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Medjugorje Message/Commentary January 2007

"Dear Children! Put Sacred Scripture in a visible place in your family and read it. In this way, you will come to know prayer with the heart and your thoughts will be on God. Do not forget that you are passing like a flower in a field, which is visible from afar but disappears in a moment. Little children, leave a sign of goodness and love wherever you pass and God will bless you with an abundance of His blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Growing in a life lived with God requires immersion in His Word. Our Lady continually calls us to read the Bible. She has repeatedly asked us to "put Sacred Scripture in a visible place". Enthronement of the Bible in a prominent place in the home is a powerful, visual invitation to prayer. The Bible is God's message to us. His covenants of love are golden threads of His faithfulness throughout salvation history. Just as Our Lady is speaking to us in the here and now through Her messages to the world, so too, God's inspired word speaks a personal message to each one of us when we read Scripture passages with open hearts. Our Lady reminds us that we will come to know prayer with the heart by creating a sacred space - a place where we can retreat to, a space

conducive to silence and a sense of the holy. Just as we have come to love and appreciate Our Lady's monthly messages to the world, we must always to grateful for God's enduring messages to us through His living and active Word.

Mary's January message reminds us of our mortality. We are just passing through this 'vale of tears' on our way to our everlasting home. We are passing like "flowers in a field" - beautiful in their season; but, in a moment - gone. An awareness of the brevity of life gives us perspective. Comparing our lives to the short life-span of a flower helps us to focus on what is really important, on what lasts beyond our short stay on earth. Our Lady tells us what lasts - the signs of goodness and love that we leave along our path. Let us leave the sweet odor of virtue with everyone we encounter along the way.

Our Lady always promises us God's abundant blessings; but never without first pointing us in the right direction to receive them. She leads us to the Word of God - a lamp for our feet! She desires that we experience joy in meeting God through every verse of Scripture. Heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of God will never pass away. Let us immerse ourselves in the Word that will never pass away.

Medjugorje Message/Commentary – February 25, 2007

“Dear Children! Open your heart to God’s mercy in this Lenten time. The Heavenly Father desires to deliver each of you from the slavery of sin. Therefore, little children, make good use of this time and through meeting with God in confession, leave sin and decide for holiness. Do this out of love for Jesus, who redeemed you all with His blood that you may be happy and in peace. Do not forget, little children; your freedom is your weakness. Therefore, follow my messages with seriousness. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

The Season of Lent is a gift. It is a time of great outpouring of blessing that God delights in giving us. Lent reminds us we have not yet reached our goal. We are still in the desert. We are not yet safe. Maybe we have become complacent. Maybe we have succumbed to the lure of comfort, power or false gods. The ‘higher things’ that pertain to our immortal souls have given way to worldly preoccupations. We lose our freedom or trade it for a little happiness, pleasure or joy that the lure of sin promises. Lent is a golden opportunity to make things right – adjust priorities, make amends in relationships that have gone sour, pay particular attention to the most important relationship – you and God. The Lenten traditions of the Church – prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to re-focus, adjust our halos and do as Our Lady asks, “Open your hearts to God’s mercy in this Lenten Season”. It is imperative that we not squander the blessings of Lent. Our Lady tells us “to make good use of this time”. And, she tells us why and how.

Our Heavenly Father desires to deliver each one of us from the slavery of sin. I sometimes wonder if we understand the magnitude of the gift of spiritual freedom. We should appreciate how wonderful is this gift. We all suffer from the inclination to sin. We may be addicted to any one of these: alcohol, drugs, food, sex, spending, gambling. What about additions to the seven capital sins – anger, sloth, envy, etc.? What about addiction to gossip, judging, self-righteousness? When we find ourselves under the ‘influence’, we are in slavery. We are not free to be all that we are called to be as children of God. We are not at peace – with ourselves, neighbor or God. In short, we are miserable. Unfortunately, some, like the elder son in the parable of the Prodigal, don’t even realize that they are enslaved, or, like the younger son, how agonizing it really is to ‘come to our senses’ and return to the Father’s house.

