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## Ivan Dragicevic tells crowd in Louisiana to pray, pray, pray!

### Medjugorie visionary speaks Feb. 1 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Metairie

by Kathie Duggan

Ivan Dragicevic, a Medjugorie visionary, spoke Feb. 1 to a standing room only crowd at St. Francis Xavier Church in Metairie, Louisiana.

While there, Ivan participated in Holy Mass, experienced an apparition from Our Lady, and gave a talk to the large crowd assembled.

The pastor, Fr. Joseph Palermo, was very supportive since the ban of public apparitions was lifted about a year ago.

It was difficult to hear all he said after the apparition, but this is what I wrote about his talk:

Mother Mary is very concerned. Pray, pray, pray -- every day!

Our Lady has been coming for 38 years.

Today's wars are very dangerous. Return to prayer.

We need spiritual renewal in the family--there are so many abortions, divorces.

Pray for Holy Mass. Do not come to see me, but come to Holy Mass.

Mary is calling us for Adoration.

Renew prayer of Rosary and Bible in family. Put Bible in visible place in the home. Reading the Bible is real fruit.

Love each other.

Forgive yourself and others first, for your emotional self.

Pray in heart and not lips with love. Pray in heart to meet Jesus. Pray more to pray better. Grace is given to those who pray more.

With shopping and



TV, there is no time for prayer. If you love something, you find time

I see a Mother in love. Our Lady radiates love. "Why are you so beautiful?" Because I love. She brings a message of conversion--turn back to God  
Lent is coming. Fasting helps us to see our sins, more light has been coming for 38 years.

Be a good model for your children for peace and love. Accept Our Lady's invitation. Say special prayers for priests and bishops.

Ivan experienced an apparition with Our Lady during the talk.

According to Ivan, Our Lady's conversation went

like this:

"She began with 'Praise be Jesus my dear children.' She prayed for the sick. She prayed for the petitions from home and written at Church in a special way while they were placed near the altar.

'Pray for peace, peace, my dear children. Pray for vocations in the Church. Go in peace my dear children. Pray for healing.'

After Ivan's apparition and talk, Ivan invited Fr. Joseph to lead prayer for healing of body, mind and souls.

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

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# The Eucharist: Do You Believe?

Can you even imagine someone asking you this question?

Well, in a recent Pugh Research Center survey, self-professed Catholics were asked if they believed in transubstantiation (that is, “by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood.” (CCC 1376).

Amazingly, almost 70% of these practicing Catholics said they did NOT believe in the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in

the Eucharist! They said the Eucharistic bread and wine were merely symbols of the Body and Blood of Christ!

Jesus clearly said at the institution of the Eucharist: “This is my body, which will be given up for you; do this in memory of me.” (Luke 22:19)

What an incredibly marvelous mandate to his disciples! They would not only receive him under the appearance of bread and wine, but he gave them the direct mandate to do likewise for all generations to come so that they too might partake in his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity ... the marvelous gift to us of the Eucharist. The Catholic Catechism



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quotes *Lumen Gentium* in describing the Eucharist as “the source and summit of the Christian life.” (CCC 1324)

If only 30% of practicing Catholics believe in the Real Presence in the Eucharist, that must mean that an unbelievably high percentage of worshippers in the pews around me do not believe in the most basic, profound, fundamental foundation of our entire faith!

One can only ask: how can this be?

Certainly there will be those whose faith is waning or even gone. In the Gospel of John we hear that the Jews quarreled among themselves saying, “How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?” (John 6:52)

Then, we hear: “As a result of this, many [of] his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.” (John 6:66)

But it seems, with such an apparently large number of practicing Catholics in this state, that there must be a lack of educa-

tion and catechesis about their faith, particularly about the most important belief, the Eucharist.

What can be done about this? What can we, who strongly believe in the Eucharist, do about this sad state of affairs? Please consider the following:

Our first action must be prayer. We can pray for doubting or unbelieving souls to be graced with the gift of faith. We can pray unceasingly for this, particularly when we are in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and when we receive the Eucharist at Mass.

Secondly, support us at Radio Maria as we increase our programming and presentations concerning the Eucharist by listening to our presenters and using the points of catechesis and truth that you hear to go out into the world to defend and teach the Eucharist to those who are misinformed or in doubt.

Thirdly, encourage everyone you know to listen to Radio Maria. By doing this, you are heeding the call of Our Blessed Mother to evangelize and spread the Good News of the Gospels, particularly with regard to the “source and summit of the Christian life,” the Eucharist.

May God bless you and your families.

Deacon Al Vacek  
National Programming  
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**LITURGY OF THE HOURS.** Sisters Mary Magdalen and Mary Peter, from the Sisters of the Heart of Jesus, pray and sing the noon-time Liturgy of the Hours from Jeanerette, LA. Join them daily at noon, CST/noon, 1 p.m. EST.

# Programming

## Home School Lifeline

Host: Tara Brelinsky  
Wednesdays, 5 pm CST/6 pm EST

So many of you are faithful followers of one of our special and distinctive programs, Home School Lifeline, hosted by Katie Moran.

Katie is a highly recognized veteran homeschooling mom who travels the country speaking at home schooling conferences.

