A photograph of a white and light blue statue of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child. The statue is positioned on a hillside, with an American flag draped over its base. The foreground is filled with a large arrangement of colorful flowers, including yellow daisies and red roses. The background shows a blurred landscape with trees and a mountain range under a clear sky.

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SPECIAL STATEMENT

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No attempt is intended to pre-empt the Church on the validity of the Medjugorje Apparitions. They are private revelation waiting the Church's final judgment¹. In the interim, these private revelations **are** allowed by, and for, the faithful to have devotion to and to be spread legally by the Church. Devotion and the propagation of private revelations can be forbidden only **if** the private revelation is condemned because of anything it contains which contravenes faith and morals according to AAS 58 (1966) 1186 Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Medjugorje has not been condemned nor found to have anything against faith or morals, therefore it is in the grace of the Church to be followed by the faithful. By the rite of Baptism one is commissioned and given the authority to evangelize. *"By Baptism they share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission."*² One does not need approval to promote or to have devotions to private revelations or to spread them when in conformity to AAS 58 (1966) 1186, as the call to evangelize is given when baptized. Caritas of Birmingham, the Community of Caritas and all associated with it, realize and accept that the final authority regarding the Queen of Peace, Medjugorje and happenings related to the apparitions, rests with the Holy See in Rome. We at Caritas, willingly submit to that judgment. While having an amiable relationship with the Diocese of Birmingham and a friendly relationship with its bishop, Caritas of Birmingham as a lay mission is not officially connected to the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama, just as is the Knights of Columbus.³ The Diocese of Birmingham's official position on Caritas is neutral and holds us as Catholics in good standing.

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2. Catechism of the Catholic Church 2nd Edition
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Originally writing to only a few individuals in 1987, readership has grown to over 250,000 in the United States, with additional readers in over one hundred thirty foreign countries, who follow the spiritual insights and direction given through these writings.

The author, when asked why he signs only as “A Friend of Medjugorje,” stated:

“I have never had an ambition or desire to write. I do so only because God has shown me, through prayer, that He desires this of me. So from the beginning, when I was writing to only a few people, I prayed to God and promised I would not sign anything; that the writings would have to carry themselves and not be built on a personality.”

I prayed that if it was God's desire for these writings to be inspired and known, then He could do it by His Will and grace and that my will be abandoned to it.

*“The Father has made these writings known and continues to spread them to the ends of the earth. These were Our Lord's last words before ascending: **“Be a witness to the ends of the earth.”** These writings give testimony to that desire of Our Lord to be a witness with one's life. It is not important to be known. It is important to do God's Will.”*

For those who require “ownership” of these writings by the author in seeing his name printed on this work in order to give it more credibility, we state that we cannot reconcile the fact that these writings are producing hundreds of thousands of conversions, if not millions through grace, and are requested worldwide from every corner of the earth. The author, therefore, will not take credit for a work that, by proof of the impact these writings have to lead hearts to conversion, have been Spirit-inspired with numbers increasing yearly, sweeping as a wave across the ocean. Indeed in this case, crossing every ocean of the earth. Our Lady gave this author a direct message for him through the visionary, Marija, of Medjugorje, in which Our Lady said to him to witness not with words but through humility. It is for this reason that he wishes to remain simply “A Friend of Medjugorje.”

— Caritas of Birmingham

Medjugorje

The Story in Brief

THE VILLAGE SEES THE LIGHT is the title of a story which “Reader’s Digest” published in February 1986. It was the first major news on a mass public scale that told of the Virgin Mary visiting the tiny village of Medjugorje, Bosnia-Hercegovina. At that time this village was populated by 400 families.

It was June 24, 1981, the Feast of John the Baptist, the proclaimer of the coming Messiah. In the evening, around 5:00 p.m., the Virgin Mary appeared to two young people, Mirjana Dragičević* and Ivanka Ivanković*. Around 6:40 p.m. the same day, Mirjana and Ivanka, along with four more young people, Milka Pavlović*, the little sister of Marija, Ivan Ivanković, Vicka Ivanković*, and Ivan Dragičević saw the Virgin Mary. The next day, June 25, 1981, along with Mirjana, Ivanka, Vicka and Ivan Dragičević, Marija Pavlović* and Jakov Čolo also saw the Virgin Mary, bringing the total to six visionaries. Milka Pavlović* and Ivan Ivanković only saw Our Lady once, on that first day. These six have become known as and remain “the visionaries.”

* Names at the time of the apparitions, they are now married with last names changed.

These visionaries are not related to one another. Three of the six visionaries no longer see Our Lady on a daily basis. As of February 2012, the Virgin is still appearing everyday to the remaining three visionaries; that's well over 13,785 apparitions.

The supernatural event has survived all efforts of the Communists to put a stop to it, many scientific studies, and even the condemnation by the local bishop; yet, the apparitions have survived, giving strong evidence that this is from God because nothing and no one has been able to stop it. For over thirty years, the apparitions have proved themselves over and over and now credibility is so favorable around the world that the burden of proof that this is authentic has shifted from those who believe to the burden of proof that it is not happening by those opposed to it. Those against the apparitions are being crushed by the fruits of Medjugorje — millions and millions of conversions which are so powerful that they are changing and will continue to change the whole face of the earth.

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or **Medjugorje.com**

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The Time Has Come To Reclaim Our Lady's Land!!!

The early pioneers came from everywhere to stake the land. They tamed, shaped, and built farms as well as cities, but what part did God play in all of this? What about Our Lady? Was there a grand design to all of this? Was Heaven bringing Christianity to a new land? Who was leading this?

When you look at the founding of Christianity on the American continent and in the founding of this nation (The United States of America), you will always find right there in the beginning, a common sign. It was the Blessed Virgin Mary. Just as satan constantly strives to suppress Our Lady's messages from Medjugorje, he also has done an excellent job of hiding and distorting facts about Our Lady's leading role in the founding of this land.

The following may not only surprise you and put joy in your heart, but will also give you goose bumps. What you are about to read is remarkable history which satan does not want you to know: Our Lady's

hands have not only been in the founding of this nation but also, in a most remarkable way, Her path can be traced. It is time, through God's grace, with these types of events and writings, to proclaim this information to our children, teach it in our schools, and to place it in history. The following is just a small portion of God's providence in history. Please pray to the Holy Spirit for enlightenment before reading.

