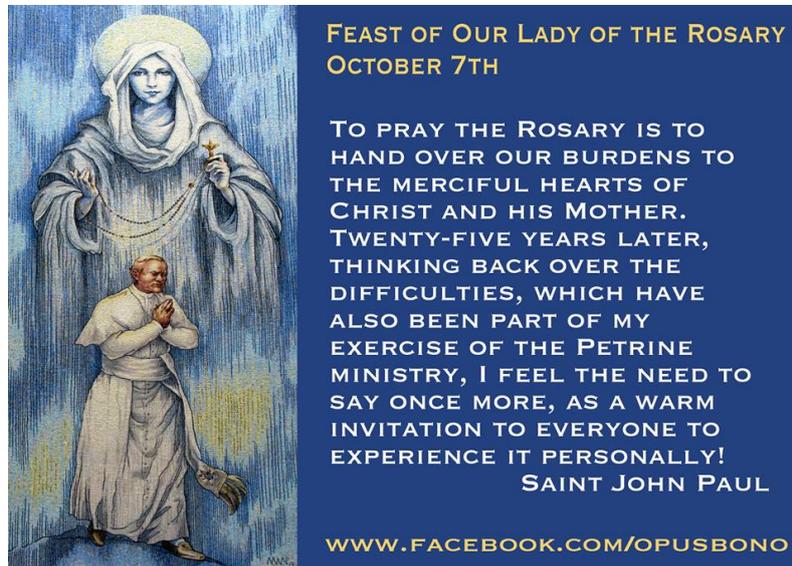
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- 6 Express gratitude
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"The Buddhist keeps his inner tranquillity for himself, whereas the Christian gives his to his neighbour – a tranquillity that is true peace. Peace is peace when it is shared, given to others. A Christian cannot be inwardly at rest when his neighbour is living in fear."

Max Thirkauf, Swiss scientist and philosopher

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OCTOBER 7TH



DEAR MR PRESIDENTS - The Medjugorje Witness

This report by the Mariologist Fr René Laurentin, referring to a meeting of Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev in 1987 and a letter sent to the Presidents from the Medjugorje seer Marija Pavlovic, is adapted from his book *Seven Years of Apparitions, Time for the Harvest?*

Here are the circumstances, which I have been able to gather: The American Ambassador, Alfred H Kingon, had spent two weeks in Medjugorje in 1987. He had met Marija, and the idea came up that she should write a letter to President Reagan. Mr Kingon promised to deliver it to him personally. Here is the translation of Marija's letter:

*Dear President Reagan,
The Mother of God appears every day in
this village of Medjugorje in
Yugoslavia. She gives us a message of
peace. We know that you are making
efforts for peace in the world and we
pray each day for you. We want to let
you know that you can count on our
prayers and our sacrifices. We wish to
help you, in this manner, in your*

*heavy task. Our Holy Mother told us
that one can avoid wars through
prayer and fasting. I hope that this
message will help you, and that the
daily apparitions will be for you a sign
that God loves His people. United in
prayer, in the Heart of Jesus and the
Heart of Mary, we express to you our
love and we greet you in peace,
through the Queen of Peace."*

The message was delivered to President Reagan before his meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev, at the beginning of December 1987. On December 8, Ambassador A. H. Kingon telephoned from Brussels: "The President would have wanted to call Marija himself" he said, "but even at this moment he is in conference with Mikhail Gorbachev. I have delivered the message to him and he was very enthusiastic about it. After he had read it, he said, 'Now I am going to this meeting with Gorbachev with a new spirit.'" The first call took place a little before 8:00pm, while Marija was still at Mass, and it was her friend Kathleen (the American) who took it. Later on, that same evening of December 8th, the phone rang again at Marija's, and



Kathleen thought that at time it was President Reagan calling from Washington. The conversation - was cut off, this happened three more times. Consequently, on December 14, Ambassador A. H. Kingon wrote a letter to Marija asking her to write a message of peace to the leader of the Soviet Party. He would make sure that the Ambassador of the United States in Moscow would transmit personally the message to Mikhail Gorbachev. He added: "It would be wonderful if the two heads of states, of the two most powerful countries in the world, to be informed of your prayers and know the message of the Blessed Virgin."

BILOCATION

Vicka "Bilocates" Priest Claims. Has Unusual Experience – Hears Interiorly The Voice Of The Virgin Mary Then Vicka Appears.

Originally published by Fr Ronan Murphy. In 1991, before entering seminary, I felt the call to go to Medjugorje, the first of many such visitations there, especially as a priest. In 1992, whilst returning from the International Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests in San Marino, I was collecting my luggage in Dublin Airport, Ireland. The airport, I remember, was packed with people especially with foreign students who had just arrived in the country in order to spend the summer months learning the English language. I distinctly remember whilst waiting for my luggage to come out, saying to Our Lady in the silent recess of my heart, "Mother, are you pleased with the Cenacle I have just made?" At that moment, and the only way to describe it, everyone in the airport disappeared before my very eyes. And I found myself alone with a young woman in front of me, smiling radiantly at me. The feeling I experienced was one of peace. Just then I heard a sweet voice interiorly which I believe was the voice of the Blessed Mother say, "My Child, I am



very happy with the Cenacle you have made and all the graces I have obtained for you".

