

**THE 25th INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR ORGANISERS OF
PILGRIMAGES, LEADERS OF PEACE CENTRES AND LEADERS OF MEDJUGORJE
PRAYER AND CHARITY GROUPS**

25th International spiritual retreat for organisers of pilgrimages, leaders of peace centres and leaders of
Medjugorje prayer and charity groups shall be held in Medjugorje
from 26th February – 2nd March, 2018.

The theme of the Meeting 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

Monday, February 26, 2018

15.00 The registration of the participants
17.00 The Evening Prayer Programme in the
Church

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

9.00 The Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament
9.30 Lecture
Recess
11.00 Meeting and discussion with the
Lecturer
15.00 Work in language groups
17.00 The Evening Prayer Programme in the
Church
21.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

9.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30 Lecture, sharing
Recess
11.00 Meeting and discussion with the
Lecturer
14.00 Prayer on Cross Mountain
17.00 The Evening Prayer Programme in the
Church
19.00 ***Meditation and dinner with members
of the parish (bread and tea)***

Thursday, March 1, 2018

9.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30 Lecture, sharing
Recess
11.00 Meeting with the parish priest
12.30 Lunch for all the participants
15.00 Prayer on Apparition Hill
17.00 The Evening Prayer Programme in the
Church

Friday, March 2, 2018

9.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
09:30 – The experiences of the participants,
followed by the 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

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 professed his 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.

25th international spiritual retreat for organisers of pilgrimages, leaders of peace centres and leaders of Medjugorje prayer and charity groups shall be held in Medjugorje in the Hall of St. John Paul II in Medjugorje from 26th February – 2nd March, 2018. The number of places is limited due to the lack of space, therefore we kindly ask you to register your attendances at this seminar **as soon** as possible. You can send your registrations by email: seminar.marija@medjugorje.hr

For the purpose of the retreat organisation and your safety, please consider yourself as registered for retreat only when you receive our written confirmation. If you did not receive our reply, it means that we have not received your application and that you are not registered, because you forwarded your e-mail to a wrong address or you have got a virus which blocks your e-mails automatically. Consequently, you may consider yourself as registered only if you received a positive response.

Simultaneous translation will be available for all language groups. The fee is **50 €** per person. This includes all fees for the organisation and running of the retreat (lecturers, simultaneous interpretation and a lunch on the last day). Upon payment at the beginning of the retreat each participant shall receive his/her accreditation, which would enable him/her to take part in the retreat activities. Each person should personally organise his/her own accommodation in Medjugorje.

Given that we cannot contact each organiser personally, we ask all organisers of pilgrimages, guides, leaders of Peace Centres and prayer and charity groups to notify those interested in this gathering.

We look forward to receiving your registrations and welcoming you at this meeting!

INVITATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The phenomenon of Međugorje has inspired the publication of a variety of written forms worldwide. We would like to have all these various publications in order to preserve them in the Međugorje Information Center archives. Therefore, we would kindly like to ask you to bring with you to Međugorje or to deliver to us in any other way possible, the following:

1. your magazines, circular letters, newspapers, books, audio and video recordings and other publications – in two copies, if possible

2. individuals and organisations that have their own private archives in relation to the events in Međugorje are kindly asked to send originals and/or copies, if possible, and/or at least a list of the contents they have in their possession.

Please write your first and last name or the name of your organisation, the address and contact.

The material is to be sent to the:

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We would be very grateful to you if you could pass this information to all those who are involved in publishing of the material on the Međugorje events.

Thank you for everything you do and shall do in the future!