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They sailed into the Hudson Bay, up to the Nelson River to Lake Winnipeg and into the Red River of the North. There, in the beautiful wooded region of Minnesota, they pitched camp. Half the men went hunting, only to return later to find their companions slain and the camp in ashes. They decided to leave, but before doing so, they etched in a stone a few words. It would not be seen until later when a farmer found the stone left by the men — in the roots of a seventy year old tree. What the farmer found in 1898 on his farm was the oldest historical record ever found in our country. Strangely enough, it was about Our Lady and a plea for Her intercession. The inscription and date reads:

“Hail Virgin Mary, save us from evil.”
(dated 1362)

Almost unbelievable were it not for the fact that a fervent Christian, King Magnus of Norway, had sent this expedition headed by Paul Knutson to this new land and records of the expedition still exist in Norway. These records, coupled with the finding of what is now known as the “Kensington Stone,” give overwhelming evidence of the event. The *“Harvard Journal of Medical Studies”* said of the early skeptics to the stone’s authenticity: *“A future generation will find it hard to understand how an older generation could have been so blind.”*

What is important is that Our Lady’s intercession was sought by these men and their plea is a permanent historical record. Our Lady was there right in the beginning, on the oldest historical record of the United States.

Another intercession of Our Lady connected to this country came when Christopher Columbus, weary and tired, could not get his voyage financed. He was on his way out of Spain, completely discouraged because his efforts had been spent in vain, when he stopped for the night, lodging in the monastery of Our Lady of Rabida. After listening to Columbus, the prior of the Monastery, dedicated to Our Lady, decided to contact the queen and to convince her to hear Columbus’ plea for his voyage again. The outcome was favor-

able through the prior. It is obvious that Columbus felt Mary's intercession was so vital that not only did he have his men receive Holy Communion in a chapel dedicated to Our Lady before they left, but he had his ship's name changed to the Santa Maria, after Our Lady. As the men sailed to discover America, Our Lady was there with them. The men of all three ships saw to this because they sang hymns to Her every single evening.

Mary was bringing Christianity to the new land. She was so much a part of the historical events that it is not at all difficult to research history, discover the views of these men who themselves made history, and who themselves believed it to be so, for they depended on Our Lady constantly to intercede for and protect them. The fact is these men were not always saints, but this does not change the truth that Our Lady used them to bring Christianity to our land.

When the first astronauts landed on the moon, it was dedicated to man. "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." When Columbus and his men spotted land in the new world, what happened in those first few moments? What words were spoken? All together these men breathed the following words over the strange new world: "*Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,...*" — They recited the Salve Regina. Wherever

they went, their first thought was reserved for Our Lady. They named many places in honor of Her: Our Lady of the Sea, Holy Mary of the Immaculate Conception; Star of the Sea; Port Conception. They delighted in teaching the Indians the “Ave Maria” and other prayers.

What is plainly evident, although clouded and shrouded by those who have supposedly helped us understand history, is Our Lady led these men to a new era in human history which would initiate global change and the spread of Christianity. Our Lady was at the helm.

For centuries, the crusades tried to rescue the Holy Lands and convert the Moslems who held the Holy Lands to no avail. Yet, thirty years after Columbus landed, Hernando Cortez walked into one of the mightiest empires on the continent and took it over. The pagan Aztec Empire had been given a prophesy long before about what they believed would be a god who would conquer them. Cortez fit their description with his Spanish hat and the great Aztec Chief, Montezuma, had little will to fight. He even moved voluntarily out of his palace to let Cortez in, so frightened was Montezuma of him. There eventually was an uprising which resulted in fighting and the far-outnumbered men from Spain won. While their motive was mostly for gold,

it also served to spread Christianity to Mexico which helped again set up conditions for Our Lady to cause an explosion of Christianity. When Christopher Columbus discovered America, little did he (as well as many today) know how masterfully the Father was revealing prophecy in the event. The prophecy, which once understood, gives evidence that this was Our Lady's land and as Our Lady now has plans in Medjugorje so, too, had She plans back then. The prophecy can neither be hidden nor denied. It is in the encyclopedias and history books the world over. It is the three names of Christopher Columbus' ships: the Santa Maria, the Pinta, and the Nina. Santa Maria stands for "Holy Mary," Pinta means "Paint," and Nina means "Girl." The three ships' meanings placed in a sentence clearly states:

"Holy Mary paints girl."

Juan Diego was an eighteen-year-old pagan when Christopher Columbus landed in America. Years later, due to the conquering of Mexico by Cortez, Juan Diego came across his first white man while in his middle 40's. He was turning 51 when he was baptized and given the Christian name, Juan Diego. Just six years later, in 1531, Our Lady supernaturally painted a girl on his cloak, an image of Herself. She had told him to go up on a little hill and pick roses which were growing there in the mid-

dle of winter. He came back to Our Lady with the roses haphazardly placed in his cloak and Our Lady straightened them out and told him not to open his cloak until he saw the bishop. When he opened his cloak upon seeing the bishop, he was amazed when the flowers fell out and the picture, not painted by human hands, was there on his cloak. Thirty-nine years after Columbus discovered America and ten years after Cortez captured the capital of Mexico, Our Lady was again at the beginning of Christianity in America, actually forming a prophecy with three ships an undeniable sign of Her future Guadalupe apparitions that now, long in the past, can be easily traced!

In Europe, while droves were leaving Our Lady's Church and denying Her in the process, tens of thousands were coming into Her Church in the new America. The roles of the missionaries were paved and made easier because of Our Lady through those who came to know about the apparitions. Within a few short years of Her apparitions in Guadalupe, several million pagans passed in front of Her Image and converted! South and North America were destined to be Christian through the direct hands of Our Lady.

Perhaps because so many children of the Mother denied Her across Europe, God gave Her the Americas

to console Her weeping heart. Whatever the reason, Our Lady played the major role in our beginnings — yes, even in the founding of the United States and in protecting it through Her intercession.

