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July 25th Medjugorje Message/ Commentary

Dear children! Today, on the day of the Patron of your Parish, I call you to imitate the lives of the Saints. May they be, for you, an example and encouragement to a life of holiness. May prayer for you be like the air you breathe in and not a burden. Little children, God will reveal His love to you and you will experience the joy that you are my beloved. God will bless you and give you an abundance of grace. Thank you for having responded to my call." Message of July 25, 2007

Commentary:

I have always been fascinated by the lives of the Saints. In my younger days, I thought that saints must be superhuman – something akin to angels. As I read the lives of the saints, I was awestruck at their virtue and holiness. Never did I think that we ‘normal’ people (who struggle with weakness and sin) could ever be counted among their rank! As I grew in the Lord, I learned that this thought couldn’t be farther from the truth.

In fact, we are all called to a life of holiness, as Our Lady often reminds us. We are all EXPECTED to become saints of God. This is our goal. This is our heritage! One of my favorite readings, often used at

funeral Masses, is taken from the second Letter of Paul to Timothy: “....I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me.....” This is the epitaph of a saint.

It is important for us to remember that the Saints had the same struggles that we endure – some, even more. They suffered physical and spiritual maladies. But, they endured, persevered and ‘made it’! Our Lady tells us in this message that they now stand as examples, encouragers. They are still very much connected to us. To know them by means of their recorded lives inspires us to imitate them. They pray for us before the holy presence of our God. They are holy protectors who help us grow in love of God. They are constant reminders of the prize at the end of the race – ‘a crown of righteousness’.

“May prayer for you be like the air you breathe in and not a burden”.

A life of holiness is contingent upon allowing prayer to be for us like the air we breathe in and not a burden. Breathing air into our lungs is not a burden. It is an unconscious function of our bodies. We need air to live. If you have ever been in the presence of someone who struggles for air and requires an oxygen tank for their survival, you would under-

stand how horrible it is not to get enough air. We wouldn't take our breathing for granted. Our Lady uses this metaphor to remind us that we have spiritual bodies that die without the air of prayer. Without prayer, our lives simply consist of matter – dead stuff! Prayer is life. Without prayer, we are dead spiritually. If we are not praying – DAILY – we are not allowing God's grace to bless us, heal us, renew us.

God's love has been revealed to us. Scripture is God's self-revelation. The promised gift of the Holy Spirit is God's living presence in our lives each and every day. We can experience God's love always in this life and forever in eternity. This is God's promise to us. Our Lady faithfully reminds us of this truth, especially at the end of this message. *"God will reveal his love to you and you will experience the joy that you are my beloved"*.

We are the beloved children of God. We cannot possibly grasp the magnitude of our status as heirs to a King! May Our Lady lead us and reveal the mysteries of faith that are beyond our grasp. Let us open our hearts and surrender to God through prayer with Our Lady as our guide.

August 25th 2007 Medjugorje Message/ Commentary

"Dear children! Also today I call you to conversion. May your life, little children, be a reflection of God's goodness and not of hatred and unfaithfulness. Pray, little children, that prayer may become life for you. In this way, in your life you will discover the peace and joy which God gives to those who have an open heart to His love. And you who are far from God's mercy, convert so that God may not become deaf to your prayers and that it may not be too late for you. Therefore, in this time of grace, convert and put God in the first place in your life. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary:

This message is all about choices! The author of the book of Deuteronomy puts it another way: "...I have today set before you life and prosperity, death and doom. If you obey the commandments of the Lord, your God, which I enjoin on you today, loving him, and walking in his ways, and keeping his commandments, statutes and decrees, you will live and grown numerous, and the Lord, your God, will bless you..."

If, however, you turn your hearts and will not listen, but are led astray and adore and serve other gods, I tell you now that you will certainly perish...I call heaven and earth today to witness against you. I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you...may live, by loving the Lord, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him. For that will mean life for you....

Dt. 30:15-20

Our Lady calls us to conversion; which is to make a *choice* to change, that is, to turn away from all those 'false gods' which will lead us down the path to spiritual death. *"May your life be a reflection of God's goodness..."*. What can we do to make our lives reflect God's goodness? A life lived with the attitude of the 8 Beatitudes paint a portrait of spiritual beauty. Lives that produce the fruits of the Spirit would also reflect God's goodness: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Next Our Lady leads us to another *choice* – a choice we must make in order to achieve lives that reflect goodness – the choice to make prayer our very life breathe! She also tells us what the consequences are from a life lived imbued in prayer. We *"will discover the peace and joy which God gives to those who have an open heart to His love"*. Of course, prayer is the key that unlocks the human heart and allows God's love to enter.

Then, as in the passage from the book of Deuteronomy, comes the more somber side that comes with bad choices. Our Lady suggests in this message that God will turn a deaf ear to the prayers of those who stubbornly remain far from God's mercy. Woe to those for whom God's mercy may be too late! This warning is all too familiar! It reminds me of the Parable of the ten virgins who may be in danger of running out of oil in their lamps as they await the return of the Bridegroom....and the people locked out of the wedding banquet.

We have the Gospels. We have Our Lady's messages. What more do we need to heed the call – the warnings? God has spoken – loud and clear! This is the time of grace. By human standards, we have had ample time. Have we converted? Are we making the choices, day by day, moment by moment, that lead to life – eternal life? Or, are we making sloppy choices, mindless choices, that lead to death – spiritual death? The time is now to *"put God in the first place in our lives"*!

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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.

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Queen of Peace Night: Third Wednesday of every month. All are invited. St. Dominic's Church, 6 Canandaigua St.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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