



**Tepeyac OB/GYN**  
Something More Than Medicine™

## July 2023 Newsletter



Dear Friends:

I received a moving gift this week from Hannah, Elizabeth, Peter and Madeline Hoepfner (pictured above). These beautiful children donated \$200 — the proceeds of their summer lemonade stand — to Divine Mercy Care.

Their gift has me thinking a lot about almsgiving, the role it plays in our work at DMC and Tepeyac OB/GYN, and how distinct it is from fundraising. In my conversion to pro-life medicine, the Blessed Mother told me I needed to see the poor every day. We've always

struggled financially as a practice, swimming against the tide of medicine, and trying to make ends meet practicing life-affirming medicine, including keeping an open door to women in need. DMC was created to fundraise for Tepeyac OB/GYN but over the years I've come to appreciate how much more than fundraising is the act of humbling ourselves to beg for assistance and running a medical practice that depends so much on the sacrificial giving of our community.

What I have come to appreciate is how central almsgiving is to bringing the heart of Christ into medicine. It truly transforms caring for patients into caring about patients. Almsgiving is good for doctors as it helps us divest our trust from money onto God's providence. Almsgiving is good for the poor because they are included in excellent medicine alongside the privileged class who have insurance. Almsgiving is also good for the giver. The "Doctor" of the Gospels, Luke, talks about the cleansing power of almsgiving (Luke 11:41), connecting almsgiving with storing treasure in Heaven. Jesus doesn't appeal to self interest, but almsgiving is an act of great faith and great mercy, tapping into the font of Divine Mercy that governs God's heart for His people on earth. Almsgiving leads to unimagined compensation for you, for us, and for our patients and your sisters and brothers in the human family, letting them know "they are one of us."

So thank you, Hoepfner family, for your beautiful, loving sacrificial gift! Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, Phil Bettwy and the Knights of Columbus Council 12846 in Springfield, Virginia (pictured below) for your ultrasound initiative and generous support of Tepeyac OB/GYN. Thank you all for the countless gifts, big and small, that you have given to Divine Mercy Care. Your almsgiving is a pillar of what medicine should be, and you play a deep and personal role in the provision of life-affirming medicine at Tepeyac each and every day.

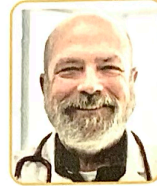
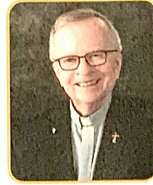


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# Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

September 4 - 13, 2023



Spiritual leaders:

**Fr. Gerald Wymes & Dcn. Leo Flynn & Dr. John T. Bruchalski**



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## PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare from your desired Airport
- All airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- 8 Nights in Medjugorje at 4\* Hotel
- Breakfast and Dinner / or lunch daily (Half board)
- Wine with dinners
- Assistance of a licensed local guide (s)
- Transfer as per itinerary
- Sightseeing and admission fees as per itinerary
- Visit the community Cenacolo and Mother's Village
- Climb Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain
- Daily Holy Mass
- Whispers
- Attend daily Evening program and talks
- Meeting with visionaries (Pending availability)
- Excursion to the places agreed by a spiritual guide
- 81 Tours backpack & portfolio of all travel documents

## PACKAGE PRICE

**\$ 2985.00**

(based on double occupancy)

**\$290 extra**  
for single supplement

**EXCLUSIONS:** Meals not specifically noted; Beverages; Single supplement (limited availability) - \$290; Travel Insurance.



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## Thank You to Our Lady of Good Counsel

Special thanks to the Respect Life Committee of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Vienna for sharing proceeds of their Christmas in July Diaper Drive with Divine Mercy Care! Thank you for supporting our Infant Gift Baskets for new moms and babies at Tepeyac OB/GYN! We are so very grateful for your support!

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## Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 23-29

### Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

Tepeyac OB/GYN's physicians, certified nurse midwives and Natural Family Planning (NFP) instructors provide training and ongoing support in several methods for achieving or postponing conception.

Call 703-273-9440 for an appointment today!



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated this last week in July NFP Awareness Week, highlighting the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about love, human sexuality and parenthood. This week also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Please share Tepeyac OB/GYN with friends and family interested in learning more about NFP.