As the English settled the thirteen colonies, the French settled in Canada and claimed the Mississippi Valley. The French sent out Fr. Marquette, acting as an explorer for the government and missionary of the Church. He discovered a mighty river which would show up on all the maps as the backbone of the United States. Because of the importance of this river, he gave it a befitting name, calling it “*River of the Immaculate Conception.*” Later, however, in the constant struggle of the world against recognizing its own Mother, the name was changed. The backbone of the country, the greatest river of our land, “*The River of the Immaculate Conception*” was changed to the “*Mississippi River.*”

The Spanish and French, under the banner of Our Lady, went to a large part of our country, preaching to the Indians and spreading Christianity. Many suffered and were martyred. But it was the English who, along a narrow strip on the Eastern seaboard, gave our country its customs, laws, and languages. Unfortunately many of them no longer held Mary in their hearts as their Mother. Hence, those who did stay devoted to

Our Lady were persecuted. Those English who kept Our Lady in their hearts sought refuge in the midst of these persecutions, not only from England but Puritans in New England and Anglicans in the Southern colonies. Many from these groups feared and hated them. Strangely enough, those devoted to Our Lady founded a colony with a hidden intent. They named it "*Mary*"land. They were able to use this name only because they maintained their colony was being named for Queen Henrietta Maria. Our Lady was not to be suppressed. She had claimed the Western Hemisphere as Her own. In Maryland, those English Catholics, who suffered greatly at the hands of their persecutors, decided things would be different. In Maryland there would be freedom of religion. It was the first colony to do this. A century and a half later, Maryland citizens took the leading role in making freedom of religion part of the first amendment; thus Mary's colonists kept loyal to Her.

About a century later, war was raging with the British and French. The Americans sided with the British, the Indians, with the French. One thousand three hundred British and American troops were headed to Pittsburgh when, seven miles from their destination, they were ambushed by the French and Indians, hidden in trees, behind logs, and in the brush. The British and

Americans reacted according to their form of European warfare. They lined up and began to shoot back. The French and Indians slaughtered the British and American forces. Seven hundred fourteen men were killed and, out of eighty-six American and British officers, only one remained on a horse. After two hours, they retreated, completely defeated. Few casualties were suffered on the part of the French and Indian forces.

The only officer left on his horse was a twenty-three year old, who the next day wrote to his mother and brother describing the event. Part of what he wrote follows:

“...By the all powerful dispensations of Providence (God), I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation for I had four bullet holes passed through my coat and two horses shot out under me, yet I escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me...”

In 1770, fifteen years later, the officer returned to those woods with a doctor friend. An old Indian chief heard that this officer was returning to the woods, and he traveled a long distance to see him. They sat face to face over a council fire and the Indian said, “*You don’t*

know me. Fifteen years ago you and I were in these woods together. I was the chief in charge of the Indians. We saw you riding and knew you were one of the leaders and if we could kill you we could scatter your men. So I told my braves to single you out and fire at you. I personally shot at you seventeen different times. When we saw that the bullets were having no effect on you, I told my braves to stop shooting at you. I came all this way to meet the man God would not let die in battle.”

Indeed, the hand of God was on this young officer, and he believed deeply in God and His providence. He was George Washington, the future father of our country. While many historians and professors are doing their best to rewrite history, it is plain to see by Washington, through his letters and records, how deeply he believed the Almighty led and built this nation. He believed its purpose was to be a Christian nation and all the laws were to be based upon biblical foundations; to do otherwise would lead to ruin. Washington represented unity. Uniting the colonies through Washington’s authority, gave birth to the “union.” Henry Knox said that it was Washington’s character, and not the recently signed Constitution, that held the infant Union together.

Washington was not a Catholic and because of this one might think, “So he was there at the beginning

of our country. What did Our Lady have to do with that?" It is by a thin thread that the following information was passed on to us here and also a wonder, as it could so easily have been lost forever. The following is most remarkable, especially when you take into account Washington's dignity, the awe and respect which surrounded him, and his impeccable honesty which show that he would not be inclined to divulge such a thing unless it were real. It was told by Anthony Sherman in 1859 to Wesley Bradshaw and originally published in the National Tribune, Volume 4, #12, December 1880. Perhaps it has been preserved all this time so that it may become known during the time of Our Lady's apparitions in Medjugorje.

Was Washington's life preserved by God for special plans of Our Lady?

"The last time I saw Anthony Sherman was on the Fourth of July, 1859, in Independence Square. He was then ninety-nine years old, and becoming feeble. But though so old, his dreaming eyes rekindled as he gazed up Independence Hall, which he came to visit once more.

“Let us go into the hall,” he said. “I want to tell you an incident in Washington’s life — one which no one alive knows except myself; and, if you live, you will before long, see it verified.

“From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune, now good and now ill, one time victorious and another time conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington, after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777. Ah! I have often seen the tears course down our dear commander’s careworn cheeks, as he would be conversing with confidential officers about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington’s going to the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true, but he used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort from God, the interposition of whose Divine Providence brought us safely through the darkest days of tribulation.

“One day — I remember it well — the chilly wind whistled through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly. He remained in his quarters nearly all afternoon alone. When he came out I noticed that his face was a shade paler than usual, and there seemed to be something on his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning just after dark, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of an officer, who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation of about half an hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said:

‘I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon, as I was sitting at this table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I saw standing opposite a singularly beautiful female. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the purpose of her presence

'A second, a third, even a fourth time did I repeat my question but received no answer from my mysterious visitor, except a slight raising of her eyes. By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen, but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I essayed once more to address her, but my tongue had become useless. Even thought itself had become paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitor. Gradually the surrounding atmosphere filled with sensations and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, the mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I now began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensation which I have sometimes imagined accompanies dissolution. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move. All, alike, were impossible. I was conscious only of gazing fixedly, vacantly, at my companion.

‘Presently I heard a voice say, ‘Son of the Republic, look and learn!’ while at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly. I looked and beheld a heavy white vapor rising, at some distance, fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay spread out in one vast plain all the countries of the world — Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America, the billows of the Atlantic Ocean, and between America and Asia lay the Pacific. ‘Son, of the Republic,’ said the mysterious voice as before, ‘look and learn.’

