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Message of May 25, 2009

"Dear children! In this time, I call you all to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon every baptized creature, so that the Holy Spirit may renew you all and lead you on the way of witnessing your faith – you and all those who are far from God and His love. I am with you and intercede for you before the Most High. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the Message of May 25, 2009

Before Jesus ascended to the Father, He told his disciples not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father" about which he spoke. *"..I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."* John 16:7... *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses....."* Acts 1:8

The apostles, along with Mary, who was already 'full of grace' from the moment of her Immaculate Conception in the womb of St. Ann, prepared for the gift of the Holy Spirit. From the Ascension to Pentecost, they prayed in anticipation of the 'gift of the Father'. This time of prayer in that upper room in Jerusalem was the first novena. (9 days of preparatory prayer)

Mary, the Mother of the whole Church, is with us, as She was with the apostles, calling us to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. She is gathered together with us in the 'upper room' of Her Immaculate Heart as we await the coming of the fullness of the Kingdom.

In Baptism, each one of us received the Spirit; that is our Pentecost. The Spirit dwells within us as divine life, enabling us to be faithful and true disciples. The Spirit enables us to live with one another in a new way: with "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity". The Spirit propels us to engage with the world in a new way: we "testify" to the 'mighty acts of God' through the very way that we live. The truth God gives transforms us and, through us, transforms the world.

Most of us, who have been living our faith, have a good sense of this theology of the Holy Spirit. So, what is Our Lady's point in this message? We have received the amazing gift of the Spirit at our Baptism. What, then, must we do to open ourselves to this 'power' within? Pray! Prayer opens our hearts so that the Spirit of God can operate in our lives. We have the potential for our homes to be ablaze with light due to electricity. But we have to plug into the outlets or we remain in darkness.

God makes all things new! The Holy Spirit comes to re-make us in the image and likeness of God. This

charge of love will spill out into our world through acts of service and witness. And the 'fire' will spread to "all those who are far from God and His love."

"Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit". (John 20:23) Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Message of June 25, 2009

"Dear children! Rejoice with me, convert in joy and give thanks to God for the gift of my presence among you. Pray that, in your hearts, God may be in the center of your life and with your life witness, little children, so that every creature may feel God's love. Be my extended hands for every creature, so that it may draw closer to the God of love. I bless you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the Message of June 25, 2009

The goal that Our Lady sets before us in this message is to be catalysts for every creature so that they "may draw closer to the God of love". Let us, for a moment, try to imagine what the world would be like if everyone drew closer to the God of love. The culture of death would be no more. To draw closer to God is to enter the light! Being in the light, every creature would see themselves as God sees them. Every creature would experience the great and unfathomable love that God has for EACH human being. The beloved of God would no longer fear God, except for the holy fear of reverence.

Love keeps on giving. It cannot be contained. If every living creature experienced the love that God has for them, the law of nature (God's nature) would enable that love to spill over into the world. The poor would be richer because God's little children would be filled with the spirit of generosity and compassion. The hungry would be fed, the lonely visited and their burdens be relieved, the imprisoned given hope. The sick would be cared for and their broken spirits healed, the widow consoled, the blind given spiritual sight. Encouragement would be given to the broken hearted. Our world would be transformed if every creature could feel God's love. We would know something of the pristine state in which God intended for humankind when He breathed life into the first creature. Adam and Eve enjoyed God's friendship. They walked and talked with God. God lavishly provided them with all they needed. Imagine our world restored to its' original grace and beauty.

Our Lady challenges us to dream a little in this message. Our task is to make God known. For to know God is to love Him. We are called to preach the Gospel of Love and if necessary to use words. Our Lady says, "Draw every creature to the God of love with your life witness. Pray that, in your hearts, God may be in the center of your life". Our Lady's desire for each of us is to enter the garden of paradise within. It is here that we will walk and talk with God as was always intended.

Dream a little! Strip away all the useless and vain distractions. Enter into the light of God's presence and allow God's transforming love to re-make us, to anoint us so that we can go out and light our world by being her "extended hands". If we could but realize the dignity of her call and respond with generosity, allowing Mary to use us so that "every creature may feel God's love", we would have cause to rejoice with Her. If we would just allow ourselves to dream awhile with Our Mother and imagine a world imbued in the love of God, we would convert in joy. Our hearts would overflow with gratitude for the gift of Mary, our Mother's presence among us.

The visionary Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez had her regular annual apparition on June 25th 2009.

At Her last daily apparition on May 7, 1985, Our Lady confided to Ivanka the 10th secret and told her that she would have an apparition once a year on the anniversary of the apparitions. It was that way also this year. The apparition lasted 10 minutes. Ivanka had the apparition at home in the presence of her family, her husband and her three children.

After the apparition, the visionary Ivanka said:

"Our Lady remained with me for 10 minutes and spoke to me of the tenth secret. Our Lady said: 'Dear children, I call you to be apostles of peace. Peace, peace, peace.' ""

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

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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.

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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.

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