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Message and Commentary from March 25, 2008

"Dear Children! I call you to work on your personal conversion. You are still far from meeting with God in your heart. Therefore, spend all the more time in prayer and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, for Him to change you and to put into your hearts a living faith and a desire for eternal life. Everything is passing, little children, only God is not passing. I am with you and I encourage you with love. Thank you for having responded to my call."

We cannot value what we have not freely chosen. We will choose what we love. Our Lady reminds us that we are still far from meeting God in our hearts. What could our mother mean when she invites us to 'meet God in our hearts'? I believe she is calling us to be contemplatives. It is true that we are in the world – busy about many things, for sure. But Our Lady is leading us to become contemplatives in action.

We have many responsibilities. For some, 24 hours in a day too often is not enough! We are burdened with many duties and concerns. Yet, even though our hands are busy about many things, Mary invites us to live with our hearts in the heavens. Our

Lady desires that, as we proceed along our life's path, we enjoy abundant life and stay focused on what is most important – on what lasts. She wants us to encounter God. She wants us to meet her Son – personally. She wants that meeting to have such a profound impact on us that we will stay focused and work tirelessly on our personal conversion.

How can we meet God in our hearts, as she asks? Take time, in the midst of our busy days, and 'sit at the feet of Him' who alone has the answers for our questions. Pray....and listen.....to the One who never fails us, who alone can satisfy our deepest longings....the One whom we can always trust. Our Lady tells us where to go for this trust with the Lord. She directs us to "spend all the more time in prayer and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar". This time spent before the Blessed Sacrament will change us! When we sit in the sun for a time, we notice that our appearance slowly changes. We get a tan. When we sit in front of the SON of GOD, we change. We absorb the free gift of God's love and we are changed forever.

Falling in love with God is the only way we will experience 'metanoia' – a total change of perspective and direction – away from the natural tendency of our human nature to an attraction to 'things above'. When we experience a personal encounter with the

living God, our faith will come alive, and our desire for eternal life will be like an unquenchable thirst. What else matters? Of course, all that we have while on this earth is a precious gift from God – our health, our family and friends, our nice things, and should be appreciated and enjoyed. But all should be held loosely in our hands and our hearts. Our Lady reminds us that “everything is passing, only God is not passing”.

Our loving Mother encourages us to set our goals on that which lasts and will ultimately lead us to our eternal home. But first, we must meet and fall in love with the living God. Then, everything else in our lives will be ordered toward the object of our love. Our Lady says to each of us, “I am with you and I encourage you with love”. Are we not in her shadow?

Message of April 25, 2008

“Dear children! Also today, I call all of you to grow in God’s love as a flower which feels the warm rays of spring. In this way, also you, little children, grow in God’s love and carry it to all those who are far from God. Seek God’s will and do good to those whom God has put on your way, and be light and joy. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Spring has sprung! The miracle of birth surrounds us in this month of new life. Nature speaks to us most eloquently of God’s love in the springtime. The death of winter is swallowed up in new life. The warm rays of the sun has attracted the flowers to begin to bloom. How much we can learn about the Risen life of Christ present to each of us from the new life of Spring! Just as the beautiful flowers need the warmth of the sun to grow and rise up out of the ground facing the sun; so too, we need to feel the warmth of God’s love to grow strong in our faith.

We need to focus on the first thing Our Lady asks of us in this message. She tells us to “grow in God’s love” Why? We must grow in God’s love so that we can be bearers of God’s love to those who are still far from God. Many people live without hope. The most vulnerable, especially, encounter a clenched fist of

repression or manipulation rather than a hand of hope. The dreams and longings that young people pursue can so easily be shattered or destroyed. Those affected by drug and substance abuse, homelessness and poverty, racism, violence, and degradation, all have in common a poisoned attitude of mind which results in people being treated as mere objects. A hardness of heart takes hold which first ignores, then ridicules, the God-given dignity of every human being. Such tragedies also point to what might have been and what could be, were there other hands – our hands – reaching out.

Our Lady asks us to invite others to join us along the way of goodness and hope. How can our witness truly free others from the darkness of heart and mind which keeps people far from God? The answer is found in the kernel of our faith. We must be an Easter people, sharing in the light of God’s glory through Jesus the light of the world. Our witness must speak loudly of the truth that God has indeed found a place among us. Though the inn was full, he entered through the stable, and there were people who saw his light. They recognized Herod’s dark closed world for what it was, and instead followed the bright guiding star of the night sky.

We who have followed the light of Christ and have grown through the power of God’s love, must be agents of its’ transforming power to those who are still far off. We stand before the God we know and love as a friend, the vastness of creation, and the beauty of our Christian faith. Having grown in that love through prayer, silence, study, Liturgy and acts of charity we heed Mary’s plea to be a catalysts for others.

Also, Our Lady asks us to “seek God’s will” and “do good to those whom God has put on our way”. God calls us to the hope that never disappoints – Jesus Christ. God’s will is that we continue to follow that guiding star. It is the way of selfless love. It is an awareness of the mystery of God’s presence with us always – especially, through those God has put on our path. As we walk in the peace of God that the world cannot understand, we are filled with light and joy and our being gives God honor and glory forever.

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NEW! Meet Mary -- Getting to Know the Mother of God by Mark Miravalle. May, the month of Mary, is upon us, but this is a good book for any month of the year. Mary is the Lord's humble servant, yet an icon of female strength. She's the mother of all, yet ever-virgin, lowly and exalted. Sinners fly to her but the angels bow. Mary, mother of Jesus, is the most recognized woman in history ... *and the most misunderstood*. Non Christians paint her as an earth goddess. Skeptics say she is a fictional projection of male psychological needs. Many Protestants regard Mary as an ordinary, sinful woman -- in whom Catholics have misplaced the faith and devotion due only to her Son. Even many Catholics don't know Mary as well as they should. They can't explain the difference between the Immaculate Conception and the Virgin Birth and have never heard the messages and secrets of Mary's most famous apparitions. **Meet Mary** brings you all that and much, much more. \$12.95

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Our Lady Queen of Peace



The 27th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Medjugorje will be celebrated

Tuesday - June 24, 2008

at

St. Mary's Church
25 Center St. - Waterloo, NY

6:00 p.m. The Most Holy Rosary (all twenty mysteries)
Confessions will be heard during the Rosary

7:00 p.m. Benediction

7:15 p.m. Mass - Celebrant: Rev. Paul Bonacci
A healing service will follow the Mass

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Please pray for vocations.

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. May celebrant, Fr. Ed Dillon; June celebrant, Fr. James Jaeger.

Medjugorje Night: Third Wednesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. Most Holy Rosary Church, **Syracuse, NY.**

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.**

Marian Cenacle: First Saturday of the month at 11:00 am. St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan. Rosary Litany of BMV. Contact Nancy Richardson 315-531-3339.

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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