‘At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being, like an angel, standing, or rather floating in mid-air between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean with his right hand, he cast it upon America, while that in his left hand went upon the European countries. Immediately a cloud arose from these countries, and joined in mid ocean. For awhile it remained stationary, and then it moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its folds.

Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through at intervals; and I heard the smothered groans of the American people. A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.'

'I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages, towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, was dotted with them. Again I heard the voice say, 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh. Look and learn.'

'And with this the dark, shadowy figure turned its face southward, and from Africa an ill-omened specter approached our land.

'It flitted slowly over every town and city of the land. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued to look I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light on which was traced the word,

'Union,' place an American flag between the divided nation, and say, 'Remember, ye are brethren.' Instantly, the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons, became friends once more, and united around the National Standard.

'Again I heard the voice say, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn!' At this, the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia, and Africa.

'Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: from each of these countries arose thick black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a bright Red Light, by which I saw hordes of armed men, who, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America; which country was enveloped in the volume of cloud.

'And I saw dimly these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns, and cities that I beheld springing up.

'As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, the clashing of swords, and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' As the voice ceased, the shadowy figure of the angel, for the last time, dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.

'Once more I beheld villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before; while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried in a loud voice, 'While the stars remain and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Union last.' And taking from her brow the crown on which was blazoned the word, 'Union,' she placed it upon the Standard, while people kneeling down, said, Amen.

'The scene instantly began to fade away, and I saw nothing but the rising curling vapor I had at first beheld. This also dis-

appeared, and I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor who said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted. Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful is the third, but the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for God, his land, and the Union.' With these words the angel vanished from my sight.'

"Such, my friend," concluded the narrator, "were the very words I heard from Washington's own lips; and America will do well to profit by them."

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It is undeniable that the first two perils have happened. The second was the Civil War. Are we awaiting the third?

This nation and continent were destined, by the intervention of Our Lady, to be Christian. The framers of the Constitution meant it to be so and the Supreme Court confirmed it again and again. Many of the founding fathers wrote Biblical tracts. John Quincy Adams said:

“The highest glory of the American Revolution was that it connected an indissoluble bond, the principals of civil government with Christian government!”

Today we have those who say and teach the opposite. However, the very first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, John Jay, one of three men most responsible for the constitution said:

“Providence has given to our people the choice of these rulers and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of a Christian nation to prefer Christians for their rulers.”

In 1796, the United States Supreme Court, in *Runkel vs. Winemiller*, ruled:

“By our form of government, the Christian religion is the established religion and all sects and denominations of Christians are placed upon the same equal footing.”

James Madison, the chief architect of the Constitution said:

“We have staked the whole future of the American civilization not upon the bowers

of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves according to The Ten Commandments of God.”

Pope John Paul II has told all religious orders who wish to be restored to go back to the founders and live what they were founded upon. They will be restored. Can a nation not also return to be restored?

We are being told and taught that the forefathers of this land were not necessarily religious. If you were in Philadelphia at Willing Alley on July 4, 1779, you would have seen the Continental Congress stroll by — all the officials and heads of the new government, the major officers of the army and of the navy. You would have seen a tremendous sight because that July 4, 1779, was the first official public religious commemoration of the Declaration of Independence. These people were not going out to sales, barbecues, or fireworks demonstrations. They went out to thank God. The scene must have been electric. The newborn nation was represented there and so, too, again was Our Lady there at the beginning. Since this is Her land, it seems, through Her intercession, the first public religious commemoration should be the highest form of prayer on earth. So if

you were there you would have seen George Washington, along with all the other officials, give thanks to the Almighty God by attending...Holy Mass...at the church named after Our Lady,...“Old Saint Mary’s...” What must have been in Washington’s thoughts as he may have pondered about the beautiful woman in Valley Forge. Surely in the church of Our Lady, he must have thought about it.



Old St. Mary's Church in Philadelphia

While secular history does not show it, there can be little doubt that Heaven’s motivation was to Christianize this land and Our Lady has played a leading role

by God's design. Some might say, "Look at the Indians. Why would God allow that?" Even many of the Indians knew there was a reason God allowed everything to change. In his response to the great chief in Washington, President Franklin Pierce (who wanted to buy their land), the great Indian chief, Chief Seattle (Sealth), concedes that while he did not understand God's reason that the white man had come over and changed everything, he sensed it was supposed to be. The Indian chief, after stating the red man and the white man have the same God, replied back to the President, 1854:

"...but in your perishing you will shine brightly, fired by the strength of the God who brought you to this land and for some special purpose gave you dominion over this land and over the red man. It is a mystery for us..."

Evidence supports that the special purpose was the propagation of the Christian faith.

While Christians have made many mistakes and have a multitude of faults, we cannot back down from the destiny chosen upon this land. Those in office today pay no heed to the Almighty and when one studies our Founding Fathers' personal and public documents, one realizes treason has taken place — not only against our

country, but against God. It is time we Christians have a moral revolution, for our leaders are leading us down a path of moral degradation (This was written during President Clinton's administration). How does God deal with nations, which have no spirit, when they do wrong? Founding Father, George Mason said:

“As nations cannot be rewarded or punished in the next world, they must be in this. By an inevitable chain of causes and effects, Providence punishes national sins by national calamities.”

Near Birmingham, Alabama, Marija, the visionary from Medjugorje, spent over two and one-half months. Our Lady appeared to her everyday. Our Lady did many beautiful things. One particular apparition is of great significance because Our Lady chose a day and said She would appear outside and She wished the public to come. The day was November 24, 1988, Thanksgiving Day, the one day we as a nation give thanks to God. It is our exclusive religious holiday. Many are trying to change it, calling it Turkey Day, but we, in community, believe that where these apparitions took place holds a great significance for our whole country. We believe Our Lady desires to lead a reawakening, to go back to what we were founded upon. A few years later,

Our Lady gave a message confirming our discernment. She said on August 25, 1994:

“...I pray and intercede before my Son, Jesus, so that the dream that your fathers had may be fulfilled...”

