

# Disclaimer

**Caritas of Birmingham is not acting on behalf of the Catholic Church, nor is it placing its mission under the church. Its mission is to reach the ends of the earth. Its actions are outside of the church done privately. This disclaimer is further stated:**

**So as not to take for granted the credibility of the Medjugorje Apparitions, it is stated that the Medjugorje apparitions are not approved by the Catholic Church.**

## **SPECIAL STATEMENT**

**Medjugorje Status**

**September 21, 2015 A.D.**

**No attempt is intended to pre-empt the Church on the validity of the apparitions.**

**Medjugorje Apparitions. They are private revelation waiting for the Church's final judgment. In the interim, these private revelations are allowed by, and for, the faithful to have devotion to and to be promoted legally by the Church. Devotion and the propagation of private revelations can be forbidden only if the private revelation is found to be 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 be contrary to faith against faith or morals, therefore it is in the grace of the Holy Spirit followed by the faithful. By the rite of Baptism one is incorporated into the Church given the authority to evangelize. By Baptism they share in the universal priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission. The faithful do not need approval to promote or to have devotions to private revelations or to spread them when in conformity to AAS 58 (1966) 1186. The authority to evangelize is given when baptized. These apparitions have not been formally approved formally by the Church. Caritas of Birmingham and the Community of Caritas and all associated with it, realize**

**the final authority regarding the Queen of Peace, Medju  
happenings related to the apparitions, rests with the Holy See.  
We at Caritas, willingly submit to that judgment. While  
our amiable relationship with the Diocese of Birmingham and  
our relationship with its bishop, Caritas of Birmingham as a  
society not officially connected to the Diocese of Birmingham, A  
part of the Knights of Columbus.<sup>3</sup> The Diocese of Birmingham  
position on Caritas is neutral and holds us as Catholics in**

**1. The Church does not have to approve the apparitions.  
The Church did as She did with the apparitions of Rue du Bac in Paris  
and the Miraculous Medal. The Church never approved these ap  
pearances and gave way to the people's widespread acceptance of the M  
iraculous Medal and thereby the Apparitions to St. Catherine. Sen  
sensus Fidei (latin, meaning "The Sense of the Faithful"), regarding M  
ary, states that the "sense" of the people says that "Mary is here in**

**2. Catechism of the Catholic Church 2nd Edition**

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**3. TThe Knights of Columbus also are not officially under the authority of the Church, yet they are very Catholic. The Knights of Columbus was founded as a lay organization in 1882 with the basic Catholic beliefs. In order for a council appeals to the local Ordinary to be the Chaplain. The Knights of Columbus is still a lay organization, and operates with its own rules.**

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