

**THE 25th INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS
to be held in Medjugorje from July 6-11, 2020**

The theme is:

"Come, and you will see." (Jn 1, 39)

"In Our Lady's School"

PROGRAMME

July 6th 2020, 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 7th 2020, 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 8th 2020, 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

July 9th 2020, 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 10th 2020, 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 11th 2020, Saturday

08.30 Prayer at Fr. Slavko Barbaric's grave
09.00 Sharing of experiences, suggestions and testimonies

CONCLUSION WITH HOLY MASS AT 11,00

The lecturer at the spiritual retreat is Archbishop **Pierbattista Pizzaballa, OFM, Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.**

Msgr. Pierbattista Pizzaballa, OFM, was born in Cologno al Serio, Diocese Bergamo, Italy, on April 21, 1965. He began his Franciscan formation in the Province of Christ the King in Bologna in 1976, and he made his Solemn Profession in Bologna and was ordained priest in the cathedral church in Bologna on September 15, 1990. He was transferred to Holy Land in October the same year to specialise Biblical studies, and since 1993 he is professor of Hebrew language at the Franciscan Faculty of Biblical studies and Archeology in Jerusalem. The Curia of OFM elected him in May 2004 to be Custos of Holy Land and he was reelected in 2010 again and in 2013. His last mandate ended in 2016, and on June 24, 2016, Pope Francis appointed him as Apostolic Administrator sede vacante of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and honoured him with honorary diocese of Verbe. Msgr. Pizzaballa's Episcopal Ordination took place in September 2016 in Bergamo, Italy. Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa gives meditation frequently and lectures at many conferences.

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 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 Međugorje. 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.

