

**THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY—THE REVEALER OF HEARTS!**

**“OUR LADY WHO SOFTENS EVIL HEARTS” IS CELEBRATED SEPTEMBER 15TH**

**“MY CHILDREN: UNCEASINGLY ADORE THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR. I AM ALWAYS PRESENT WHEN THE FAITHFUL ARE ADORING. SPECIAL GRACES ARE THEN BEING RECEIVED” (MED. 3/15/84).**

**“MY CHILDREN: AS YOUR SHEPHERDS OFFER YOU THE BODY OF MY SON WITH THEIR BLESSED HANDS, ALWAYS IN YOUR HEARTS GIVE THANKS TO MY SON FOR THE SACRIFICE” (Med. 10/2/14).**

*The Seven Sorrows of Mary* was approved by the Vatican as a mass celebration in 1667. Miracles attend Our Lady who “softens evil hearts!” It is customary to pray for your enemies before the icon of Our Lady with seven swords piercing her heart, feelings of enmity are softed and suffering is eased. The following prayer can be said alone or before Communion as a litany (public worship prayer) with a leader reciting the *Seven Sorrows* and the people professing, **“Jesus we adore you...”**

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS, WHO SOFTENS EVIL HEARTS, SOFTEN OUR HEARTS AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOT COME TO KNOW THE LOVE OF YOUR SON. PRAY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT TO ILLUMINATE US WITH THE LIGHT OF JESUS AND TO HELP US ACCEPT OUR SUFFERING AND PAIN AND OFFER IT WILLINGLY TO HIM.**

**SORROW 1:** Joseph and Mary presented the infant Jesus in the temple to God. The prophet Simeon blessed Jesus and said to Mary, **“A sword shall pierce through thy own soul so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed!”** (Lk. 2:21-35)

**JESUS WE ADORE YOU!** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUFFERING AND PAIN, WHEN YOU WILLINGLY OFFERED YOUR BODY AS A SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS. PURIFY US! ACCEPT THE OFFERING OF OUR SUFFERING AND PAIN AS WE WILLING BEAR OUR CROSSES TO HELP YOU WIN AGAINST EVIL, RESCUING THE SOULS OF MEN!

**SORROW 2:** Herod ordered all of the infant boys in Bethlehem to be killed after Magi revealed to him that the King of the Jews had been born there. In a dream an angel warned Joseph and told him to take Mary and Jesus and flee into Egypt to escape Herod’s wrath! (Mt. 2)

**JESUS WE ADORE YOU...**

**SORROW 3:** When Jesus was twelve, the Holy Family went up to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover; but when they returned, Jesus remained behind and his parents did not know it, thinking he was in their caravan. After three days, they began searching for him. When they could not find him, they returned to Jerusalem and found him in the temple, conversing with the teachers. His mother, astonished, said, “Son, why have you done so to us? In sorrow your father and I have been searching for you.” (Jn. 19: 25-27)

**JESUS WE ADORE YOU...**

**SORROW 4:** Mary and the holy women who had attended Jesus ran quickly when they heard he was sentenced to death. Weeping, they followed him on his way to the Cross. (Lk. 23:27)

**JESUS WE ADORE YOU...**

**SORROW 5:** As Our Sorrowful Mother stood wailing at the foot of the Cross, Jesus said, “Mother, behold thy son”; then to his beloved John, he said, “Behold thy mother!” Mary watched as they gave her Son vinegar in his thirst; she heard the chief priest, elders, and the crowd mock him; she read Pilate’s sign: “Jesus King of the Jews”; and witnessed the soldiers casting lots for his clothes! As the sun eclipsed, Our Sorrowful Mother heard his loud voice: “Father, into thy hands I commend My Spirit!” as he breathed his last breathe! (Jn. 19: 25-27)

**JESUS WE ADORE YOU...!**

**SORROW 6:** Our Sorrowful Mother watched as the soldiers pierced her Son’s side with a spear; she saw the Blood and Water flowing from His Heart. Our Most Sorrowful Mother held her Son’s Bloody Body in her arms when he was taken down from the Cross. (Jn. 19: 33-34)

