Daily Itinerary

Listed below is a daily itinerary that we will follow. We will be going to Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain the first days we arrive in the village. Seeing any of the visionaries will depend on their availability and is not guaranteed.

*English Mass* – 10 am: Unless Sunday or Feast Day

*Rosary and Confession* – begin at 5 pm winter: 6 pm summer

*Apparition* – is 5:40 pm winter: 6:40 pm summer. At this time you can bring all your religious articles for Our Lady to bless them No visionaries will be at St. James Church during the apparition time.

*Evening Mass* – 6 pm winter: 7pm summer; the Mass is in Croatian, but the Gospel is read in several languages, one being English.

*Immediately following the Mass* – The Apostles Creed, 7 Our Father’s, 7 Hail Mary’s and 7 Glory Be’s will be prayed in thanksgiving for Mass. Our Lady asked for these prayers.

*Dinner* – Prepared to be ready at the conclusion of Mass.

*Adoration* – On Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 9–10 pm winter: 10–11 pm summer, either in St. James Church or on the back altar directly behind the church.
SPECIAL STATEMENT

Medjugorje Status
December 1, 2011 A.D.

No attempt is intended to pre-empt the Church on the validity of the Medjugorje Apparitions. They are private revelation waiting the Church’s final judgment\(^1\). In the interim, these private revelations are allowed by, and for, the faithful to have devotion to and to be spread legally by the Church. Devotion and the propagation of private revelations can be forbidden only if the private revelation is condemned because of anything it contains which contravenes faith and morals according to AAS 58 (1966) 1186 Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Medjugorje has not been condemned nor found to have anything against faith or morals, therefore it is in the grace of the Church to be followed by the faithful. By the rite of Baptism one is commissioned and given the authority to evangelize. “By Baptism they share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission.”\(^2\) One does not need approval to promote or to have devotions to private revelations or to spread them when in conformity to AAS 58 (1966) 1186, as the call to evangelize is given when baptized. Caritas of Birmingham, the Community of Caritas and all associated with it, realize and accept that the final authority regarding the Queen of Peace, Medjugorje and happenings related to the apparitions, rests with the Holy See in Rome. We at Caritas, willingly submit to that judgment. While having an amiable relationship with the Diocese of Birmingham and a friendly relationship with its bishop, Caritas of Birmingham as a lay mission is not officially connected to the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama, just as is the Knights of Columbus.\(^3\) The Diocese of Birmingham’s official position on Caritas is neutral and holds us as Catholics in good standing.

1. The Church does not have to approve the apparitions. The Church can do as She did with the apparitions of Rue du Bac in Paris and the Miraculous Medal. The Church never approved these apparitions. She gave way to the people’s widespread acceptance of the Miraculous Medal and thereby the Apparitions to St. Catherine.

2. Catechism of the Catholic Church 2nd Edition

3. The Knights of Columbus also are not officially under the Church, yet they are very Catholic. The Knights of Columbus was founded as a lay organization 129 years ago, with the basic Catholic beliefs. Each local council appeals to the local Ordinary to be the Chaplain. The Knights of Columbus is still a lay organization, and operates with its own autonomy.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The author of this book is also the author of the books Words From Heaven®, How to Change Your Husband™, I See Far™, Look What Happened While You Were Sleeping™, It Ain’t Gonna Happen™, They Fired the First Shot 2012™, hundreds of booklets, and other publications such as the Words of the Harvesters and the Caritas of Birmingham Newsletter. He has written more on Medjugorje and its messages than anyone in the world, producing life-changing writings and spiritual direction to countless numbers across the world, of all nationalities. He wishes to be known only as “A Friend of Medjugorje.” The author is not one looking in from the outside regarding Medjugorje, but one who is close to the events — many times, right in the middle of the events about which he has written; a first-hand witness.

Originally writing to only a few individuals in 1987, readership has grown to over 250,000 in the United States, with additional readers in over one hundred thirty foreign countries, who follow the spiritual insights and direction given through these writings.

The author, when asked why he signs only as “A Friend of Medjugorje,” stated:

“I have never had an ambition or desire to write. I do so only because God has shown me, through prayer, that He desires this of me. So from the beginning, when I was writing to only a few people, I prayed to God and promised I would not sign anything; that the writings would have to
carry themselves and not be built on a personality. I prayed that if it was God’s desire for these writings to be inspired and known, then He could do it by His Will and grace and that my will be abandoned to it.

