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March 25, 2009 Medjugorje Message and Commentary

"Dear children! In this time of spring, when everything is awakening from the winter sleep, you also awaken your souls with prayer so that they may be ready to receive the light of the risen Jesus. Little children, may He draw you closer to His Heart so that you may become open to eternal life. I pray for you and intercede before the Most High for your sincere conversion. Thank you for having responded to my call."

The theme of this message is *AWAKENING*rising from the dead (sin)....through prayer. Our Lady, like St. Paul, reminds us: *"And do this because you know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light..". Romans 13:11*

Everything about Spring speaks of new life and resurrection: more day light, more sunlight and new life bursting forth from the earth! The first signs of life – the crocus, daffodils and tulips begin to emerge. Perennials and trees are budding. The browns and grays of the earth transform into the early green of new life. The long winter sleep is over; the earth is awakening. How faithful is our God to the cycle of

life! Mother nature provides all that is needed for the new birth to occur. Nature's alarm clock has awakened the earth.

The first mild days of Spring found me out in my garden pruning and cleaning. As I removed layers of dead leaves so that the first signs of new life could be exposed to the light, I grasped Our Lady's message more deeply. *"You also awaken your souls with prayer..."* I pondered these questions as I worked: In what areas am I still asleep to God's call? In what ways is God nudging me to grow? What is dead in me – what sins - prevent the light of the risen Jesus to shine forth and bring new life (conversion)??

Our Lady likens the wakefulness of prayer to spring clean-up! Through prayer it will be made known to us what needs to be pruned to make room for greater growth and ongoing conversion. Just as the plants awaken from their sleep and move toward the sun which gives them life, so we must rise up from our sleep of apathy and allow ourselves to be drawn ever more deeply toward the Heart of Christ. Just as the flowers open to life, so too must we open to eternal life.

On this day, the Feast of the Annunciation, Our Lady comes to us with an announcement of Her own. She heralds the good news of our salvation. The long winter is over. A new spring-time for the Church is at hand. 'Pray, children, that you may comprehend the

covenant God has made with you. Turn with sincerity toward the Most High and He will lead you further on the road to conversion. I am always with you interceding on your behalf.'

Message on April 25, 2009

"Dear children! Today I call you all to pray for peace and to witness it in your families so that peace may become the highest treasure on this peaceless earth. I am your Queen of Peace and your mother. I desire to lead you on the way of peace, which comes only from God. Therefore, pray, pray, pray. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on April 25, 2009 Message

Our Lady's Easter message this year is calling us to witness peace!

"The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you...'" Jesus offers the magnificent fruit of the Resurrection to all believers – PEACE! We Christians are called to echo Jesus' peace message and witness peace with our own lives.

Because of Easter, every circumstance of human life can and must be met with a spirit of 'peace'. Sickness, unemployment, misunderstanding, conflict within families, natural disaster, the death of a loved one shake us loose from our comfort zone. It is difficult to maintain our balance when the trials and testing, that are part of our earthly existence, show up on our doorstep. It is at these times when Jesus stands in our midst and says to us, "Why are you troubled" and why do questions arise in your hearts?"....touch me....peace be with you'. Belief in the Risen Jesus among us – within us – is the greatest gift of Easter. This gift is not contingent upon our circumstances, but what is within our heart and in the determination of our will. Because of Easter, peace is possible despite the storms of life.

This great gift would not be operable in our lives if we were not witnesses. Our Lady calls us to be 'witnesses' of the truths that we profess to believe. We are to be witnesses ... not hear-sayers. There is a huge difference. How credible are they who base their testimony on hear say?? Not much! Some mistakenly think that the last eye witness died

with the apostles and first disciples. If this were so the faith would not have spread to the ends of the earth as Jesus commissioned.

It is time for us to ask ourselves whether our faith is based on what we have seen and heard (witnesses) or what we have been told (hear say). It is time for us to be first hand witnesses to the truth of Easter. It is time to meet Jesus on our own 'Emmaus' roads. It is time for us to put our hands in the side of Jesus and believe! It is time to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread that we share every week.

It is time to be peace-bearers and light-bearers in this world of turmoil and darkness.

Let us "pray, pray, pray" that Our Lady lead us all to the Heart of Christ where we will hear him say, "Peace be with you". Peace comes only from God – there is no other way. The Queen of Peace has come to show us the way of peace so that we may be authentic witnesses in our families and in our world. Let us pray also to be able to comprehend the magnitude of this Easter gift and respond to Her call.

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Our Lady Queen of Peace



**The 28th Anniversary of
the Apparitions of
Our Lady at Medjugorje
will be celebrated
Thursday - June 25, 2009
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

On June 25, 1981, in the tiny village of Medjugorje, located in Bosnia-Herzegovina, six Croatian children reported seeing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Twenty-eight years later, Our Lady is still reportedly appearing, bringing a message of hope and peace to a troubled world. More than 20 million people from all over the world have now visited Medjugorje. Pope John Paul II and the Roman Catholic Church have acknowledged that this has become the greatest religious event of our time.

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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. Celebrant for June is Father Tim Brown.

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: 1st Fridays after 10:00 am Communion Service. The Prayer Leader is Virginia Beal 585-924-2890. 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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