

## 19TH INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

to be held in Medjugorje from November 7-10, 2018

*The theme of the retreat is:  
Living on the Word of God*

*“Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures” (Lk 24:45)*

*In Our Lady's School*

### *Programme:*

#### ***Wednesday, November 7, 2018***

2 pm Registration of the participants  
4 pm Introduction to the Retreat  
5 pm Evening Prayer Programme in the church

#### ***Thursday, November 8, 2018***

9 am Morning Prayer  
9:30 am Lecture, sharing  
12 pm Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
3:00 pm Lecture, sharing  
5 pm Evening Prayer Programme in the church

#### ***Friday, November 9, 2018***

6 am Prayer on Cross Mountain  
10 am Lecture, sharing  
12 pm Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
3 pm Lecture, sharing  
Preparation for confession  
5 pm Evening Prayer Programme in the church

#### ***Saturday, November 10, 2018***

7 am Prayer on Apparition Hill  
10 am Sharing of experiences and testimonies  
11:30 am Final Holy Mass

***The Retreat Coordinator is Fr. Marinko Šakota.***

### **Speakers at the retreat are:**

***Jozefina Škarica, MD.*** Born in 1948, Dr. Škarica is married and a mother of four children. Upon the completion of her medical studies, Dr. Škarica practised medicine at the Medical Centre in Šibenik, Croatia. Beginning in 1985, she specialised in school medicine. In 1993, the late Monsignor Srećko Badurina of Šibenik established a Counselling Centre for young married couples and families in Šibenik, and appointed Dr. Škarica head of the Counselling Centre. In 2004, after a two-year training programme in Zagreb, she earned a Diploma in Family Counselling. For the last twenty years, Dr. Škarica has been participating in marriage preparation seminars and has given numerous lectures and seminars on marriage, family and child-rearing, both in Croatia and abroad.

***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 Novitiate. 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 gave eternal vows in Široki Brijeg 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 will be held in the hall of St. John Paul II, behind the church. The participation fee per couple 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 all couples 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.**