

July 4, 1989

Dear Raphael,

The following is an addendum to the testimonial I sent you regarding Our Lady's visit to us on June 24, 1989 after the anniversary mass celebrated by Fr. Stacey.

To clarify what follows I need to state that I recently completed a pamphlet which I co-authored with Fr. Donald Lavelle, a Claretian dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is entitled "Our Lady Speaks to the Youth of the World".

The week prior to the Anniversary Mass was one of total frustration as I was unable to raise the \$10,000 I needed to publish 30,000. All else was in order i.e. the printer was engaged, I have people in Chicago Peace Tours who will distribute it free of charge to all English speaking youth pilgrims in Medjugorje this summer. I even have an American, Tony Brooks from Louisville, Kentucky, who owns radio stations and beams the story of Medjugorje on the hard rock station. He agreed to coordinate distribution of the pamphlets in Medjugorje for me.

All that remained was to raise the funds necessary to complete the task. I had prayed fervently and everywhere I turned the door was closed for one reason or another. One gentleman offered to give me \$5,000 but wanted a tax write off. Since I do not have non-profit status, I was unable to provide it.

I had been advised to send my manuscript to Riehle Foundation in Ohio as they do have non-profit status and have published many books and pamphlets on Medjugorje.

The night of the mass in your home, I offered it all to Mary and that was my only petition during Mass that if she wanted this publication made available to the youth of the world, please intercede to her son, Jesus, to show me the way.

As I stated previously at Communion, I felt such a tremendous sense of peace and it was as if She was saying, let it go, it will be all right. The next morning, Sunday, June 26th, I called an old friend of mine with whom I used to sing in choir at St. Joseph's in Santa Ana. I was sharing with her my frustrations at being so close to my goal but because of not having the non-profit status, could not accept the \$5,000 from Mr. Moiso. She said to me, "forget Mr. Moiso, I'll give you the \$5,000" and that day I went to her house and she gave me the first half of monies I needed.

On The following Tuesday June 27th, I received a phone call from the Riehle foundation in Ohio in which they stated that they would back my pamphlet, give me the non-profit status I needed so that I could accept the other \$5,000 from Mr. Moiso.

Praise and glory to Your Lord Jesus and thanksgiving to Mary for interceding in this very worthy cause. Last night, I was talking to a friend who recently returned from Medjugorje and she told me that Ivan had told them