It is time for a radical change in our lives and in our country's direction. We cannot follow our leaders' directions. We must abandon them and their miserable path as they have abandoned this country and its people. We must go back to the original principles God gave us. Through many events, we at Caritas already feel in our hearts that it is happening. People everywhere are wanting Godly virtues and family values to be first in their lives. They want simpler lives. There is a revolution happening. It is spiritual and those in the world are not going to know how to stop it. Hundreds of thousands are pulling their children out of school and teaching them themselves. They are turning more to God than to politicians who have abandoned God's ways. The founding fathers would have revolted against those who no longer reflect in the slightest what this land was intended for by God. We, as Christians, must abandon their leadership. Our Lady will show us the way, and we feel very strongly She will rely on us heavily for this. We believe Her Thanksgiving apparition was

the beginning of our following Her lead in guiding this nation back to its Godly heritage. Future generations will look back on this particular apparition in The Field, November 24, 1988, as Our Lady's being there again in the beginning.

The preceding article shows what happened when man wanted God in history. The following article shows what happens when man doesn't want God in history. Both of these articles appeared in the May–June 1993 newsletter. They appear here together because of their relevance to each other.

1963 Was A Very Bad Year

To understand the past, it is important to know that God guides the course of history, but man chooses it. If we want God, He will lead us. If we don't want God, He will give way to our will and not lead us. Either action by God effects history, so history is not made by man but by God in collaboration with man. When history is taught and passed on as purely secular, it clouds the full truth. The secular history we have been taught for decades has become more and more a deception. Go to any of the original writings of the founders of this nation and you will clearly see that this nation was destined to be a Christian nation. Its laws and principals are based on biblical precepts. We have been duped into thinking that secular history is important. History should be taught from a spiritual perspective. For example: Why did George Washington pray so

often? Why did Abraham Lincoln say the Civil War was chastisement for our sins? etc.

Should we teach:

World War II for the United States, started with the bombing of Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, and ended with Japan on August 15, 1945.

or

Should we teach:

Our Lady is the patron saint of the United States. In Fatima, She said that unless man turns away from sin, a larger and greater war will break out. The prophecy came true. It happened on the vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 7, 1941, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Congress declared war on Our Lady's Feast Day, December 8, 1941. The war ended, on the vigil feast of the Assumption in our part of the world. In Japan, where the decision was made, this was August 15, 1945, the feast day itself.

In every event, was God involved? Was God not involved? Our whole life is a spiritual matter and every action and heart will be judged to determine where we will be for eternity. Learning history minus God has no value for eternity, rather only for the world.

In the preceding article, "...Reclaim Our Lady's Land," God was involved and wanted by man to help and influence history. What happens when God is not involved, when man chooses purely to be secular, to minus God out of his life? This can also be taught from a spiritual perspective and when properly taught, we would benefit greatly from history as the following will show:

This is from a period in history when man chose not to include God. Before 1963, "public" schools were similar to religious institutions. The Bible was taught. For example, many first grade school books taught the alphabet using Bible quotes which were started with the letters of the alphabet, A,B,C, etc. Throughout all the school text books, the teachings of Christ permeated the lessons if not "built in" directly. Virtues were taught. It is important to note in 1963 when we saw school prayer removed, out went all other material which had any remote reference to Christianity. So in 1963, when the Supreme Court removed school prayer, it removed

much more than a singular prayer before school began. Before that ruling, going back to our forefathers, many cases were tried, challenging Christianity in the school. Time and again it was upheld that this was a Christian nation. One case before the Supreme Court was:

Church of the Holy Trinity vs. United States
1892

It ruled:

Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teaching of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise and in this sense and to this extent, our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian.

To arrive at the 1892 decision, they went all the way back through cases to the forefathers and cited eighty-seven separate precedents to base its ruling upon. Another case:

People vs. Ruggles
1811

The court said:

Whatever strikes at the root of Christianity tends manifestly to the dissolution of civil government.

The case dealt with a man who wanted Christianity out of schools, and who accused Jesus and blasphemed Him. The court said that is blasphemy. If you attack Jesus Christ, you are attacking Christianity. If you attack Christianity, you have attacked the foundation of the United States. He was sentenced to three months in jail and fined \$500.00 for his attack of the United States through blaspheming Jesus.

All cases before 1963 had many precedents to prove from the country's founding that Christianity was the fabric of our country. But in 1963, satan entered the courts for the first time and changed almost two hundred years of tradition regarding school prayer. The court's decision was unprecedented. It was unbelievable. It could not happen, yet it did, and a brand new direction began with no past cases cited to arrive at its decision.

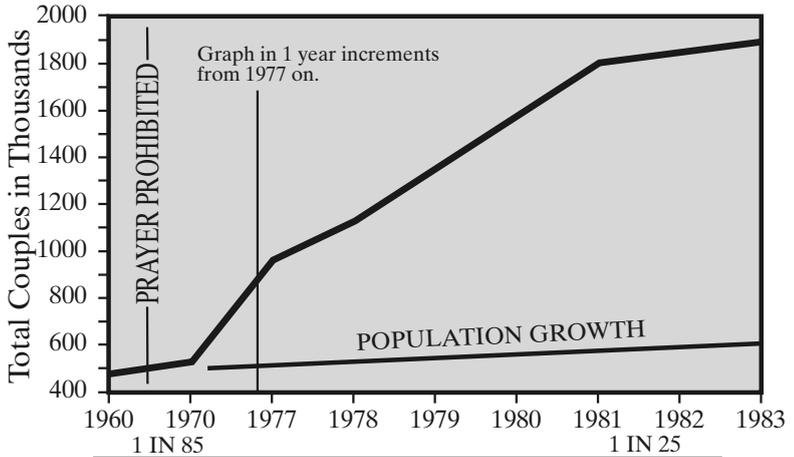
In 1963, when Kennedy was shot, the world, for the first time, watched it happen on TV. Then the alleged assassin, Oswald, was shot and also seen on live

T.V. It seems it is the year the devil came out. It is history showing, from a spiritual perspective, what happens when man turns away from God.