“The Father has made these writings known and continues to spread them to the ends of the earth. These were Our Lord’s last words before ascending: “Be a witness to the ends of the earth.” These writings give testimony to that desire of Our Lord to be a witness with one’s life. It is not important to be known. It is important to do God’s Will.”

For those who require “ownership” of these writings by the author in seeing his name printed on this work in order to give it more credibility, we state that we cannot reconcile the fact that these writings are producing hundreds of thousands of conversions, if not millions through grace, and are requested worldwide from every corner of the earth. The author, therefore, will not take credit for a work that, by proof of the impact these writings have to lead hearts to conversion, have been Spirit–inspired with numbers increasing yearly, sweeping as a wave across the ocean. Indeed in this case, crossing every ocean of the earth. Our Lady gave this author a direct message for him through the visionary, Marija, of Medjugorje, in which Our Lady said to him to witness not with words but through humility. It is for this reason that he wishes to remain simply “A Friend of Medjugorje.”

— Caritas of Birmingham
Medjugorje

The Story in Brief

THE VILLAGE SEES THE LIGHT is the title of a story which “Reader’s Digest” published in February 1986. It was the first major news on a mass public scale that told of the Virgin Mary visiting the tiny village of Medjugorje, Bosnia-Hercegovina. At that time this village was populated by 400 families.

It was June 24, 1981, the Feast of John the Baptist, the proclaimer of the coming Messiah. In the evening, around 5:00 p.m., the Virgin Mary appeared to two young people, Mirjana Dragičević* and Ivanka Ivanković*. Around 6:40 p.m. the same day, Mirjana and Ivanka, along with four more young people, Milka Pavlović*, the little sister of Marija, Ivan Ivanković, Vicka Ivanković*, and Ivan Dragičević saw the Virgin Mary. The next day, June 25, 1981, along with Mirjana, Ivanka, Vicka and Ivan Dragičević, Marija Pavlović* and Jakov Čolo also saw the Virgin Mary, bringing the total to six visionaries. Milka Pavlović* and Ivan Ivanković only saw Our Lady once, on that first day. These six have become known as and remain “the visionaries.”

* Names at the time of the apparitions, they are now married with last names changed.
These visionaries are not related to one another. Three of the six visionaries no longer see Our Lady on a daily basis. As of August 2013, the Virgin is still appearing everyday to the remaining three visionaries; that’s well over 14,332 apparitions.

The supernatural event has survived all efforts of the Communists to put a stop to it, many scientific studies, and even the condemnation by the local bishop; yet, the apparitions have survived, giving strong evidence that this is from God because nothing and no one has been able to stop it. For over thirty-two years, the apparitions have proved themselves over and over and now credibility is so favorable around the world that the burden of proof that this is authentic has shifted from those who believe to the burden of proof that it is not happening by those opposed to it. Those against the apparitions are being crushed by the fruits of Medjugorje — millions and millions of conversions which are so powerful that they are changing and will continue to change the whole face of the earth.

See **mej.com** for more information.

or **Medjugorje.com**
Spiritual Direction for Your Pilgrimage

If after reading all the materials sent to you, you still have some questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are praying for you now, that your pilgrimage will be grace-filled and life changing. Call 205-672-2000 ext. 218, twenty four hours a day.

Before you pilgrimage with us, please read the following, because you might change your mind…

Many who travel to Medjugorje worry about the material aspects in preparing for their trip—shoes, clothing, etc.

We would like to bring to your thoughts that the best preparation will be through prayer.

Through experience, those we’ve taken who leave Medjugorje most fulfilled were those who prepared through prayer, who anticipated nothing, and who rid themselves of their will and sought God’s will.
Our earnest desire is for your pilgrimage to be a “pilgrimage”.

Those of us who leave our family and volunteer our time want you to know that we will be with you in Medjugorje not as tourists, but as pilgrims. **We do not take side trips during the time of the pilgrimage.**

All we ask of you is preparation through prayer and to realize this trip contains elements of joy, sorrow, reflection, sacrifices, and penance. **If you feel you are of a different spirit, there are other Medjugorje pilgrimage groups, which may be better suited for you.** It is our hope to have like-minded souls seeking earnestly God’s Will for their lives with an abandoned spirit. Please understand what it means to go on pilgrimage with us, and please, we want to be clear, do not go with us if you are of a different spirit.

