

## ***8<sup>th</sup> International Spiritual Retreat for Life***

**to be held in Medjugorje from May 20-23, 2020**

*With the Mother of Life: the spiritual retreat for doctors and all medical workers, for those who are fighting for life, prayer for those who have lost a child, all who have been wounded by abortions, spontaneous miscarriages, for spouses who are longing for a child, for pro-life activists, victims of domestic violence, single parents, pregnant women...*

***The theme of the retreat is:***

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

***In Our Lady's School***

***Programme:***

### ***Wednesday, May 20, 2020***

2 pm Registration of the participants  
4 pm Introduction to the Retreat  
5 pm Evening Prayer Programme in the church: Rosary, Holy Mass, Prayer for the Healing of Body and of the Soul

### ***Thursday, May 21, 2020***

9 am Morning Prayer  
Lecture, sharing  
2 pm Prayer of the Way of the Cross on Cross Mountain  
5 pm Evening Prayer Programme in the church: Rosary, Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### ***Friday, May 22, 2020***

7 am Prayer on Apparition Hill  
9.30 am Lecture, testimonies  
12 pm Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
3 pm Lecture, testimonies  
5 pm Evening Prayer Programme in the church: Rosary, Holy Mass, Veneration of the Holy Cross

### ***Saturday, May 23, 2020***

9 am Prayer  
9:30 am Lecture  
10:30 am Sharing of participants' testimonies and experiences  
12:00 am Closing Holy Mass

*The Lecturer at the retreat is Fr. Marinko Šakota, the parish priest of Medjugorje*

*Father Marinko Šakota was born in Čitluk in 1968. He completed the elementary school, as well as the first class of the High school in Čitluk. Then he felt the Franciscan calling and went to the Franciscan seminary in Visoko where he completed the second class of the Grammar school, and the remaining two he completed in the Jesuit Grammar School in Dubrovnik where he later graduated. He put on the Franciscan habit on July 15, 1987 in Humac where he spent his first year of the Noviciate. He started studying philosophy and theology in Sarajevo at the Franciscan Theology (1989-1990), continued in Zagreb at the Jesuit College (1990-1992), and he completed his studies in Fulda, Germany, where he graduated in 1995. He professed his vows in ŠirokiBrijeg in 1993. He was ordained as deacon in Zagreb in 1996, and as a priest in Frohnleiten in 1996. He first served in Franciscan monastery in Innsbruck where he spent a year as an assistant, then as a spiritual assistant in Frohnleiten, and as an assistant parish priest in Augsburg. He served as the assistant parish priest in Mostar for three years, and was then appointed as the parish priest in Gradnići for seven years. He has been serving as the assistant parish priest in Međugorje since September 2010, and as the parish priest in the same parish since 2013.*

The Retreat shall be held in the hall of St. John Paul II, behind the church. The participation fee per person is 40 €. Reservations may be made via email: [seminar.marija@medjugorje.hr](mailto:seminar.marija@medjugorje.hr) (for Marija Dugandžić). The number of participants is limited due to the space constraints. We therefore kindly ask that you submit your registrations as soon as possible. In addition, we ask that those participating in the Retreat arrange their own accommodation in Međugorje.

**For the purposes of the organisation of this Retreat and your own peace of mind, please consider yourself registered only if you have received our written confirmation. If you did not receive a reply from us, it means that we have not received your application and that you are not registered. This may have happened because you forwarded your e-mail to a wrong address, or your spam filter may have automatically blocked our response. Consequently, please consider yourself registered only if you have received a positive response from us.**