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Thank you for your support of the 2018 Spring Mariathon!

Mini Mariathon July 25-26

The annual Spring Mariathon, held April 30 - May 6, netted a total of \$46,245 for Radio Maria.

"The totals were lower than what we were expecting," said Carlo DiMaggio, president of Radio Maria USA. "It makes it difficult for us to pay our bills when we do not have the funds coming in, but we put our trust in Our Blessed Mother."

For this reason, it is necessary to host a mini Mariathon **July 25-26** (Wednesday - Thursday).

"The board of Radio Maria truly regrets having to go back to the listeners again. We would not do this if it were not necessary," said DiMaggio.

Radio Maria has always been 100 percent listener supported. It receives no funds from the government or any religious organization.

"Radio Maria's mission is to spread Mary's Message of hope, prayer, and conversion," said DiMaggio. "To do this, we need funds to operate. Thank you so much to those who supported us in the 2018 Spring Mariathon and may God bless you!"

Prayer to The Immaculate Conception Patroness of America

(Written at the behest of Our Lady, October 5, 1956 by Sister Mary Ephrem)

Oh Immaculate Mother, Queen of our country, open our hearts, our homes, and our land to the coming of Jesus, your Divine Son. With Him, reign over us, O heavenly Lady, so pure and so bright with the radiance of God's light shining in and about you. Be our leader against the powers of evil set upon wresting the world of souls, redeemed at such a great cost by the sufferings of your Son and of yourself, in union with Him, from that same Savior, Who loves us with infinite charity.

We gather about you, O chaste and

holy Mother, Virgin Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved Land, determined to fight under your banner of holy purity against the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without your loving maternal care.

We consecrate our hearts, our homes, our Land to your Most Pure Heart, O great Queen, that the kingdom of your Son, our Redeemer and our God, may be firmly established in us.

We ask no special sign of you, sweet Mother, for we believe in your great love for us, and we place in you our entire confidence. We promise to honor you by faith, love, and the purity of our lives according to your desire.

Reign over us, then, O Virgin Immaculate, with your Son, Jesus Christ. May His Divine Heart and your most chaste Heart be ever enthroned and glorified among us. Use us, your children of America, as your instruments of peace among men and nations. Work your miracles of grace in us, so that we may be a glory to the Blessed Trinity, Who created, redeemed, and sanctifies us.

May your valiant spouse, St. Joseph, with the holy Angels and Saints, assist you and us in "renewing the face of the earth." Then when our work is over, come, Holy Immaculate Mother, and as our Victorious Queen, lead us to the eternal kingdom, where your Son reigns forever as King. Amen



June 2, 2018
Message to Mirjana

“Dear children, I am calling you to accept my words which I am speaking to you as a mother, with a simplicity of heart, so that you may set out on the way of complete light and purity, of the singular love of my Son, man and God.

A joy—a light indescribable in human words—will penetrate your soul and the peace and love of my Son will take hold of you. I desire this for all of my children.

Therefore, you, apostles of my love, you who know how to love and forgive, you who do not judge, you whom I encourage, you be an example to all those who are not going on the way of light and love or who have diverted from it.

By your life show them the truth. Show them love because love overcomes all difficulties, and all of my children thirst for love. Your unity in love is a gift to my Son and me.

But, my children, remember



that to love also means to desire the good for your neighbor and to desire conversion of your neighbor's soul. As I am looking at you gathered around me, my heart is sad, because I see so little brotherly love, merciful love.

My children, the Eucharist—my Son alive among you—His words will help you comprehend, because His word is life, His word makes the soul breathe, His word brings about

cognition of love.

Dear children, anew, I am imploring you as a mother who desires the good for her children: love your shepherds, pray for them. Thank you.”

June 25, 2018
Message to Marija

“Dear children!

This is the day that the Lord gave me to give Him thanks for each of you, for those who have converted and have accepted my messages and have set out on the way of conversion and holiness.

Rejoice, little children, because God is merciful and loves you all with His immeasurable love and leads you to the way of salvation through my coming here. I love you all and give you my Son that He may give you peace.

Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Note: These messages are not yet recognized by the Catholic Church as having a supernatural origin.

Radio Maria archived programs are victim of email Ransomware

If you were listening to Radio Maria the weekend of June 16-17, you noticed that there were no programs airing -- only music.