On one of our pilgrimages, a pilgrim who was part of our Caritas group told us the instructions she gave her family before she left. She told them not to expect her to contact them until after she was home again. She also said for them not to try to contact her unless it was an emergency. What would be considered an emergency? She said if her house was burning
down don’t call her. What could she do about it while in Medjugorje? She said if her husband should pass away, still don’t call her, for there would be nothing she could do for him except pray, and she would be doing that already. Of course she was joking, but it illustrated the point clearly to her family; she was going on a pilgrimage and leaving behind everything in order to give Jesus and Mary her full attention. She wanted nothing to interfere with this. During her time in Medjugorje, everything else could wait.

You are pilgrimaging with what former pilgrims have stated year after year; that Caritas of Birmingham has the best pilgrimages going to Medjugorje. That reputation is due to the way we spiritually manage our pilgrims such as what follows:

So often when we bring groups over to Medjugorje, the first or second question pilgrims ask is “Where is a phone?” Taking the advice of the woman above, Caritas strongly discourages the use of phones, e-mail, and Internet use during your stay in Medjugorje. Cell phones are forbidden on Caritas Pilgrimages. They are a destructive distraction to your time in Medjugorje with Our Lady. It is a tool that satan is able to use to keep your mind preoccupied with things at home that
you simply do not need to be concerned or worried about. Your family is capable of surviving without you for the ten days you will be gone. They may have their struggles and may certainly have to make some sacrifices of their own until you return home again, but they will survive. This is a retreat, and all distractions are to be blocked out.

In general, the phone calls and e-mails that pilgrims make home are not emergencies, but to check on things at home, or to share something that happened to them while in Medjugorje. During your ten days in Medjugorje, Our Lady wants to lead each pilgrim to a new depth in prayer. She will be unable to do this where there are interruptions and distractions that lead you away from this focus.

It is proven that satan will use any means to distract, upset, and worry you, because Medjugorje is a profound place of powerful graces. News from home, in most every case you will not be able to do anything about, will harm your pilgrimage and serve to distract prayer. When you are not in prayer, you are poor receivers of God’s love and His grace. Many of you are traveling this long way from home to come to Medjugorje to receive these graces on behalf of family
members who are in need of conversion. It is ironic that satan often will use family, whom you so desperately desire to help, as the means to prevent you from receiving the graces from this holy place of Our Lady’s apparitions that will help them.

We state this clear strong direction to you because we have seen too often in our pilgrimages the real harm cell phones, e-mail, and Internet use can cause in people’s conversions while they are in Medjugorje. We suggest that you speak to your families before you leave for Medjugorje and let them know that you will not be contacting them during your pilgrimage. Tell them it is a retreat and that you will see them and talk to them when you return. It is for your own benefit that we say this. If an emergency does arise, your family may contact Caritas of Birmingham in Alabama, BVM CARITAS MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES. Our Mission House in Medjugorje is in daily contact and we can relay any necessary information to pilgrims in our groups. However, we would like to stress that this would only be done in cases of a life and death emergency.

You are being daily offered in the prayers of the community, that through your pilgrimage to Medjugorje, you will receive abundant graces for yourselves and
your families. May your hearts be already prepared to receive these graces before you even step foot in this village of Peace.

Again, if you desire the use of these things on your retreat pilgrimage, or want to take side trips away from Medjugorje, you should seek another pilgrimage group to travel with. BVM Caritas Medjugorje Pilgrimages reserves the right to remove any member from the pilgrimage before and after the trip begins.

⊙ No Cell Phones
⊙ No Beepers or Other Electronic Devices
⊙ No E-mail/Internet use

With Love for Your Encounter With Our Lady,
A Friend of Medjugorje COCI
For Your Convenience:

It has been our goal to make our pilgrimages more efficient and affordable to all. For several years in a row we’ve offered the lowest price, full-package pilgrimage going to Medjugorje. As you know, tax and gratuities are a necessary part of any travel. Our experience has shown us these necessary expenses can be annoyances, which seem to always be creeping up throughout your travel. To make your pilgrimage as free from these worldly things as possible, we have arranged for all airport taxes, government taxes, bus tips, and other gratuities and domestic help and other surcharges to be combined and included in the ticket price. This is again provided as a convenience for you to give you the best pilgrimage, free from annoyances, that you may be more concentrated on prayer.
**About Your Passport:**

You must have an up-to-date passport. A valid U.S. Passport is required for each US citizen or an up-to-date passport and proper visas for all pilgrims who do not have a US passport. Please do not pack this in your luggage since you must present it at the first entry point.

