**Medjugorje Fact Sheet Who, What, When, Where, Why**

**Who and When**

Vicka, June 24, 1981, around 5pm. (The feast of St John the Baptist)

“Ivanka was the first to see our Lady, then Mirjana, then me, but I ran away. Then we met two boys named Ivan, then we returned and watched the bright woman on Podbrdo hill. I was so scared I ran home. I went to my room and prayed. Then I felt peace and returned to the hill. There I found Ivanka, Mirjana, Milka and the two Ivans (Ivan Ivankovic, 20 years old only that one vision and Ivan Dragicevic, one of the six visionaries). Our Lady held the infant Jesus in her hands, she uncovered and covered him with her veil. She called us with her hands to come to her, nobody dared to come to her that night.”

Mirjana, same day

Ivanka and I wanted to be alone. I wanted to tell her my news. I had only just come from Sarajevo. (Ivanka was talking about the death of her holy mother just two months prior.) I could hear the sadness in Ivanka’s voice and see the grief in her eyes. Then Ivanka said “I think I see Our Lady.” I didn’t look because it seemed impossible to me. I never heard about Lourdes or Fatima. I didn’t even know that Our Lady could come to earth. I answered with impudence, “Yeah, she has nothing else to do but to come to me and to you.” It bothered me at first, so I left and headed home. Then a strong feeling compelled me to go back to Ivanka. Ivanka said “Look now, please.” I saw a woman in a long gray dress with a baby in her arms. At that moment, I felt all the possible emotions at the same time: fear and beauty and confusion, not knowing if I was alive or dead. The only way out was to run, so I ran! I went to my room and spent the night in prayer.

Ivan Dragicevic

We (two Ivans) went to Mass in the morning, then played some soccer. We changed clothes and went outside (around 530pm) and ate some apples. We heard, “Ivan, Ivan, come, our Lady is on the hill!” Then I saw Vicka, my friend and I asked “What is she talking about?” She said “Look up there.” I looked and saw a beautiful figure of our Lady, in light, normal size, wearing a clearly visible crown of stars. I looked for a few seconds and then ran home. I just wanted to flee as soon as possible.

June 25, 2981 (Thursday) the second day

The six visionaries: Vicka, Ivan, Mirjana and Ivanka were joined by Jakov and Marija.

Ivan Ivankovic was there, but did not see Mary and was very upset. Mirjana: “at about the same time as the day before, I felt the urge to go to the hill. My uncle came with me.” About half the village was gathered around the hill. Three flashes of white light drew the visionaries eyes to the hill. All six visionaries ran up the hill at such a speed that the villagers were amazed. Mirjana felt like she just glided up the hill (all bushes and rocks, no trails at this time). A twelve minute climb took them only two minutes. They fell to their knees and prayed an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. “A beautiful blueness encompassed the woman, olive hued radiant skin, translucent blue eyes, long black hair with a white veil. “It’s indescribable.” Mirjana said, “It is heaven on earth. You forget everything, may she look at you and you look at her. You have no other desires.” Mary told the children: “God be with you, my angels.”

**What**

An apparition of Mary, “Queen of Peace,” Mother of God, Mother of Jesus Christ. It is considered a private revelation. The Vatican commission approved the first seven visions. Pilgrimages are approved. The official Church stance on Medjugorje is that the apparition is not finished, so no definitive Church pronouncements can be made. Pilgrims are welcome to believe and to go, but must be in obedience when the Church makes it’s pronouncement.

**Where**

Medjugorje, Yugoslavia in 1981. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1989, the empire states also collapsed. Yugoslavia became Serbia, Croatia and Boznia-Herzegovinia. There was a civil war in 1990, but Medjugorje was not destroyed or damaged by it. It is now part of Boznia-Herzegovinia.

**When**

June 24, 1981 to the present day.

**Why?**

Mary came to call the world to conversion, prayer, fasting, faith and peace. She has given many messages over the years to instruct St James parish and the world about the path to heaven. She also warns us of Satan and hell and the wrong path. Each visionary will be given Ten Secrets, they are signs and warnings for the world.

**The Visionaries today (2022)**

Vicka Ivankovic-Mijatovic (9/3/64), Maria Pavlovic-Lunetti (4/1/65) and Ivan (5/25/65) still have daily apparitions with Mary. Mirjana had yearly apparition of Mary on March 18. Ivanka has yearly appartions on June 25. Jakov Colo (3/6/71) has yearly apparitions on Christmas Day. Mirjana, Ivanka and Jakov have all ten secrets.