The problem -- an outside ransomware cryptoworm (virus) entered the Radio Maria email system and encrypted hundreds of archived programs that we use on the air.

“A demand (ransom) of \$6,000 was made to Radio Maria. If we paid it, we may (or may not) get access back to our programs. We choose not to pay,” said Frank

Hare, technical director for Radio Maria.

According to Frank, the Louisiana State Police said that Radio Maria was one of three businesses in Alexandria the weekend of June 16-17 to be hit by the virus. The virus started in Russia only a few weeks ago and was sent out to random computers all over the world. Radio Maria just happened to be one of the “lucky” ones to be on the list.

“It is unfortunate that this stuff happens,” said Hare. “It has nothing to do with the security of our do-

nor accounts. None of that was touched or compromised in any way. It came in innocently through an email. Someone at the studio opened an email and that's how it got in.

“What it means for Radio Maria is that we will not have our programs archived on the website again until I can get to it, which will take a very long time. What they stole was literally thousands and thousands of hours of work that I did. Be patient. It will take a while to redo what was stolen.”

Wayne Weible, author of Medjugorje books, dies April 21

Wayne Weible, author of several books on Medjugorje, died April 21, 2018 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. He died peacefully in hospice surrounded by family members. He was 80 years old.

Here's an interview with Weible done by Petronia Laine & Michael K. Jones several years ago for Medjugorje USA.

In October 1985, Wayne Weible was a journalist and a Lutheran Sunday school teacher. During one of his classes on the topic of modern day miracles, someone mentioned that the mother of Jesus was supposedly appearing to some children in a small village in Yugoslavia. Weible wanted to know more about it since he was a columnist for four local newspapers. He thought it might make an interesting column to write about for the Christmas season. He was directed to someone who gave him a book and a video about the subject.

Curiously, he read the book in a very short time. Nights later, while watching the video with his wife, Terri, he shook his head and murmured over and over, “This is incredible!” and believed the event was authentic.

Suddenly, while viewing the video, he “felt” an unexpected message within himself that was not audible. The message within himself was strong, yet gentle and soft:

“You are my son, and you are to do my Son's work. Write about the events in Medjugorje. Afterwards you will no longer be in this work (newspapers), for your life will be devoted to the spreading of the message.”

Feeling stunned and nearly in shock, he sat up the entire night wondering and asking “Why me?”

Weible felt totally unworthy and knew very little of all of this, spiritu-



ality. There was no doubt that the message was from the Blessed Virgin Mary. He responded to God in a hesitant “I'll try.”

The willingness of Weible to try led to many conversions by spreading the messages of Medjugorje according to God's will. Today, having answered the calling of Gospa, the Virgin Mary, Weible converted to the Roman Catholic faith, has written several books on the apparitions in Medjugorje including “Medjugorje the Message”, and famously wrote eight articles about the apparitions, printed them in a tabloid which has reached more than 70 million copies in circulation around the world! He also gave lectures at Marian Conferences around the world and influenced the faith of millions.

Interview

Q. During your spreading the messages you changed faith from Lutheran to the Roman Catholic faith. Why did you change religion?

A: Well, to be perfectly frank, it was one thing. When I went to Medjugorje the first time in May 1986, I discovered Jesus in the Eucharist. I fell in love with Him, knowing that He truly was present in this sacrament. Before that time, I knew nothing about the Eucharist. That is the sole reason for becoming Catholic.

Q. There is One Truth in Jesus Christ, Savior of the world. Do you believe the visible marks of the Roman Catholic faith are being as one, holy, catholic and apostolic teaching and why?

A: Yes, I believe this because that is what was instilled in my heart when I went on that first pilgrimage and discovered the Eucharist. Since then, I have studied early church history and for me there is little doubt after reviewing the early formation of the Church.

Q. The plans of your given mission grew from the thought of making a few columns in October 1985 to (now) your books. What do you think is the reason for this hunger in the world?

A: People want Faith. They want something substantial that gives them hope and reason to be. I wrote my first book, *The Message*, strictly with my heart. It was the facts of the apparitions but centered primarily on the conversion that takes place when an individual accepts that God is real and that He loves us. Once this is accepted by individuals, the following steps is putting it into daily life to allow us to live with whatever crosses are given to us.

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