**Suggestion:**

Have your passport number and the place and date of issuance written down and kept in a separate place from your passport along with a Xerox copy of your passport. Please send BVM Caritas Medjugorje Pilgrimages a copy along with your signed reservation form and medical release form. Also, leave a copy at home (USA). This information is necessary for replacing your passport should it get lost. Replacement is required before returning to the U.S. If you are delayed and miss the motor coach because of a lost passport, hotel reservation, plane ticket, etc., car rental or a taxi could be a very costly expense for you, so it’s to your benefit to speed up a delayed process by following the advice...
above, and have a copy on hand, as well as a backup of your passport at home.

**Contact Information:**

Should an emergency make it necessary for your stateside relatives to contact you during your stay in Medjugorje, they may do so by contacting:

Caritas of Birmingham  
100 Our Lady Queen of Peace Dr.  
Sterrett, AL 35147 USA

**205-672-2000** (Mon.–Fri., 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Central Time)

OR they may contact Caritas on evenings and weekends at 205-672-2000 Ext. 218 and leave a message. These messages are frequently checked. We do recommend that whomever is picking you up also contacts the domestic carrier before leaving for the airport to pick up anyone, to verify the arrival time in your home city airport.
About Changes Etc…

Flight times and numbers are listed as they currently are scheduled. However, please note that any and/or all of these schedules may be changed at any time at the discretion of the air carrier as necessary. Any such changes are the responsibility of the airlines. BVM Caritas Medjugorje Pilgrimages has neither control nor liability over such changes.

About Insurance:

We strongly suggest the purchase of travel insurance. The forms are furnished for your information, to purchase if you wish. Complete the form and mail it along with your check directly to the insurance company.
Practical Information
While in Medjugorje

About The Weather/Clothing:

Temperatures in Medjugorje are approximately as follows:

- March 35°F–55°F
- April 45°F–65°F
- May 55°F–75°F
- June 60°F–95°F
- July 65°F–95°F
- August 65°F–90°F
- September 55°F–85°F
- October 50°F–70°F
- November 40°F–55°F

Please keep in mind that you are in an area of mountains and the temperatures may feel somewhat lower than those listed. It is important that you remember that there is little or no air conditioning in the pension where you will be staying, and although there is heat, it is a likelihood of it not always working properly.
It is best to plan to layer your clothing so you may add or subtract according to need. Most months of the year have some rain, so you will need to prepare for that as well. We suggest taking an extra change (or two) of clothing with you on the plane (carry-on luggage) in the event your luggage is lost or damaged.

Please be mindful that this is a religious place. The Church rules are: **no gym shorts or tank tops to be worn in the Church yard or in the two mountain areas which have special religious significance.** Your dress will need to be comfortable. We suggest that ladies wear loose fitted slacks. Capri pants and long knee-length shorts or skirts (not short) may be worn as well as comfortable walking shoes. **SNEAKERS ARE A MUST for this trip.** High-heels and dress-up clothing are unnecessary. It would be wise to take clothing that can be layered, with layers being added or removed as the temperature warrants. An all-weather coat is a good idea. Remember the terrain here is hilly and rocky and very dusty when dry, but very muddy when wet. Some roads are not paved and the mode of transportation for a good pilgrimage is “foot power.” Again, we strongly suggest that you take an extra change of clothing with you in your carry-on luggage in the event that your lug-
gage is lost, delayed or damaged. This happens FRE-
QUENTLY.

**About The Currency:**

Traveler’s checks are not necessary in Med-
jugorje. It is recommended not to bring bills larger than
a $20.00 bill, as proper change may not be available.
Credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, and American Express)
are accepted by some businesses. The Euro dollar is
instituted across Europe. It offers a convenience if you
wish to exchange US to European currency. But to ex-
change back to US dollars at the end of your pilgrimage
will cost you a second time.