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The following charts tell all you need to know. It's undeniable evidence that God gives us what we choose. In every case, 1963 changed everything. Some categories had been stable for decades until the 1963 U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

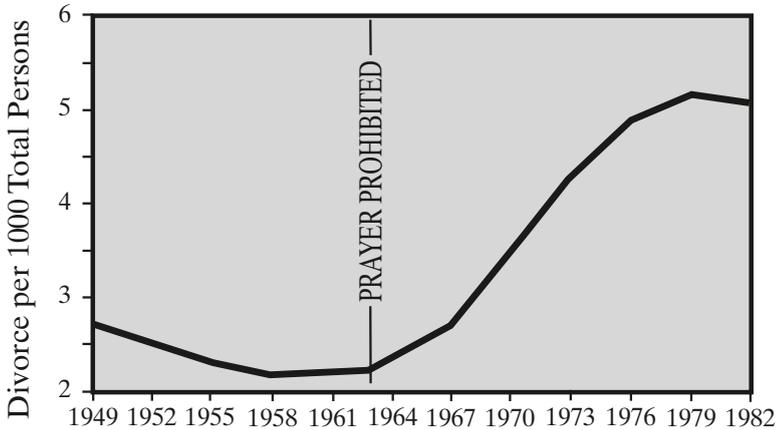
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UNMARRIED COUPLES UP 353%

1963 once again marks drastic rise in unprincipled behavior

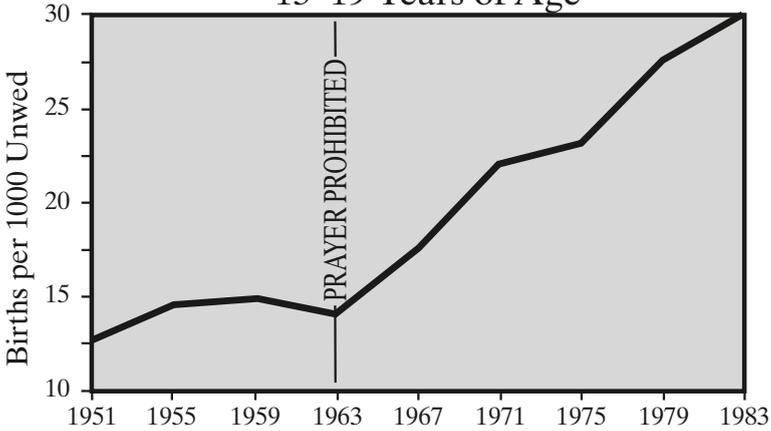
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DIVORCE RATES UP 177%

Divorce was actually on a decline prior to 1963.

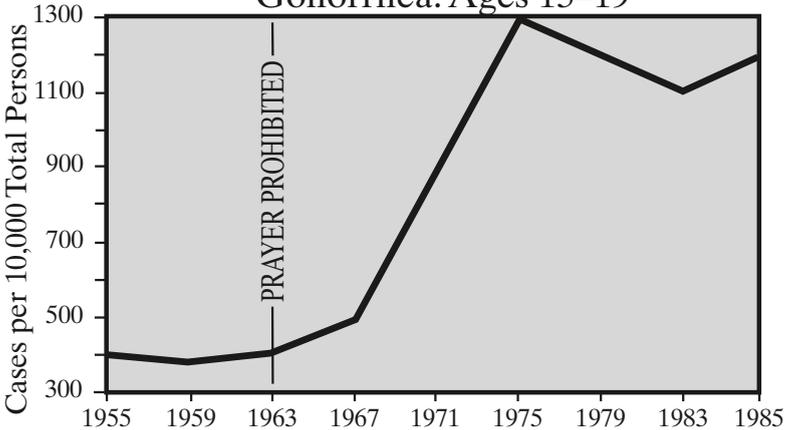
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PREGNANCIES TO GIRLS 10–14 UP 553%

National morality begins to seriously suffer after 1963.

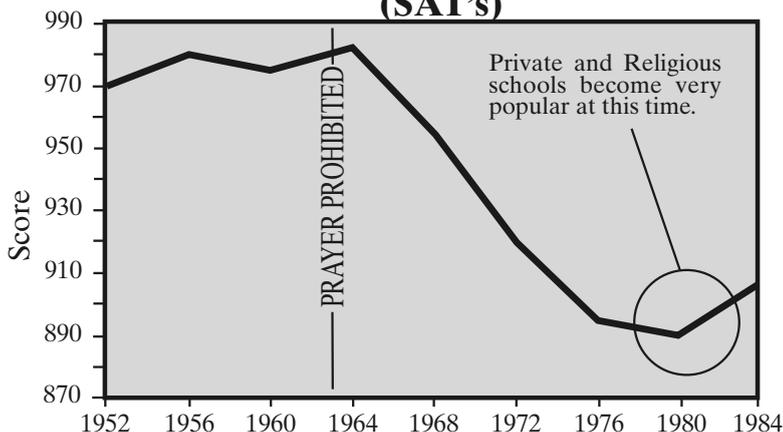
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STUDENT STD's UP 226%

Immoral behavior among young people skyrockets after 1963.

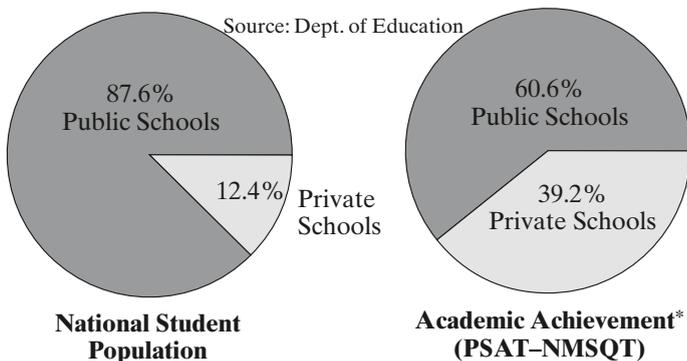
Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores (SAT's)