**JESUS WE ADORE YOU...!**

**SORROW 7:** In her bloodstained clothes, the Most Sorrowful Mother in the world watched as they laid her Son in a tomb! (Mk. 15:42-47)

**JESUS WE ADORE YOU...!**

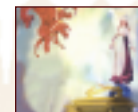
**“PRAY AND FAST, I DESIRE TO LIVE IN YOUR HEARTS!” (MED. 2/5/84)**

**RECEIVE COMMUNION TO BRING JOY TO THE HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY!**

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**Card 31: Saint Marco d’Aviano**



**Is the Ark of the New Covenant with us?  
THE HOLY NAME OF THE QUEEN OF PEACE  
A Banner in Battle!**

**THE SIEGE OF VIENNA SEPTEMBER 11, 1683**



**THE ARK OF THE OLD COVENANT contained God’s Old Covenant. On top of the Ark, between two cherubim, God’s Merciful Presence dwelt. The Ark went before the troops in battle as an ensign, leading them into the promised land!**

(Ex. 25, Jos. 3-6, Heb. 8-9/ cards 1, Xtra)



**“DEAR CHILDREN! I AM WITH YOU WITH THE BLESSING OF MY SON—WITH YOU WHO LOVE ME AND WHO STRIVE TO FOLLOW ME. I ALSO DESIRE TO BE WITH YOU WHO DO NOT ACCEPT ME. TO ALL OF YOU I AM OPENING MY HEART FULL OF LOVE AND I AM BLESSING YOU WITH MY MOTHERLY HANDS. I AM MOTHER WHO UNDERSTANDS YOU.**



**“OUR LADY WHO SOFTENS EVIL HEARTS” depicts the Seven Sorrows that pierced Our Lady’s Heart during her life. She is the “GREAT COMFORT” and “VICTORY” of all who appeal to her Sorrowful Heart!**

**“I LIVED YOUR LIFE AND LIVED THROUGH YOUR SUFFERINGS AND JOYS. YOU WHO ARE LIVING IN PAIN UNDERSTAND MY PAIN AND SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THOSE OF MY CHILDREN WHO DO NOT PERMIT THE LIGHT OF MY SON TO ILLUMINATE THEM—THOSE OF MY CHILDREN WHO ARE LIVING IN DARKNESS.”**

(Med. 11/2/14)

**THE 7TH TRUMPET SOUNDED, Heaven opened, the Ark of the Covenant was seen, and a great sign appeared: a woman, wearing a crown and her womb contained a Son—God’s New Covenant. Another great sign appeared: a dragon, who battled with her and her other children!**

(Rev. 11-12/card 1)

**“A SWORD SHALL PIERCE THROUGH THY OWN SOUL SO THAT THE THOUGHTS OF MANY HEARTS MAY BE REVEALED” (Lk. 2:35).**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD** has been revealing herself to six visionaries since 1981 in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Her apparitions have stirred many thoughts of many hearts! The local authority, Bishop Peric, has steadily denied the authenticity of the apparitions and issued directives forbidding their promotion. In 2010 a commission was set up by Pope Benedict XVI to study the apparitions. A report was completed on January 18, 2014, but has not yet been made public. **Cardinal Schönborn**, who is a member of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, overseeing the commission, said, “...the phenomenon...has attracted about 30 million pilgrims and **brings very many good fruits**, but certainly also some open questions.”

## IS THE ARK OF THE NEW COVENANT WITH US?

Cardinal Schönborn Reveals the Thoughts of His Heart About Our Lady of Medjugorje

**CARDINAL CHRISTOPH SCHÖNBORN**, who was a papal candidate, and descends from the royal Habsburg family, and serves as the Archbishop of Vienna, Austria, visited Medjugorje in 2010. While there he revealed the thoughts of his heart in an interview January 4 with the local newspaper, *Vercemji List*. He gave four examples of **“the fruits of Medjugorje”**: “Lots of young priests have received their vocation call here...and because of Medjugorje. The second thing are—conversions ...happen...in every level of society. The third evidence are the healings. The fourth evidence are the prayer groups...these people pray for hours and their church is always full. Jesus said that the bad tree doesn't bare any fruits—which means: **if the fruits are good than the tree is good as well!”**

...The **“church hasn't made its final judgment** on the supernatural of the phenomenon and hasn't given any statements. So it has never denied or confirmed...While these phenomena are **still going on, the church is hardly going to make its final judgement** ...the phenomena... will be studied...From the beginning a huge number of pilgrims have been coming to Medjugorje. The intensive prayer life has developed here and many humanitarian organizations have been born here.”