**About Time Difference:**

The time difference is six hours ahead of Eastern
Time, seven hours ahead of Central Time, eight hours
ahead of Mountain Time, and nine hours ahead of Pa-
cific Time.
Flight Itinerary:

A complete listing of your flight schedules will be sent with your final documents.

Baggage Tag:

Each traveler receives three baggage tags. Affix it to your luggage. Most people over-pack. We recommend each person to check ONLY ONE BAG, not to exceed 50 POUNDS. (We will keep you updated with any changes in carrier regulations) It must be tagged with a baggage tag to help insure its arrival. Please leave tags on luggage until you return home. You may also take a carry-on bag on the plane with you, but it MUST fit under your seat or in the overhead bin, and you must handle it yourself. WE STRONGLY DISCOURAGE THE USE OF GARMENT OR HANG BAGS, since they are easily damaged and/or lost. Often, BVM Caritas pilgrims will be asked to bring a second suitcase to bring items for the Caritas Mission House which helps its mission. Thank you for your help.
**Caritas Back Pack:**

A convenient back pack will be sent to you, and may be used as one of your “carry-on’s” or you may pack it in your luggage and use it in the village to transport your extra shoes, lunch, flashlight, water bottle, etc. If you pack this, please put the baggage tag on your carry on piece of luggage.

**Caritas Name Badge:**

This badge should be worn in a visible spot throughout the trip to assist in identifying you to the local representative and pilgrimage members. PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE AT ALL TIMES.

**Accommodations:**

Typically on our pilgrimages you will be staying at Hotel Palace. The founder of Caritas of Birmingham, A Friend of Medjugorje, has a very close friendship throughout the years with the owners of the Hotel Palace. Our pilgrim groups have stayed with this Croatian family since the beginnings of BVM CARITAS
Medjugorje Pilgrimages and their beginnings of keeping pilgrims. The Hotel Palace is in an ideal location within the village. It offers a beautiful setting and comfortable accommodations. Located off the busy street it is in its own little cove. It is located within the spiritual triangle of Apparition Mountain, St. James Church, and Cross Mountain. Geographically, Our Lady choosing the apparition spot on Pobrdo made the three, Apparition Mountain, Cross Mountain, and the church, a sign, representing the Trinity. This makes the location of the Palace even more desirable. Still more, its location is on the line of the Trinity triangle, it is only one block from St. James Church, making it quickly accessible to Adoration late at night and services.

**Meals:**

We want your experience to be pleasant and for you to know exactly what your cost will be before your pilgrimage. BVM Caritas Medjugorje Pilgrimages includes everything in the total cost, so all three meals are included. You will share your meals prepared by your host family in a central area. The lady of the house sets the menu for breakfast and dinner in accordance with local custom, and there is no choice as it is pre-fixed. For
lunch, while you are in the village, the lady of the house will pack a lunch for you, which may include fruit, sandwiches and water. You can put this in your backpack to be eaten during your day out in the village, in the churchyard, at the tables, or even up on the mountains.

**Language:**

The language of the villagers in Medjugorje is Croatian, however, there is usually one person in the host home who speaks some English.

**Electrical Items:**

If you plan to use any electrical items, remember the voltage is 220 and the outlets are European. These require transformer (220V to 110V) and adapter plug (two round prongs) to make them work. Some adapters do not work as well as others. It is best to buy an adapter with multiple applications to make sure it will fit.
**Medications:**

The medications, which you require, should be carried with you since there is no place in Medjugorje to conveniently buy such items. All Medications must remain in their original containers. This applies to both prescription and over the counter medications. It would be wise to carry them on the plane with you in the event your luggage is delayed. **(Very Important)** All needles (for insulin or other medical uses) must have a letter from your doctor stating what they are used for.

**Flashlights:**

A flashlight is important for night walking, getting around in the guest home at night, etc. Do not pack it in your suitcase as sometimes security checks will cause it to be delayed for two or three days.

**Cameras And Batteries:**

If you take a camera and batteries are required, take extra. It is permissible to carry an audio tape recorder or a still camera to use during your visit. **Remove**
all batteries from your equipment and do not pack them in your suitcase which you will check-in, because you will be asked to unpack them for safety precautions.

Take them with you in your carry-on bag.