Lent is a time for assessment and returning to the Father’s House in confession. It is a time, Our Lady says, “to meet with God, leave sin and decide for holiness”. God awaits our return. God WANTS to free us from bondage. However, something is first required of us. We must leave sin and decide for holiness - not too much to ask to be free. What Mary asks of us to not too much to expect in return for what we have already been given through Jesus’ act of redemption. Let all that we do or have already done this Lent be for love of Jesus who shed every drop of his blood for love of us.

Our Lady wants us to be happy and at peace. She reminds us that freedom is both our greatest gift and could be the greatest source of our weakness. She means that because God gave us free will, we are free to choose evil. We know that God’s grace is sufficient to overcome temptation. We need to remember to call upon God’s grace. Our Lady’s message is a great blessing to us. It is another wake-up call. Her tone seems emphatic as she tells us to “follow my messages with seriousness”. Let us seriously RSVP once again to her call and make very good use of this time.

March 2, 2007 Mirjana

Mirjana said that Our Lady was resolute and She said: “Today I will speak to you about what you have forgotten. Dear children, My name is Love. That I am among you for so much of your time is love, because the Great Love sends me. I am asking the same of you. I am asking for Love in your families. I am asking that you recognize love in your brother. Only in this way, through love, will you see the face of the Greatest Love. May fasting and prayer be your guiding star. Open your hearts to love; namely, to salvation. Thank you.”

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April 8th is Easter Sunday. Good Friday, therefore, is April 6th and the day to start the **Divine Mercy Novena**. This pamphlet contains the novena and chaplet, including how to recite the chaplet of Divine Mercy. The pamphlet also includes novena prayers. \$.50

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Vocation Prayer

Divine Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant our young men and women true generosity in following your call, and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. In this time of need, give the Church in this diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious.

Join A Local Prayer Cenacle

Queen of Peace Night: Third Wednesday of every month. All are invited. St. Dominic's Church, 6 Canandaigua St., Shortsville, NY. 7:00 pm Rosary, 8:00 pm Mass followed by healing prayer. The celebrant for March is Fr. Thomas Mull; celebrant for April is Fr. Mark Brewer.

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Marian Cenacle: Every Wednesday Evening. St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, NY. All are welcome. 7:00 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet, complete Rosary, Litany. Contact Darlene Duprey 315-539-9010.

Marian Cenacle: Every Saturday Morning, 11:00 am, St. Michael's Church (Chapel) Newark, NY.

Marian Cenacle: Every Thursday 1:00 pm, 394 Hickory Grove Road, Horseheads, NY. Contact Margaret Mary Colwell 607-739-8838.

Marian Cenacle: Every Saturday 9:15 am and every Sunday 8:30 am. Canandaigua VA Catholic Chapel, Bldg. 3, Canandaigua, NY. Contact Linda Johnson 315-536-3304.

Marian Cenacle: Second Wednesday of every month after the 9 am Mass. St. Patrick's Church, Maple Avenue, Victor. Rosary, Litany of Loretto, Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Marian Cenacle: Every Friday 11:15 am before the noon mass. St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport, NY.

First Saturday Prayer Group: St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, NY. First Saturday of each month after 8:00 am Mass. Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany. Contact Lynn Butler 585-289-3522.

Prayer Group: St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, NY. Every Saturday morning after 8:00 am Mass. Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany.

Prayer Group: Every Tuesday 7:30 pm. 22 Valencia Drive, Rochester, NY. Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Loretto. Contact Antionette & Pierre Patamia 585-426-6970.

Prayer Group: Every Sunday afternoon, 3:00 pm, (home group) 1266 Pine Hill Lane, Farmington, NY. Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany. Contact Yolanda Merkel 585-742-3206.

Prayer Group every Monday 7:00 pm, St. Michael's Chapel, 210 Keuka Street, Penn Yan, NY.

Prayer Group Every Sunday Evening 4:00 pm., St. Cecilia's Church, Culver Rd., Rochester. Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Contact Dorothy Florack 585-865-2594.

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