

**THE 23rd INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS
to be held in Medjugorje from July 2-7, 2018**

The theme is:

*Living on the Word of God
"Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures" (Lk 24:45)*

"In Our Lady's School"

PROGRAMME

July 2nd 2018, 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)

July 3rd 2018, Tuesday

9.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9. 30 Lecture, prayer

12. 00 Break (Silent Adoration)

15.30 Lecture, prayer

18.00 The evening prayer programme (Rosary, Holy Mass, Prayer for healing of body and soul, Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary)

22.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

July 4th 2018, Wednesday

9.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9. 30 Lecture, prayer

12.00 Break (Silent Adoration)

15.30 Lecture, prayer

18.00 The evening prayer programme (Rosary, Holy Mass, Prayer for healing of body

and soul, Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary)

July 5th 2018, Thursday

6.00 Rosary at Apparition Hill

10. 00 Lecture, prayer

12. 00 Break (Silent Adoration)

15.30 Lecture, prayer

18.00 The evening prayer programme (Rosary, Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

July 6th 2018, Friday

6.00 The Way of the Cross on Cross Mountain, confessions

15. 30 Lecture, prayer

18.00 The evening prayer programme (Rosary, Holy Mass, Veneration of the Holy Cross)

July 7th 2018, Saturday

08.30 Prayer at Fr. Slavko Barbarić's grave

09.00 Sharing of experiences, suggestions and testimonies

CONCLUSION WITH HOLY MASS AT 11,00

The coordinator is Fr. Marinko Šakota, OFM.

The Lecturer at the retreat is Fr. Ante Vučković, OFM.

Fr. Ante Vučković, OFM, was born in Sinj in 1958, in a large family. He is a member of the Franciscan Province of the Most Holy Redeemer in Split. He attended and completed studies at the classical secondary school and seminary in Sinj, and he studied Theology in Makarska and Zagreb. He was ordained as a priest in 1983. After serving as an assistant parish priest in Metković and Munich, he studied Philosophy in Munich and Rome where he obtained his doctorate thesis on Dimensions of Hearing of Martin Heidegger. He lectured Philosophy in Rome at the Pontifical University Antonianum and at the Franciscan Theology Faculty in Makarska. He is a philosophy professor at the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Split. He also lectures at the faculty of Philosophy at the same university. He leads spiritual exercises, seminars and spiritual retreats. He is a spiritual counsellor and advisor. He has published a number of books and his works are published in the professional and other periodicals.

You may make reservations by e-mail: seminar.marija@medjugorje.hr, or by fax: +387-36-651-999 (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 this intention.

*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.