Please keep in your thoughts and in prayer that your camera use, especially video, is a MAJOR distraction during your pilgrimage. If you experience Medjugorje through the lens of a camera, you may have fantastic pictures to show your friends upon returning home, but the experience in the depths of your heart will remain empty and unchanged.

“When you are in the room of the apparitions or at the church, you should not preoccupy yourselves with taking pictures. Rather, you should use the time to pray to Jesus, especially in those moments of particular grace during the apparitions.”

—Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje, January 1984

We ask you to keep Our Lady's message in prayer while packing for your pilgrimage. Don’t think, “Well, I may never go back any time soon, I want everything on camera or video to remember it.” Then what will happen is you will only remember taking pictures,
and will need the picture to remember what happened. If you experience it in the heart, you will always have something to see. You just close your eyes and remember. It is our experience that those with video cameras leave Medjugorje with far less than those who do not use them. You are to leave with Medjugorje in your heart, not in your video.

**Travel Alarm Clock:**

An alarm clock is recommended so that you can be prompt at mealtimes, morning meetings, Mass, etc.

**Towels And Toiletries:**

Usually only a single towel per person is provided during your stay and no washcloth, so you may want to bring your own. Also be sure to bring your own soap, shampoo, personal hygiene items such as tissues, handi-wipes, etc.
The Water:

The water in the village is safe to drink. Bottled water is also available at the guest houses and at small markets.

Smoking:

Smoking is NOT permitted anywhere in the guest homes or in the porch or patio areas, the Church yard, any area where Our Lady appeared, or aboard any bus. It makes no difference if the bus driver or the owner of the house is smoking. Members of BVM CARITAS MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES do not smoke in these areas. Please observe this. If you are a smoker, these sacrifices offered with joy will greatly enrich your pilgrimage.

The Pace Of The Pilgrimage:

The pilgrimage is physical in nature and our travel in the village is on foot. The terrain in Medjugorje, on the mountains, can be difficult for those who are elderly or have physical disabilities. With a commitment to sacrifice, you can easily overcome these difficulties even if
you are elderly. So, we ask you to strongly take this into consideration before making the decision to travel with us. We go to Medjugorje as pilgrims, and it entails what that word means. We do not convenience ourselves.
Five “Must Do’s” in Medjugorje

Apparition Mountain, Cross Mountain, the Visionaries, St. James Church, and the Caritas Mission House, these are the five “must do’s” to have a complete Medjugorje pilgrimage. Throughout the years, pilgrims from every nation have made the Caritas of Birmingham Mission House in Medjugorje a part of their pilgrimage. Countless numbers have relayed to us that it is there, in the Mission House, where they came to understand more fully Our Lady’s messages and plans for the world. It is why people, who have returned home from their pilgrimages, have told others going to Medjugorje to go to the Caritas Mission House, stating that the Caritas Mission House was a high point of their pilgrimage and a “must do” to make a pilgrimage to Medjugorje a complete and more profound experience.

Don’t Miss a Visit to the Caritas Mission House

“We come in several times during our pilgrimages to talk about the messages with the community. We are always welcome and encouraged to bring others in as well. We have gone to Medjugorje many times and the Mission House is always a place we must visit.”

B & G Ireland

“The billboard drew me and my family into the Caritas Mission House. I was surprised to find the message and CD’s in my language.”

Family of 7 from Spain

“I came in looking for materials to take back to my convent and I left with 2 bags of beautiful booklets and postcards containing Our Lady’s messages.”

Sister from England

Look for the St. Michael statue and “This is My Time” Signs.
Caritas of Birmingham Mission House is operated by the Community of Caritas.
The Mother house is located at: 100 Our Lady Queen of Peace Drive
Sterrett, Alabama 35147 USA

Mej.com Extensive up-to-date information on Medjugorje as it happens.
Important Travel Notice

Please read and make note of the following important travel information:

- Bring an AM/FM transistor-type radio with headphones to Medjugorje to hear the English translation of the visionaries’ talks, etc.
- Check your checked luggage to your final destination in Croatia
- Pack all batteries in your carry-on luggage
- If you have any flight delays or cancellations, please call us immediately at BVM Caritas Medjugorje Pilgrimages at 205-672-2000 Ext 218 or 219, so we can arrange your transfer from the airport to Medjugorje
- If you need this delayed transfer, there will be an additional cost. Travel insurance should cover it. Payment would be required upon returning home.
- God bless you and we will be praying for your pilgrimage!
- BVM Caritas Medjugorje Pilgrimages

Medjugorje Checklist:

Check off your list as you pack, for your own peace of mind.

