

THE 25TH DAY OF EACH MONTH, THE BLESSED VIRGIN GIVES A MESSAGE TO THE VISIONARY MARIJA, THAT IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE WORLD.

Medjugorje Message of April 28, 2008

“Dear children! Also today, I call all of you to grow in God’s love as a flower which feels the warm rays of spring. In this way, also you, little children, grow in God’s love and carry it to all those who are far from God. Seek God’s will and do good to those whom God has put on your way, and be light and joy. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



Medjugorje in the Hands of the Vatican

Journalist Michael H. Brown recently reported on his website, www.spiritdaily.com, that the press in Europe has reported that the matter of Medjugorje has shifted **directly into the hands of the Vatican**. He wrote, “It is true, we are now told authoritatively. The apparitions will not be accepted or rejected by local or regional Church officials until they are directed how and when to do so by Rome, officials now report -- in one of the larger developments in this case since onset of the apparitions.” Michael Brown talked with Cardinal Vinko Puljic’s spokesman, Monsignor Mato Zovkic, who confirmed that the matter of Medjugorje has been handed to the Vatican.



Headed by Cardinal Vinko Puljić, the national commission based in Sarajevo was formed after the Vatican took away the authority of discernment from the local bishop, who usually rules on such matters. Now the national commission has also been subjected to higher Church authorities. This is a major change in its previous position, which was that the commission would make a determination after the apparitions stopped. “The commission will wait for the Vatican,” said Monsignor Zovkic.

Michael Brown wrote, “For years, many have been under the misconception that the claims at Medjugorje are under the authority of the bishop in Mostar -- whose diocese includes Medjugorje and who has been strongly negative, even seeking to condemn it.

The matter long ago was taken out of those hands, however, and handed to a national commission headed by Cardinal Puljić. Now, it will go even higher -- indicating, very possibly -- that Rome believes Medjugorje exceeds not just local but also regional discernment.”

It is interesting that the original decision in 1986 to revoke the authority of Mostar was taken under the direction of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict.

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