The show covers all issues concerning homeschooling, from the person considering homeschooling, to the novice homeschooler, all the way to the veteran home-

schoolers.

In keeping with our home schooling topic, we are happy to announce that Tara K. E. Brelinsky is returning to Radio Maria in February with her own program about homeschooling!

Tara first broadcast with us during the last quarter of 2018, as part of a rotating group of homeschooling experts who brought their unique talents to Radio Maria.

She has been homeschooling her eight children, from preschool through high school graduation, for more than 15 years. Married to her childhood sweetheart, they make their



Tara Brelinsky

home in North Carolina, where they own/operate a restaurant, teach Natural Family Planning, and raise their large brood of kids, along with a menagerie of furry and feathered creatures.

Tara also works part-

time as a freelance writer and speaker on the topics of faith, family and homeschooling. Her work has appeared in a variety of places, including Catholic Online, Catholic365, Catholic Lane, Wind and Flame blog, Shalom magazine and Seton magazine.

You can read more of her musings and inspirations on her blog, Blessings In Brelinskyville.

We invite you to join us, beginning Wednesdays in February, at 5:00 pm Central/6:00 pm Eastern, and let Tara present her special, informative take on all things involving Home Schooling.

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# Radio Maria participates in Life Marches

## Texas Alliance for Life



### Life March in Central Louisiana

More than 6,000 people participated in the Cenla March Life held Feb. 2 in Central Louisiana. Radio Maria supporters were there to show their support for the unborn. The Life March started on the campus of Louisiana College, crossed the Red River by the bridge, and ended at the Alexandria Riverfront Amphitheatre, where Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry and U.S. Rep. Ralph Abraham, both pro-life supporters, addressed the crowd.

It was a chilly, overcast morning on Jan 25, 2020 for the 200 parishioners from St. Katherine Drexel Church in Hempstead, Texas who participated in the Texas Alliance for Life.

The day started with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. David Xavier, parish administrator. Following Mass, the Knights of Columbus served sweet bread, with coffee and hot chocolate before all boarded the two coach buses.

Radio Maria staff member Sangeeta Jadav, and volunteers Lindsay Rousak, Maggie Rousak and Jennifer Dias, were among those on the bus representing Radio Maria. The bus trip to Austin included singing and praying a bilingual Holy Rosary, lead by Fr. Xavier.

After arriving at the state capital in Austin, the group joined the more than 5,000 people gathered for the march.

Radio Maria distributed nearly 1,000 flyers among the



marchers. They even met some faithful listeners of Radio Maria!

Radio Maria is grateful to Fr. Xavier for his leadership, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibbs and the Knights of Columbus for generously hosting the event, and to Diana Garcia and all the parishioners at St. Katherine Drexel who made the trip.

Texas Alliance for Life President Dr. Joe Pojman is frequently a guest on Dcn. Al Vacek's weekly program, "The Gathering Place."



In Theatres FEB 18 and MAY 5

### Patterns of Evidence Red Sea Miracle Part I & Part II

This Bible-affirming investigation is so large that two films were required. It's one of the greatest miracles in the Bible; Moses and the Israelites trapped at the sea by Pharaoh's army when God miraculously parts the waters, rescuing the Israelites and destroying Pharaoh and his chariots. But is there any evidence that it really happened and if so, where? That's what investigative filmmaker Timothy Mahoney set out to discover 18 years ago and now he is ready to share what's been uncovered; a controversy between two dramatically different approaches in reading the biblical text. One approach is Egyptian, the other is Hebrew. Both will lead to two very different conclusions on the location of the Exodus crossing site and the cause of the miraculous parting of the sea. What do these different approaches tell us about miracles – and what do they tell us about God?

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### January 2, 2020 Message to Mirjana

“Dear children!

I know that I am present in your lives and in your hearts. I feel your love, I hear your prayers and direct them to my Son.

But, my children, according to motherly love, I desire to be in the lives of all of my children. I desire to gather all of my children around me, beneath my motherly mantle. This is why I am inviting you and calling you, apostles of my love, to help me.

My children, my Son pronounced the words of the “Our Father” to you -- who are everywhere and in our hearts -- because He desires to teach you to pray with words and feelings. He desires for you to always be better, to live merciful love which is prayer and limitless sacrifice for others.

My children, give to my Son love for your neighbors, give words of consolation, compassion and acts of justice to your neighbors. Everything that you give to others, apostles of my love, my Son accepts as a gift.

I am also with you, because my Son desires for my love, as a ray of light, to bring your souls to life; for me to help you in the search for peace and eternal happiness.

Therefore, my children, love one another, be united through my Son, be children of God who all together, with full, open and pure heart, pronounce the ‘Our



Father’. And do not be afraid!  
Thank you. ”

### January 25, 2020 Message to Marija

“Dear children!

Today I am calling you to pray even more, until you feel the holiness of forgiveness in your heart.

There must be holiness in the families, little children, because there is no future for the world without love and holiness – because in holiness and joy, you give yourselves to God the Creator who loves you with immeasurable love. This is why He sends me to you.

Thank you for having responded to my call. ”

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



**Mardi Gras -- Tuesday, Feb. 25**

**Ash Wednesday -- Wednesday, Feb. 26**

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