SCORES TOOK A NOSEDIVE AFTER 1963

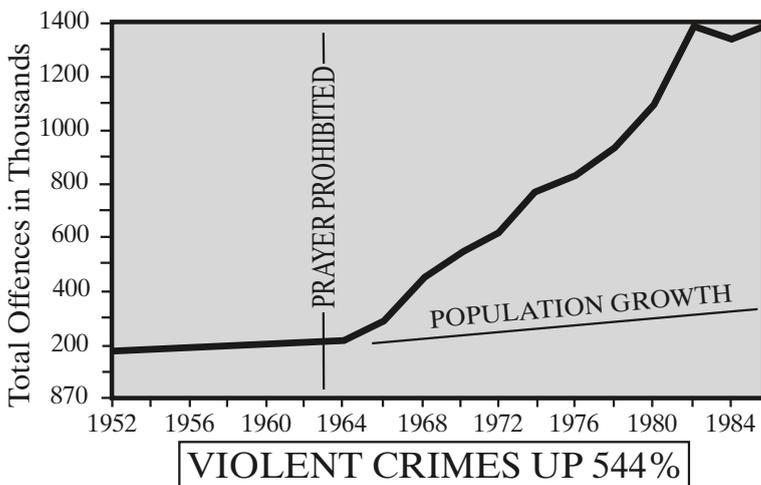
SAT scores were basically steady from 1941 to 1963.

As you can see in the above chart, SAT scores took a nosedive after 1963. Scores then seem to begin to rise in the early 80's. In 1981 a large number of people began to enroll their children in private religious schools. Because religious principles were being taught, aptitude test scores immediately began rising. In 1984 students from private religious schools made up only 12.4% of the total national student body yet they made up nearly 40% of the nation's top academic "cream of the crop."



* Students in top 1/2% of National Academic Achievement (National Merit semi-finalists)

Violent Crime



Notice violent crime was running consistent with population growth, neither increasing nor decreasing

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"it's no wonder, the private schools have all the affluence and i*

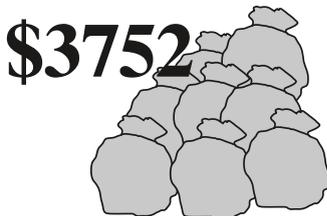
Let's go back to the Department of Education and see the full

Average Cost to Educate a Student in



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Private Religious
Schools



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As you can tell from reading this booklet, we have not taught our children or ourselves properly and the present ills in our society are the result of this and will remain unsolved without God's help.

There is so much history that will show the results when man works and collaborates with God and when he does not. Seeing history from this perspective should change everyone's outlook — not only why it is necessary to live according to God's precepts, but that doing so results in a happier life, an abundance of joy, and real peace. All of society will improve by teaching history and showing when man puts God first, problems are corrected. Whenever there is a real commitment from the heart for God to rule, divine order is the result and all of society's ills will start disappearing. There is no natural order without divine order, rather only chaos which presently prevails in our society and world. We "see" through prayer that much research must be done, including the necessity to write the truth about our history and expose the work of God for the correct outlook. Once done, everything will begin to cure itself, because man will have learned what happens when he does not comply with God's way.