- Passport, e-ticket & Itinerary
- Light colored clothing because of the sun
- Neutral colored clothing that will mix and match and layer if needed.
- Extra pair of shoes
- Small amount of liquid detergent to wash clothing in sink if necessary.
- Jacket/sweater for cool mornings or evenings.
- Hat/sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Batteries (In Carry on)
- Soap and Shampoo
- Towel
- FM Radio with Earphones
- Washcloth
- Tissues
- Current Transformer/Adaptor
- Travel Alarm Clock
- Journal
- Sunscreen/Sunblock
- Medications (In Carry on)
- Back-Pack
- Small Snacks
- Pieta Prayer Book
- Words From Heaven® Book
- Rain Gear (Can be purchased in Medjugorje if necessary).
Release Form

This Page (Front and Back) must be signed and returned to BVM CARITAS MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES before you receive your itinerary and e-ticket.

The undersigned is traveling on a trip to Medjugorje, arranged by BVM CARITAS MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES, a division of Caritas of Birmingham, Inc. and the Community of Caritas, an Alabama not-for-profit Religious corporation. The undersigned represents and warrants to BVM Pilgrimages, Caritas of Birmingham, Inc., and the Community of Caritas, Inc., and it's agents and members the following:

1. The undersigned is at least 18 years of age, of sound mind, not under the influence of any medication, has made the decision to travel to Medjugorje freely of his own volition and neither BVM CARITAS MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES or Caritas of Birmingham, Inc., the Community of Caritas agents or members has encouraged nor induced the undersigned to travel to Medjugorje.

2. The undersigned understands that neither Caritas of Birmingham, Inc. nor BVM CARITAS MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES nor the Community of Caritas or its agents or members can guarantee the safety of the undersigned.

3. BVM CARITAS MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES represents and is an agent for selected carriers, transportation companies, tour operators, hotels, wholesalers and service companies; all of which are disclosed principals and independent contractors. This agency is not responsible for any negligent act or omission by any of these organizations.

4. The undersigned hereby indemnifies, releases and holds harmless, Caritas of Birmingham, Inc., BVM CARITAS MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES, the Community of Caritas, its members, board of directors, officers, employees and agents from any and all claims, liability, costs or responsibility relating to or arising from any injury to, death of or any damage suffered by the undersigned occurring in the past, present or future related to the undersigned’s trip or trips to Medjugorje, including but not limited to, any alleged acts or negligence.

Dated this the _______day of ____________, 20___.
Signature: __________________________________________

Please print the following:
Name: _____________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________
Phone #____________________________________________
Witnessed by:
Name: _____________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________
Medical Form

It is very important for BVM Caritas Medjugorje Pilgrimages to be aware if you or a member of your party traveling to Medjugorje is suffering from any of the following:

Alcoholism (Europe is a place where wine is life. We wish you to avoid situations where one might be put in a difficult situation and if we are informed beforehand it is a big help for us.)

Diabetic
Drug Addiction
Epilepsy
Mental Illness
Heart Condition
Other (please inform us of any other physical or mental condition that would be important for us to know).

Name: __________________________________________
Medications currently taking: _______________________
________________________________________________
Condition: _______________________________________
________________________________________________

All information on this form will be kept strictly confidential.
Located just over one block from the church.
Facing the front of St. James Church from outside—exit the courtyard to the LEFT.
Walk past the Parish Offices to the main road and turn RIGHT.
Follow the sidewalk a brief distance to the next road and turn LEFT, crossing the road at the crosswalk. You will see a jewelry shop on the corner. The jewelry shop and a flower shop will be on your right as you pass it.
Follow STRAIGHT on the sidewalk a very short distance.
At the first road next to a religious article shop bear slightly RIGHT.
Follow this road past a row of Pansions until you reach the Caritas of Birmingham Mission House.
Look for the **St. Michael statue** and **“This is My Time” Signs**.

Caritas of Birmingham Mission House is operated by the Community of Caritas.
The Mother house is located at: 100 Our Lady Queen of Peace Drive Sterrett, Alabama 35147 USA

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