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### July 25, 2009 Message

*"Dear children! May this time be a time of prayer for you. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

### Commentary on July 25 Message

In her messages over these past 29 years, Our Lady has repeatedly referred to her presence among us in this extraordinary manner as "a special time.....a time of grace". Our Lady, who is timeless....eternal, broke into human history and defines time for us.

What is time? The dictionary has several explanations - "a nonspatial continuum in which events occur in apparently irreversible succession from the past through the present to the future".... "a duration". This one struck me - "an appointed or fated moment". God, in His mercy and great love for humankind, appointed this time - our time - the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to send His Mother and ours into this world of matter and form.

In every generation, God ordained "an appointed or fated moment" in which to send His chosen prophets to speak his words of love and warning to a fallen world. It seems that God will not give up on his own! In this appointed time, God sent the best He had - His Mother! Yes, this is a special time, a time of amazing grace. This is a "fated moment" as well. Our fate is on the line. The fate of the world is on the line. All depends on how we respond to this 'time of grace'.

There is a beginning and there is an end to extraordinary events of these times. There is a dash between the beginning and the end. June 25, 1981 - ??????. How we respond during the 'dash' will determine our fate!

We fully know by now what we must be doing. "decide to surrender everything completely to me"..... "pray that Satan does not entice you...." "forsake everything and consecrate your time to God"..... "may your life become a continuous prayer..." "love God above everything else..." "accept and live my messages for your own good..." "renounce that which hinders you from being closer to Jesus..." "overcome your will and discover the will of God even in the smallest things..." "become apostles of love..." "pray, pray, pray...."

The Book of Ecclesiastes assures us:

"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die, A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.....A time to weep, and a time to laugh.....a time to seek, and a time to lose;.....A time to keep, and a time to cast away.....A time to rend, and a time to sow;....A time of love, and a time to hate; A time of war, and a time of peace."..... "What now is has already been; what is to be, already is; and God restores what would otherwise be displaced."

God has put the 'timeless' into our hearts by sending us Mary, our Mother. This is the era - a

special time of grace - that God has appointed for us to be busy about the task that Our Lady has given us. She has come into the world to 'restore what has been displaced'. This is our "time to pray". After the dash....will come our 'time to rejoice'!

## August 25, 2009 Message

*"Dear children! Today I call you anew to conversion. Little children, you are not holy enough and you do not radiate holiness to others, therefore pray, pray, pray and work on your personal conversion, so that you may be a sign of God's love to others. I am with you and am leading you towards eternity, for which every heart must yearn. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

## Commentary on August 25 Message

Our Lady again invites us to become aware. She begins her message with 'today' – a new day, a new opportunity to take a fresh look at our relationship with God. God gives us the grace, through Mary, to begin again, to start anew, every day! Every morning we get another chance: to wake from our sleep, shake off the dust left over from our shortcomings the day before, and begin this new day with prayer. In prayer, we will see this new day as another opportunity to grow in holiness.

Our Lady continually invites us to convert! Conversion means to change, to turn around, to grow. Each and every day we should ask God to enlighten us – to illuminate our heart. In the Exercises of St. Ignatius, the retreatant makes it a habit to end their day with the *Examen* – a spiritual self-review. How do we live out our call to discipleship each and every day? This is so important. In our lethargy, we often become 'comfortable' with who we are. Our Lady is here with us to remind us that we "are not holy enough". We are not "radiating holiness to others"! Our Lady is not satisfied with mediocrity. She does not want us to be either!

How can we "be signs of God's love to others" if there is a part of our own will that we are still holding on to? How can we radiate love to others if we are still in spiritual or emotional bondage? What part of our heart is not yet free and to what are we still held captive? Is it: our own opinion, money, material things, recognition – the list goes on....

Most of us are like the rich young man in the Gospel. We're pretty proud of ourselves! We have been following Our Lady's messages for almost three decades, we try our best to keep the 10 commandments, we even think we want to do more – to 'go the distance'. Until Jesus and Mary glance back at us and say, "then go sell all that you have and give it to the poor" or, in Our Lady's words, "work on your personal conversion" (give all of your heart) For some of

us, herein lies the stumbling block! We're still holding back! Is it worry that we're still holding on to? Is it possessions? Whatever, like the rich young man, we turn and walk sadly away....for we have many possessions! (pathologies, baggage)

If our hearts are not yearning for eternal life, then we have miles to go before we sleep! Where our treasures lie, there is our heart! Our Lady's August message sobered me up! Her words should shake us all up a bit. Our Lady's message reminded me in no uncertain terms that I am not holy enough! How about you?

The good news is that Our Lady, as always, promises to be with us as she exercises our spiritual muscles and trains us in this boot camp of life which will prepare us for eternity. We cannot settle for mediocrity. We are called to be holy - even as God is holy.

Mirjana's August 2, 2009 was magnificent. Her apparition experience can be found on UTube. As she was conversing with Our Lady, suddenly the crowd gathered around her erupted with emotion and began to clap. The sun began to spin and emit lovely hues of color. Many reported varied phenomenon that could be seen coming from the sun – crosses, hearts. The miracle of the sun that day takes us back to the miracle that occurred at Fatima on October 13, 1917!

Our Lady said,

*"I am coming, with my Motherly love, to point out the way by which you are to set out, in order that you may be all the more like my Son; and by that, closer to and more pleasing to God. Do not refuse my love. Do not renounce salvation and eternal life for the sake of transience and frivolity of this life. I am coming to lead you and, as a mother, to caution you. Come with me."*

Ivan's Assumption message on August 14<sup>th</sup> was filled with the grandeur of the occasion. I can vividly remember being on that same mountain in 1988 for the Feast of the Assumption apparition. As this year, over 40,000 people gathered on Mount Krizavac to await Our Lady's visit. Our Lady came – that year and this – filled with joy because of the huge assembly gathered, blessed them and the sacred objects they held. She was accompanied by three angels and was dressed in gold. In 1988, she gave us a special blessing that we were to also pass on to others for the purpose of conversion.

Our Lady said,

*Dear children, also today in my great joy, I desire to call you (through this time). Open yourselves to the Holy Spirit. Open yourselves, this is a time of grace. Dear children, may a river of love flow in your hearts. Pray, pray dear children, together with the Mother. Thank you, dear children, for also today having responded to my call."*

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