

## JOYFUL MARIA ESPERANZA WITNESS *By Mrs. Patricia Matarazzo*



*Maria Esperanza*

It all started with a phone call from my dear friend, Brother Carlos. He had contacted our mutual friend, Mary, and told her that the three of us were going to St. Paul's Church in Jericho, New

York, in about an hour. It was the fall of 1993 and we were experiencing an Indian summer. For me it was a special time because I was pregnant and awaiting the birth of my daughter in a few weeks. We didn't think we could have a child since I had three miscarriages over the past two years.

Brother Carlos said that there was a visionary named Maria Esperanza from the church-approved apparition site at Betania, Venezuela. She was to speak to the congregation at St. Paul's, hosted by Our Mother Queen of Peace. He mentioned that this was not advertised and that the people who were to attend would be the ones who were meant to be there. Those gathered would hear what Maria had to share about her relationship with our Blessed Mother.

My friends picked me up at 3:30 p.m. When we arrived at the church there were only a few people gathered because we had arrived so early. The program wasn't scheduled to start until around 7:00 p.m. We

took seats in the front and waited for Maria and her family to arrive. I personally didn't know anything about Maria or her family. I just thought it would be a night of prayer and music and I was looking forward to the evening.

I need to explain that I had previously had three miscarriages in a less-than two-year period. The first miscarriage was at four weeks, the second at around two months and the last was around five months. I am a woman who believes in Our Father's plan for my life so I was blessed in never getting discouraged or upset. My husband, on the other hand, was upset and lost. We are a praying family and I knew that each miscarriage became harder for him but assured him that God knew what he was doing and we needed to just trust. In retrospect, the last miscarriage was truly a blessing because the child would not have lived very long after birth, according to what my doctor told us.

So here I am at St. Paul's, sitting peacefully in prayer and waiting. The prayer service finally started around 7:00pm, and it was angelic in every way. Maria was just shining with the light of Christ: her family displayed an aura of total awe toward Our Lady with each song they sang. The church was packed and the prayer celebration ended around 11:00pm. There was fellowship in the basement and people gather in small groups.

I turned to my friends, letting them know that I was going to try and find Maria and ask her to bless my child. We decided that we would all take off in different directions in the

quest to find Maria. We thought that by splitting up surely one of us would find Maria. Well, it didn't exactly go that way.

It was very late, very hot, and I was tired at that point. I decided to take one more walk to the parking lot in the rear of the church. As I was walking I was praying that if this was part of Our Lord's plan for me to receive a blessing from Maria Esperanza, let it happen quickly because I was so tired. Otherwise I told Our Lord in prayer that I felt blessed by being a part of the evening's celebration and that was just fine with me.

At that time a young man came up along my left side. I was moved to ask him for help. I asked him if he knew where Maria was and when he asked me why I wanted to see her, I told him my story. He turned to me and said that he was a member of her family and to walk with him. We walked to the back of the parking lot where a tour bus was starting its engine. The doors of the bus opened and Maria Esperanza stood before me. She motioned for me to come up the few steps and then turned to ask the young man something in Spanish. She then placed her hands on my pregnant belly and prayed. I felt a surge go thru me, not of electricity but one of peace. I should say it was like a blanket covering my child and me. I thanked her in English and asked the young man to thank her from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful prayer evening and her blessing.

Three weeks later my beautiful and healthy daughter, LeeAnna, was born. I did

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### MESSAGES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MEDJUGORJE



**Message of September 25, 2010** *"Dear children! Today I am with you and bless you all with my motherly blessing of peace, and I urge you to live your life of faith even more, because you are still weak and are not humble. I urge you, little children, to speak less and to work more on your personal conversion so that your witness may be fruitful. And may your life be unceasing prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

**Message of October 25, 2010** *"Dear children! May this time be a time of prayer for you. My call, little children, desires to be for you a call to decide to follow the way of conversion; therefore, pray and seek the intercession of all the saints. May they be for you an example, an incentive and a joy towards eternal life. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

# A MEDJUGORJE MIRACLE DURING THE YOUTH FESTIVAL?



Sister Emmanuel  
of Medjugorja

By Sister Emmanuel

A surprising event took place in Medjugorje on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Since the articles on the internet about the events spread many errors, I wanted to make a serious inquiry before writing

about it. So, below I have written the facts as I received them from Dominik's family.

Dominik Juros, a 16-year-old Slovakian boy, born in a Catholic family from the village of Hran, came to the Youth Festival this summer with other young people from his area. During the preceding months, Dominik went through a period of inner rebellion, mostly concerning faith. He no longer wanted to serve at Mass as altar boy; and he refused to pray with his parents.