Cardinal Schönborn (65) climbed Apparition Hill with the visionaries, where Our Lady first appeared to them as children: “Our Lady did not choose simple hills. I am fascinated with the **coherence** of Medjugorje to other Marian shrines—apparition sites. I always say that there is a **grammar** of Mary's apparitions—that **style** has something special with Our Lady. There are three elements which are connected with this phenomenon: Almost always Our Lady appears to children... Second, Mary gives the message through the children. Why does Our Lady not come to the Bishop's house? ...**Third, it looks like Our Lady has her own program.** In Fatima she had appeared before Russian Revolution (card 5). Then when rationalism was on its highest level, she appeared in Lourdes (card 4). She appeared in Yugoslavia when we did not have an idea that Yugoslavia would fall apart. In the time when Catholics, Muslims, and Orthodox were living together, she appears with the **NAME ‘QUEEN OF PEACE’** (card 15). Ten years after that, the first of four wars on the Balkan Peninsula breaks out and her **first message was peace through conversion—prayer**, and this first message has its weight, strength, credibility...I think that theologians have to study the **syntax** of Mary's apparitions and in that context to study the phenomena of Medjugorje.”

Interviewer: “Peace is prayed for in Medjugorje all the time but the political peace is not correct, the state is in problems and the Croats Catholics are in the worst position. Cardinal: “The problem is too many countries are involved in this small country. **Long lasting peace can be formed only if everything is just for everybody**...I am sure that what is happening in Medjugorje supports that peace. People from all over the world come to this small Herzegovina, which has never been known. Look how many Koreans come to Medjugorje! This is a hope that these people will be **apostles of peace** in their countries—**peace which comes from Medjugorje**. If it is prayed for peace in the world on one place, then that is a special blessing for one country. **Our Lady respects all three religions:** Orthodox believers honor Our Lady; Islam doesn't respect any other person that much; but Mary, for Croats Catholics, who are minority in this country, the apparitions are the **GREAT COMFORT!”**

**“DEAR CHILDREN:** YOU, WHO ARE LIVING IN PAIN UNDERSTAND MY PAIN AND SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THOSE OF MY CHILDREN WHO DO NOT PERMIT THE LIGHT OF MY SON TO ILLUMINATE THEM—THOSE OF MY CHILDREN WHO ARE LIVING IN DARKNESS. THIS IS WHY I NEED YOU—YOU, WHO HAVE BEEN ILLUMINATED BY THE LIGHT AND HAVE COMPREHENDED THE TRUTH. **I AM CALLING YOU TO ADORE MY SON** SO THAT YOUR SOUL MAY GROW AND REACH TRUE SPIRITUALITY. MY APOSTLES, THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HELP ME. **TO HELP ME MEANS TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT COME TO KNOW THE LOVE OF MY SON.** IN PRAYING FOR THEM YOU ARE SHOWING TO MY SON THAT YOU LOVE HIM AND FOLLOW HIM” (Med. 11/2/14).

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**OUR LADY'S APPARITIONS  
THROUGHOUT TIME ARE  
WORKING TOWARD AN END.  
SHE SPEAKS ON A UNIVERSAL  
LEVEL YET HER MESSAGES ARE  
RECEIVED ON AN INDIVIDUAL  
LEVEL, THUS THE WORK OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT—DIVERSITY  
IN ONENESS—IS CARRIED OUT.**

## VICTORY IN THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY AND HER SON!

THE SIEGE OF “THE GOLDEN APPLE” ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1683

**“MY CHILDREN: PRAY IN THIS TIME OF GRACE AND SEEK THE INTERCESSION OF ALL THE SAINTS, WHO ARE ALREADY IN THE LIGHT! MAY THEY BE AN EXAMPLE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOU” (MED. 10/25/14).**

**THE GREAT VICTORY** against the siege of Vienna, Austria, by the Ottoman Turks in 1683, caused Pope Innocent XI to make September 12th an annual celebration to **“The Most Holy Name of Mary”** as an act of thanksgiving for the deliverance of Christian Europe under the banner of Mary and her Son!

