

July 10, 1989

Dear Rafael:

Thank you for sending copies of the testimonies from persons who attended the Medjugorje anniversary Mass on June 24, 1989 at your home. As you requested when you telephoned yesterday, I am sending you a little report on what I saw that night.

Probably 9:30 p.m. or later, after a long Mass, Communion had just been served when a lady standing on the balcony of your second story apartment said that the Blessed Mother could be seen in a tree, and pointed toward a tree which looked to be in the back yard of an apartment or home which faces a street parallel to yours and to the right of your backyard. I would guess the tree to be about 50 or 60 feet from your balcony, perhaps more.

The tree was a large, full one, and I couldn't see the details of the leaves, but it was large like an elm or an oak. You could see spaces of sky here and there between the leaves and branches. In one place, where several people were now pointing, there was an area which appeared to be more white than the other spaces between the leaves--as though a whiter light were behind that space, or a light was shining from the front toward that area. The light area seemed to be in the outline of a woman in a veil and long dress--and when a breeze blew, there appeared to be movement as the leaves rustled. When the lights were turned out in your home, that one white area showed up more than any of the other breaks in the leaves. When on your balcony, I moved from the right side of the balcony, where the view of the white light was quite obvious, to the left side. There I could see nothing at all.

I did also notice that some of the leaves in front of that white area had light on them--which made me think there was a beam of light coming from somewhere above and in front of what we were seeing--perhaps like a small spotlight. However, I did not get out close enough to the end of the balcony to look for such a light source, because of the crowd.

I did not see a blue sash or any features such as others seem to have seen. Perhaps my eyes are not as good as others, but I believe I was seeing an opening in the leaves and branches in the tree that did, indeed, have the shape of a woman. I did not report to anyone that I saw the Blessed Virgin when I went home. I did not believe I had seen anything supernatural.

This is not a criticism of those who believe they saw the Blessed Mother but rather a report, as honestly as possible, of what I saw.

It was a lovely evening celebrating the anniversary of our Lady Queen of Peace. Thank you for your commitment to Our Lady's messages and may she continue to bless your work.

Sincerely,

*Kay Antonich*