Although this group had signed up for a pilgrimage, they were not really interested in the Youth Festival or in God in general. They behaved more like tourists on vacation.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the heat was extreme in Medjugorje. The group decided to go swimming at the waterfalls of Kravica with Janko, their guide, rather than follow the program of the Festival. Dominik slipped into the icy water, and sank 9 or 10 feet deep. He managed to surface several times, but no one noticed that he was drowning. Instead, people around him thought he was playing a game. Ten minutes later, Janko began to worry because he could no longer see him! He swam to the spot where he had last seen him. With the help of others, Janko was able to pull Dominik out of the water. His heart had stopped. It took 15 to 20 minutes of resuscitation to make it resume beating, but on the way to Mostar's hospital his heart stopped beating again. His lungs no longer worked. At the hospital Dominik was put into an induced coma and his vital bodily functions were taken over by medical devices.

The next day, his parents rushed from Slovakia to Mostar. After hearing what had happened, all the young people at the Festival started praying fervently for him and this beautiful chain of love continued day and night! Even Dominik's bus companions, suddenly seized by the fear of God, started to pray. Each went to Confession and they attended Mass with great piety.

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, surrounded by his family and with a lot of prayers, Dominik showed unexpected signs of awareness. Although unconscious, he would press his mother's hand or shed tears. He woke up on August 7<sup>th</sup> and his organs revived. His first reaction was to cry, begging his parents to forgive him. He grabbed the hand of his mother and asked her to pray with him, and to pray a lot. He wanted to confess his sins, so they asked a priest to come. He was then transferred to a hospital in Slovakia, where he began walking and talking freely. Four weeks later, he was back in school. His Slovakian doctor reports that Dominik's recovery is amazing, considering what he had endured.

Dominik shared some interesting aspects of his experience. For instance, although unconscious when he was taken out of the water, he saw his parents in Slovakia sitting in front of television, and he knew what they were doing and where they were going. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, according to people present and his own words, he became hypersensitive, felt intense inner struggles, and had unusual perceptions. According to Dominik, while he was between life and death he felt threatened by "dark figures" present in the hospital, some standing at the door and others causing havoc in the room, accusing him. These figures were constantly trying to prevent his mother from praying at his bedside. Dominik's face lit up when he felt the presence of a person full of light, peace and joy, who he thinks was the Blessed Mother. When someone entered his room carrying some water, he knew that it was Holy Water and thought, "Oh, blessed water! That will help me now!" He said he could perceive the prayers of his family as peaceful, positive, very helpful and full of life.

Dominik was able to see Purgatory. There he saw two young people suffering; they had lived in a neighboring town. He saw that they had burned a car and were later killed in an accident. He saw Angels, splendid beings dressed in white, with beautiful faces. He said he saw Jesus face to face and that Jesus had the most beautiful eyes. When his family was praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at his bedside, he asked them, "Can you smell that wonderful fragrance?" "What fragrance?" his mother asked. "The blood of Jesus! It has a wonderful fragrance!" he answered.

There are many details to the story that will not fit here: however, it is important to note that Dominik's mother consecrated him

to Our Lady at his conception. Dominick often repeated that we should love each other and forgive one another, that love is the most important thing in life. He insistently asked members of his family to treat each other with much more love, even in the smallest things, and to always forgive and to have no enemies. With his short but sweet taste of Heaven, Dominik regretted that the medical team had saved his life!

We know that normally, after a few minutes under water, the brain is damaged by lack of oxygen. But in Dominik's case, only God knows whether it is, medically, a miracle. This is of little importance! What is beautiful in this event is that it happened when 40,000 youth of the Festival were praying in Medjugorje. The Lord used this teenager, going through a crisis, to bring all his friends to their knees (those present in Medjugorje and those in Slovakia), to inspire them to go to Confession and to turn their hearts to God. Moreover, to some of those kids who put earthly things in the first place of their life, and who thought they could make it without God, Dominik's experience revealed another world, other values, and reminded them of the most vital commandment of Jesus: "Love one another as I have loved you!"

Dominik does not remember everything, but the effect of grace is very obvious in his life. He has turned into a young man who today prays profoundly, who lives his faith with fervor, and who happily joins his parents and family in prayer. He shows great reverence for the Cross of Jesus and for Our Lady. All his relatives are grateful for what the mercy of God did for him. Even his grandfather, a former obstinate opponent of Medjugorje, now wants to come. Magnificat!

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LeeAnna

not worry about my delivery knowing that I had received a special blessing from Maria Esperanza, a prayer warrior of Mary. I trusted in Our Lord's plan for my life and the life of my daughter.

My daughter is a blessing to all whom she meets. She is a spirit-filled young lady who has a beautiful relationship with Our Mother. She attends Kellenberg

# DO YOU APPRECIATE THE HOLY EUCHARIST?



*Eucharistic Miracle*

A consecrated Host began to bleed on December 8, 1998, in Betania, Venezuela, a site approved by the church. This is where mystic Maria Esperanza and hundreds of others witnessed the

appearance of Our Holy Mother as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Lourdes, and especially as Our Lady, Reconciler of All Nations.

After the miraculous Host was authenticated, the local bishop had it taken to the Augustinian nuns in Los Teques, near Caracas, Venezuela for safekeeping, visitation and adoration by pilgrims. This past March, a group from Our Mother Queen of Peace-Betania XIII visited Betania I, the home of Maria Esperanza. We later traveled to the Augustinian convent to adore the Eucharist Miracle.