Simultaneous to the voice, I became aware of the identity of the young woman being Vicka, the visionary from Medjugorje, whom I had seen during my first visit there in 1991. I spoke once again to Our Lady interiorly, saying, "Mother do you want me to speak to her?" And the sweet voice once again replied, "No, this is my confirmation to you, a confirmation of Medjugorje and my Marian Movement of Priests". At that, Vicka disappeared from before me and all present in the airport appeared once again, as if I came out of an altered state and back to reality. I thank Our Lady for gracing me with this spiritual or mystical experience, confirming me to the authenticity of Medjugorje and the Marian Movement of Priests and with other such experiences which have assisted me in my vocation to and in the priesthood. Ad Jesus per Miriam.

20 U.S. STATES SET TO PROSECUTE CHURCH "RACKETEERING"

Is persecution of Church a sign the secrets are near? Medjugorje visionary says she knows exact date when first secret must be released.....Pleads for us to pray for priests.

Mirjana says in her bestselling book: "Now is the time to tell my story"

They are looking to prosecute and not just priests. If the boxes lining the hallways of Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel's offices contain enough evidence, she said, she is considering using state racketeering laws usually reserved for organized crime. Prosecutors in Michigan are even volunteering on weekends to get through all the documents as quickly as possible. A nationwide Associated Press query of more than 20 state and federal prosecutors last week found

they are looking for legal means to hold "higher ups" in the church accountable for sex abuse.

Our Lady spoke about the secrets, clarifying the details of how everything would unfold and preparing me for my role. Then on September 13, 1984, she appeared again and told me the date on which I must give details of the first secrets to the priest. This new knowledge eased my distress and gave me strength. ...*Mirjana from Excerpt in new book "My Heart Will Triumph"*

On the last day of Mirjana's daily apparitions Our Lady's apparition lasted 45 minutes.

Mirjana states that she will always remember these words of Our Lady: "Now you will have to turn to God in the faith like any other person. I will appear to you on the day of your birthday and when you will experience difficulties in life. Mirjana, I have chosen you; I have confided in you everything that is essential. I have shown you many terrible things. You must now bear it all with courage. Think of Me and think of the tears I must shed for that. You must remain courageous. You have quickly grasped the messages. You must also understand now that I have to go away. Be courageous."

Mirjana has said that Our Lady prepared her for this meeting for a month. In a motherly manner, Our Lady had explained that her task was accomplished and Mirjana had received sufficient information. While Mirjana felt that her conversations with Our Lady were so necessary for her soul, Our Lady promised that as long as she remained close to God, She would help her and be beside her always, assisting her in her most difficult times. But now she must return to the normal everyday life of young girls her age.

This was Mirjana's saddest Christmas ever. This last meeting left her feeling as if she had lost the most beautiful thing in her life. Our Lady knew her pain and was there to cheer her up and to pray with her. Mirjana was asked to sing and praise God. Mirjana prayed the Hail Holy Queen, the prayer she always said when she was alone with Our Lady.

SECRETS FOR 36 YEARS:

The visionaries say there are ten secrets which will affect the Church and the world. To date, three visionaries, Mirjana, Ivanka, and Jakov report they have received all ten Medjugorje secrets, while Ivan, Marija and Vicka say they have received nine secrets. To date only one secret – the third secret – has been completely revealed.

The third secret involves a visible and permanent sign that is described as beautiful and indestructible and not of this world. The sign will be left on Apparition Hill, the site of her first appearance. The Virgin Mary gave the following message about this sign: "This sign will be given for the atheists. You faithful already have signs and you have become the sign for the atheists. You faithful must not wait for the sign before you convert: convert soon.

This time is a time of grace for you. When the sign comes, it will be too late. As a mother I caution you because I love you. The secrets exist. My children! Nothing is known of these now, but when they are known, it will be too late. Return to prayer, nothing is more important than this. I would like it if the Lord allowed me to reveal some of the secrets to you, but that which He is doing for you is already a Grace which is almost too much."

None of the seers have revealed the other Medjugorje secrets. It has been said that the secrets contain blessings as well as chastisements for the world. The visionaries warn, that despite Our Lady's call for prayer, they say that no amount of prayer, or fasting can prevent the secrets from unfolding. The secrets will be revealed to the world in the following manner:

"Ten days before the first secret, Mirjana will reveal what is about to happen to Franciscan Priest Father Petar Ljubicic of Medjugorje. "Father Petar Ljubicic will then fast and pray for seven days. Then, three days before the event, Father Petar will make a public announcement as to what is to happen and where. Mirjana says that after the events occur, those who are alive will have little time to convert. She insists that the painful events for humanity are very near, and that the important thing is to pray, to pray in the family, to pray for the young and for those who do not believe." (From the "Grey Book")

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Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11th/12th/13th October 2019

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IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

8TH SEPTEMBER

Hail Mary, full of grace

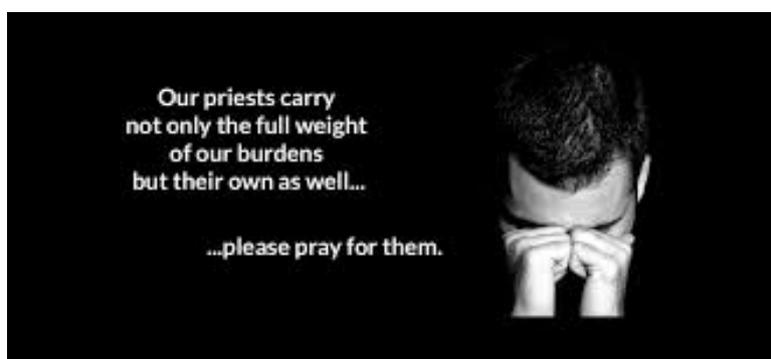
The Lord is with Thee

Blessed Art Thou among women

And blessed is the fruit of Thy Womb, Jesus.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners now and at the hour of our death.*

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