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Dear Raphael,

The following is my personal witnessing of what I saw at your apartment in Pasadena, California, on Saturday, June 24, 1989.

As we ^{were} driving north on the Santa Ana freeway, I noticed that the sun was spinning, it then appeared to me as a luminescent Eucharistic host with an ever widening pink cloud surrounding it. This I observed at circa 6:20 p.m.

During Mass, immediately after having received communion, I felt Our Lady was present with us because I experienced the same wonderful peace that I had felt on two different occasions in Medjugorje. After having received communion, I went out on the little balcony in order to make room for other to receive as there were many in a small living room, perhaps 75 though I did not count.

As I was standing on the balcony facing toward the back, my eyes focused on the trees directly behind your apartment which were at the third story level. There appeared to me to be an oval like opening in the trees which was almost directly in line with my span of vision. And then I observed what certainly looked like Our Lady. She appeared to be life size, a brilliant white, garbed in a long white gown with her arms outstretched. I watched intently for about 15 minutes and detected movement. She was facing front when I first saw Her. As I continued to watch, I could see a gentle turning to the left of the apparition. I did not receive any interlocution but continued to experience the wonderful inner peace and was prompted to pray. I was unable to discern any facial features or details of her face, although a young 11 year old boy standing next to me described seeing her crown and could also make out her facial features. He also stated that she was standing on a platform in the "grotto like opening in the trees."

I noted that her arms were outstretched AND SHE WAS A BRILLIANT WHITE AS IF THERE WERE A LIGHT SHINING ON HER.

Others who saw her subsequently broke out into spontaneous hymns of joy and praise. Surely, we were blessed with her presence after having prayed all 15 decades of the Rosary and participating in a two hour Medjugorje type Mass with Father Stacey celebrating and making us really appreciate the true meaning of being a part of the mystical body.

Praise and Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ for sending us your Immaculate Mother Mary on this very special feast of John the Baptist and the 8th anniversary of the first apparition in Medjugorje. I also asked Fr. Stacy what he observed as he said it looked to him like a "statue of Our Lady of Lourdes". I continued to observe this phenomenon from 9:50 to 11:20 p.m. when I left ^{consciously} to go home!

I solemnly state that the above facts are true & I have attempted to portray events to the best of my ability though it's difficult to articulate true feelings in words!
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