

# Medjugorje The Church's Position

But Cardinal Ratzinger [Prefect for the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith and representing the Pope] rejected these negative conclusions.

Rome dissolved Bishop Zanic's commission and then put the matter in the hands of the Yugoslavian Episcopal Conference.

April 10 1991 Yugoslavian Episcopal Conference in Zadar made a Declaration: No conclusion that it is or is not supernatural

August 21, 1996, Dr. Joaquin Navarro-Valls, spokesman for the Holy See, "You cannot say people cannot go to Medjugorje until it has been proven false.

May, 26, 1998, the Vatican Congregation to the Doctrine of the Faith Statement: The Zadar statement, without approving and without condemning – is the position of the Church on Medjugorje at the present position. The personal opposition of the local bishop is his own personal position. It is not the official position of the Catholic Church

Rome

1984, Professor Joyeux, of world renown, conducted scientific tests on the visionaries during ecstasy.

1985 by a series of important tests performed by Italian doctors confirm findings.

Scientific and Medical Studies on the Apparitions at Medjugorje, (Dublin, Veritas, 1987)

Science

June 24 1981 First Apparition

1981 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09

## The Catholic Church's Official Position

No final directive or conclusion has been reached

James Paul Pandarakalam, "Are the Apparitions of Medjugorje Real?" Journal of Scientific Exploration, Vol. 15, No. 2, pp. 229-239, 2001.

--Bosnian War--

Local Bishops/ Cardinal

"It is certain that the children have not been talked into anything --- Everything indicates that the children are not lying." *Glas Koncila*, Bishop Zanic, August 16, 1981

**Bishop Zanic (Changes his mind)** "Through one of the children Our Lady sent me an admonition, and the Blessed Mother would never admonish a bishop!"

Entrusted by Rome with the Commission of Inquiry as local bishop, **Bishop Zanic, submitted a negative judgment to Cardinal Ratzinger in 1986.** In an event without precedent in the history of apparitions -- the local **bishop (Msgr. Zanic) was relieved of the dossier.**

March 27, 1993 the Apostolic Signatura Tribunal rendered the Church's verdict: in case No. 17907/86CA **Bishop Zanic had acted prematurely. His expulsion of the priests and his declaration of "ad statem laicalem" against them was declared unjust and illegal**

**August 2006**, the Cardinal Puljic of Sarajevo announced that a new commission of investigation would be formed to continue the ecclesiastical process of evaluation of Medjugorje. **The Commission would not be under the local bishop, but rather under the direction of the Conference of Bosnian bishops**

**Bishop Perić to Sr. Elvira:** You have no permission to bring any private "seer" to your premises in order to organize her "apparition" performance before curious onlookers.