**Reflection:** “My children,” said the Cure of Ars, “I often think that most of the Christians who are lost are lost for want of instruction; they do not know their religion well.”

## Our Mother Queen of Peace-Betania XIII is trying to end that dilemma.



*St. Teresa of Avila*

St. Teresa of Avila urged her daughters not to rush out after Mass but to treasure the opportunity for thanksgiving: “Let us detain ourselves lovingly with Jesus,” she said, “and not waste the hour that follows Communion.”

St. Teresa says that during communion Jesus

remains in the soul as on a throne of grace, and says to the soul, “What do you want that I should do to you?” as if saying, “O Christian soul, I come for the express purpose of giving you my graces. Ask what you wish and you shall obtain it.”

Once Saint Philip Neri noticed that a parishioner usually left the church immediately after receiving Holy Communion. To correct him, he told two acolytes to accompany the man with lighted candles as he walked home. The people in the streets stared in surprise. When the man returned to St. Philip to ask why, St. Philip replied, “We have to pay proper respect to Our Lord, Whom you are carrying away with you. Since you neglect to adore Him, I sent two acolytes to take your place.” Realizing his fault, the man knelt and made proper thanksgiving after Holy Communion.

**Note: Jesus Christ literally remains within us for about 15 minutes after we receive Holy Communion. We become a tabernacle for our creator, as Our Holy Mother’s womb was a tabernacle for the Son of God.**



*St Faustina*

St. Faustina Kowalska said that she received a private revelation from Jesus who told her: “My great delight is to unite Myself with souls... When I come to a human heart in communion, My hands

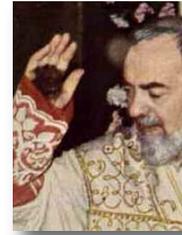
are filled with graces which I want to give to souls. But souls do not pay attention to Me: they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. They do not recognize love. They treat Me as a dead object.”

St. Magdalena de Pazzi said, “The minutes that follow Communion are the most precious we have in our lives.”

St. Louis de Montfort wrote, “I would not

give up this hour of Thanksgiving even for an hour of Paradise.”

St. Josemaria Escriva: “We give thanks to God our Lord for the wonderful way He has given Himself up for us. Imagine, the Word made flesh has come to us as our food!...Inside us, inside our littleness, lies the Creator of heaven and earth!”



*Eucharistic Miracle*

St. Padre Pio, canonized June 16, 2002, wrote: “When Mass was over I remained with Jesus in thanksgiving. Oh how sweet was the colloquy with paradise that morning! It was such that, although I want to tell you all about it, I cannot...the Heart of Jesus and my own (allow me to use the expression) were fused. No longer were two hearts beating but only one. My own heart had disappeared, as a drop of water is lost in the ocean. Jesus was its paradise, its king. My joy was so intense and deep that I could bear it no more and tears of happiness poured down my cheeks.”



*Maria Esperanza*

Maria Esperanza, Servant of God, after receiving Holy Communion, begged Jesus, “Jesus, You are in my chest, make me a better person, change my life, enlighten my mind, strengthen my heart, enkindle it with love for all my brothers on earth. Help me share with everyone, regardless of how they come to me or where they come from. What is important is to open our hearts to those who need us and come seeking moral support in their spiritual needs. Amen.”

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Memorial High School, a Marianist school, and has developed a deeper spiritual life and devotion to Mary because of the education she has been blessed to receive at Kellenberg Memorial High School. She is actively involved in many clubs and programs at Kellenberg that focus on being a person of faith in today’s ever changing world.

I truly believe that her being blessed by Maria has led her to be a person of deep faith with a deep love for Our Lady. She was honored to participate in Project Understanding this past winter and visited Israel with a group of young people helping to

overcome cultural and religious intolerance..

From LeeAnna: Even though I never met Maria, she is still a very important person in my life. Her blessing brought me a true understanding of my faith. It was basically a miracle the way that my mother met Maria. Their encounter probably wasn’t so much a miracle as just another part of God’s unexpected plan.

**Post script: This is only one of the many, many witnesses who contacted me by telephone and in person. Some experienced the phenomenon of the scent of roses and many saw Maria’s face change to that of**

**Jesus as she spoke.**

**At last year’s conference, “A Day with Mary,” which Maria Esperanza’s husband, daughter and son-in-law attended, many of these same phenomena occurred along with a few unusual photos. If you have pictures or a witness from 1993 to this present day, please let us know. We have been so gifted to be with a future saint and to continue her mission by establishing Betania XIII here on Long Island. Maria Esperanza had a special love for Long Island.**

**OMQP Coordinator**

## ALL ARE WELCOME!



Betania XIII meetings are presently being held on the 3rd Friday of the month at St. Mary's Church, 110 Bryant Ave., Roslyn, NY – 7:45pm

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Update Session on Betania XIII and Refreshments  
Contact: Deacon Ed Case – 516.621.1172



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*We appreciate all calls and letters.*  
OMQP Coordinator

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