**SAINT MARCO D' AVIANO**, (1631-1699) was beatified in 2003 by Pope John Paul II. This means that the Church recognizes that the humble Franciscan friar from Italy has entered Heaven; therefore, he has the capacity to intercede on our behalf. Father Marco was a man of prayer and had a special calling to lead people to repentance. Called “the Apostle of forgiveness” because wherever he went, he filled the confessionals. This was his primary purpose, he writes, “Dealing with the health of souls, I will engage all of myself!” He exhorted the people, with often fiery sermons, to repent. He wrote a special “Act of Perfect Contrition” that he would have them recite and then would bless them. Extraordinary events were reported to follow these blessings!

**SAINT MARCO,  
PRAY FOR US TO  
BE PURIFIED  
FROM OUR SINS!**

The Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I (Vienna, Austria/Habsburg) entrusted Fr. Marco and sought his council. The Islamic Ottoman Turks, who occupied the neighboring Balkans, were sending a huge army to conquer Vienna, believing if they took “the golden apple,” they could take all of Europe. Pope Innocent XI appointed Fr. Marco as his personal envoy to Leopold I. His job was to unify the much smaller armies of the divided “Holy League”—Austria, Poland, Venice and the Papal States of Italy.

The Ottoman Turk's attack on Vienna on September 11, 1683, was met with a surprise counter-attack from a mountainous area the Turks did not expect the Holy League to use. Before the battle, Fr. Marco blessed the troops and encouraged them to have faith and to trust in God. During the battle, he upheld them, striving in fasting and prayer. This **GREAT VICTORY** was the turning point in the Ottoman-Habsburg wars—a struggle that began in the 16th century between Europe and the Ottoman Turks who occupied the Balkans and from there intended to occupy all of Europe.

**Fr. Marco was known as a merciful man among the Muslims and Jews.** In 1688, during an attack on Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, 800 Muslim soldiers were barricaded in the stronghold and would have been put to death had not Fr. Marco intervened to save them. His fame as a just and merciful man spread among the Muslims! In 1684, Jews from the town of Buda, Hungary, were falsely accused of conspiring with the Turks against Christians. Repercussions were felt in the neighboring town of Padua, where Jews were sentenced to be lynched. Fr. Marco wrote a letter in their defense, saving their lives. The Jews of Padua still celebrate the “Purim of Buda” in memory of this event.

The struggle for control of the Balkans continued and became the trigger behind World War I when Austrian Archduke Ferdinand was assassinated, while visiting Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia. During WWI the Ottoman Turks allied with Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy. After WWI the Ottoman-Habsburg empires faded into history. Today the largest ethnic group in Bosnia-Herzegovina is the Bosniaks (Muslims), followed by the Serbs (Eastern Orthodox Christians), then the Croats (Catholic Christians). The Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina was established in 1995 and Medjugorje was incorporated into it as one of ten self-governing regions established so that no ethnic group can dominate the Federation. It is the Holy Mother of God's choice land for her apparitions and has become the third largest tourist destination in the world with over one million visitors annually.

**“MY CHILDREN: MY SON PROMISED ME THAT EVIL WILL NEVER WIN** BECAUSE YOU, THE SOULS OF THE JUST, ARE HERE—YOU, WHO STRIVE TO SAY YOUR PRAYERS WITH THE HEART—**YOU, WHO OFFER YOUR PAIN AND SUFFERING TO MY SON**—YOU, WHO COMPREHEND THAT LIFE IS ONLY A BLINK—YOU, WHO YEARN FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. ALL OF THIS MAKES YOU MY APOSTLES AND LEADS YOU TOWARDS THE **VICTORY OF MY HEART!** THEREFORE, **PURIFY YOUR HEARTS AND ADORE MY SON”** (Med. 11/2/14).