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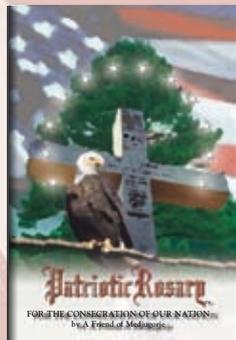
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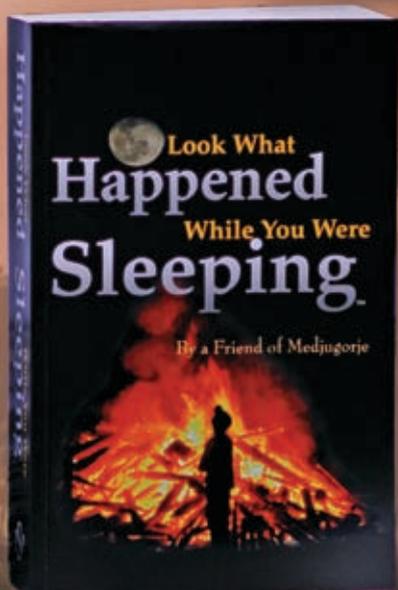
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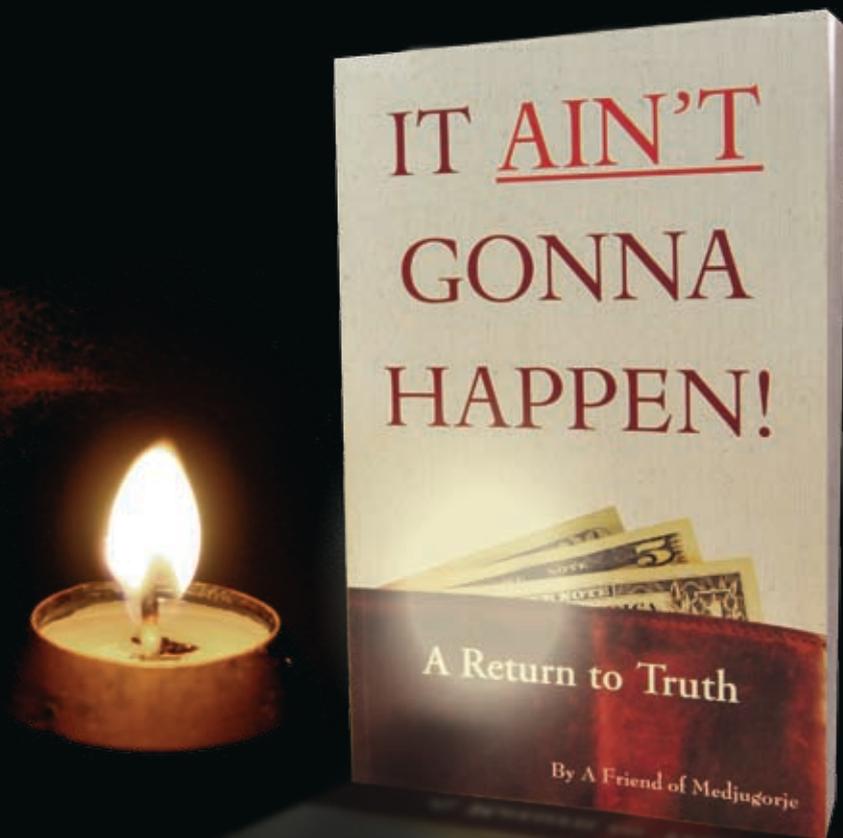
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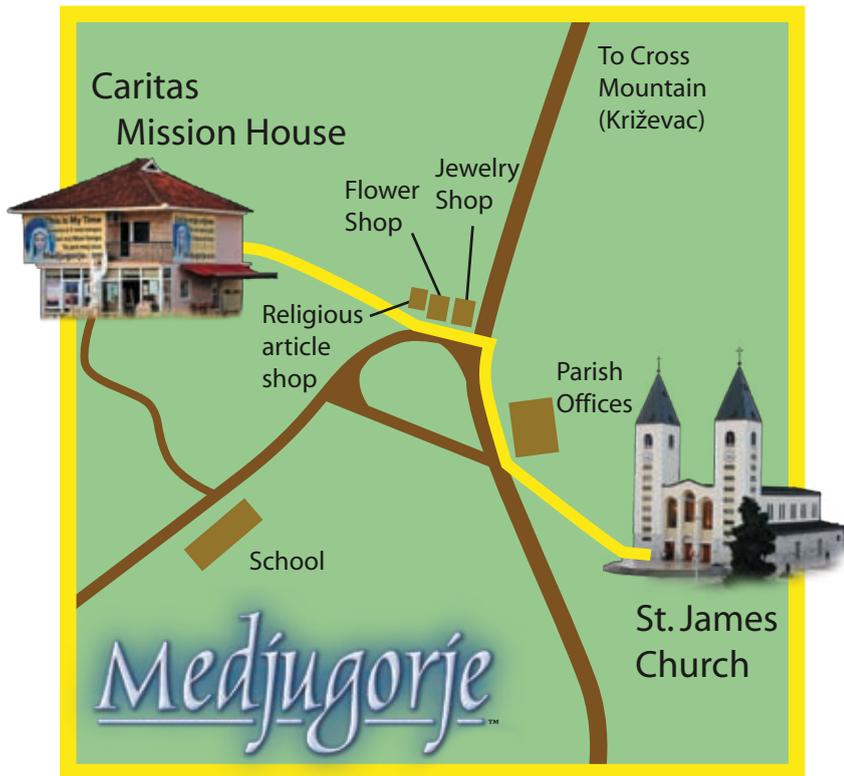
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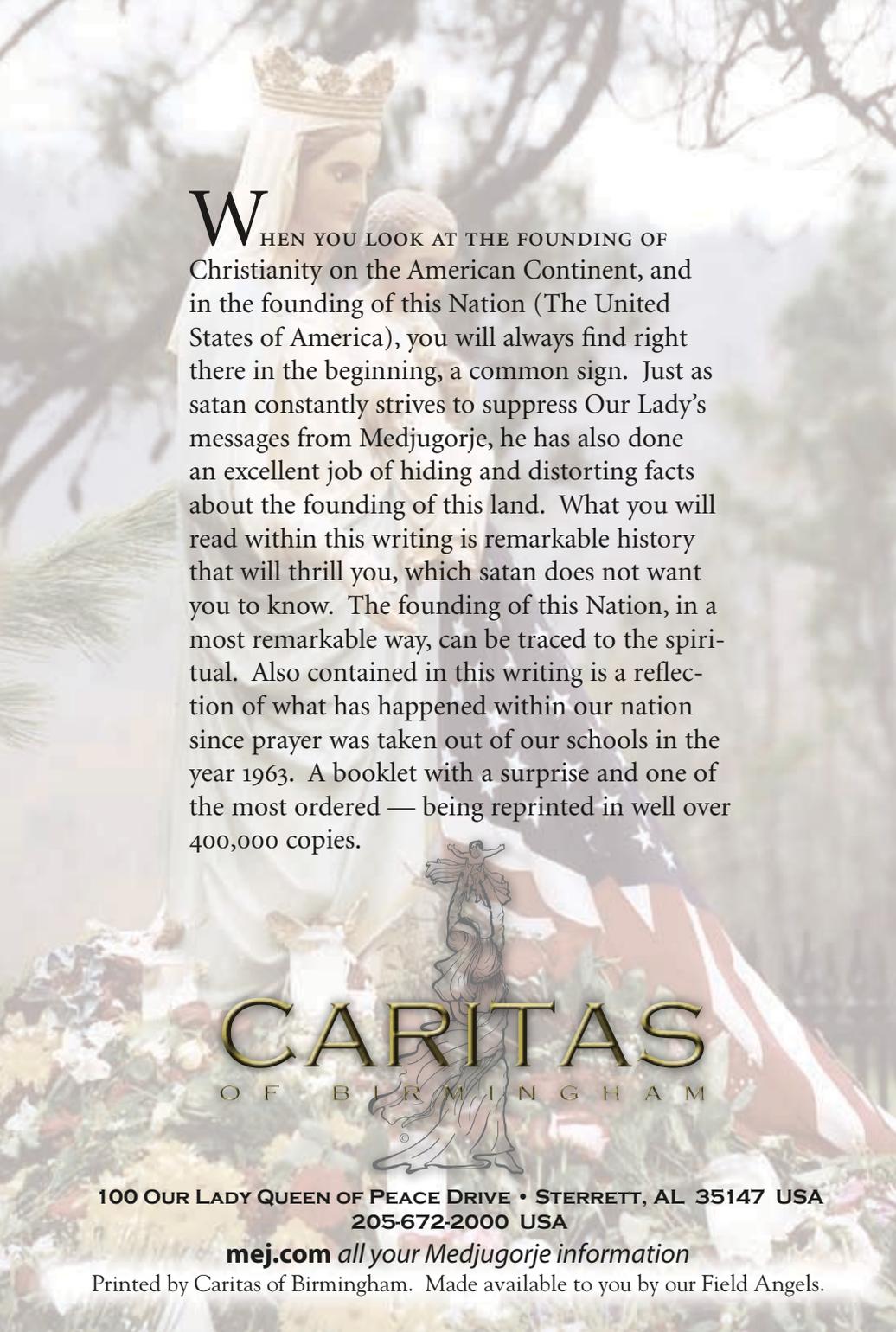
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