

**THE 26th INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS
to be held in Medjugorje from July 3-7, 2023**

*The theme is:
"Here are my mother and my brothers!" (Mt 12: 49)*

"In Our Lady's School"

PROGRAMME

July 3rd 2022, Monday

16.00 – 18.00 Registration of participants
**18.00 THE BEGINNING OF THE
RETREAT**
(Prayer of the Rosary, Holy Mass, Prayer for
healing of body and soul, Glorious Mysteries
of the Rosary)

16.00 Lecture
18.00 The evening prayer programme

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healing of body and soul, Glorious Mysteries
of the Rosary)

July 4th 2023, Tuesday

9.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30 Lecture
11.00 Break
Silent Adoration (time for personal prayer,
reading of the Holy Scripture, reflection)
16.00 Lecture
18.00 The evening prayer programme
(Rosary, Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament)

July 6th 2023, Thursday

6.00 6.00 The Way of the Cross on Cross
Mountain, confessions
16.00 Lecture
18.00 The evening prayer programme
(Rosary, Holy Mass and Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament)

July 5th 2023, Wednesday

6.00 Rosary at Apparition Hill
10.30 Coffee break
11.00 Lecture
12.00 Silent Adoration (time for personal
prayer, reading of the Holy Scripture,
reflection)

July 7th 2023, Friday

08.30 Prayer at Fr. Slavko Barbaric's
grave
09.00 Lecture

**CONCLUSION WITH HOLY
MASS AT 11.00**

The coordinator of the seminar is Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić.

The Lecturer at the retreat is Fr. Miljenko Šteko (1969), a member of the Franciscan Province of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary based in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina. He made his perpetual profession of vows in 1994. He was ordained as a priest on July 13 1996 (Frohnleiten, Austria). He completed his philosophical and theological studies in Zagreb, Bologna and Rome, where he obtained a doctorate degree in spiritual theology in 2005.

In the Province he has held various positions. In Medjugorje (2007-2013) he lived an intense pastoral experience. From 2013 to 2022 he served as the Provincial minister (with re-election in 2019) and, also in that period, he also held the position of national president of the Assembly of superiors and major superiors (KVRPPBiH), president of the SLAS Conference (JKPMOFM) and of the Council of the Franciscan movement in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (VFZ), and President of UFME (*Unio Fratrum Minorum Europae*) based in Brussels (with re-election in 2019). Since September 2022 he has been the guardian of CISA - International College of San Antonio in Rome - *Collegium S. Antonii Patavini in Urbe*.

Fr. Miljenko has been invited to preach at held retreats and spiritual retreats in various countries.

You may make reservations by e-mail: seminar.marija@medjugorje.hr (for Marija Dugandzic).

The parishioners of the Međugorje parish will provide free accommodation to all priests during the retreat as they have done in the previous years. We kindly ask all priests who are organising their own accommodation with friends in Međugorje to list the name, surname and telephone number of the family with whom they have organised accommodation in their registration form. Priests who do not have acquaintances and the possibility of directly organising accommodation with families should make a note of this in their registration form and we will organise it for them.

Instead of a monetary payment, we ask you to kindly celebrate five Holy Masses for intention of the parish priest of Medjugorje.

*It is necessary to bring with you: your **celebret** given by your Superior, an **alb and stole, and a Holy Bible**.*

Many priests who do not have access to Internet may not have been informed about the existence of this international spiritual retreat in Medjugorje. Therefore, we kindly ask all Organisers of pilgrimages, Prayer Groups and Centres for Peace to publish this information as widely as possible by all means at their disposal, so that as many priests as possible may participate. In as much as it is possible, we also kindly ask you to financially assist the priests who would like to come but do not have the necessary funds for such a journey. We thank you in advance and we pray for God's blessing and the blessing of the Queen of Peace upon you and your work.

For the purpose of the seminar organisation and for your own safety, please consider yourself registered for seminar only when you receive our written confirmation. If you did not receive our reply, it means that we have not received your application and that you are not registered, because you forwarded your e-mail to a wrong address or you have got a virus which blocks your e-mails automatically. Consequently, you may consider yourself registered for the seminar only if you had received a positive response.