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May 25, 2007 Message and Commentary

Dear Children!

"Pray with me to the Holy Spirit for Him to lead you in the search of God's will on the way of your holiness. And you, who are far from prayer, convert and, in the silence of your heart, seek salvation for your soul and nurture it with prayer. I bless you all individually with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady speaks these words just before the great Feast of Pentecost. When we reflect on the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles; we should be reminded that the power of the Holy Spirit descends upon each one of us too. We receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation. Occasions of grace along our journey to holiness, are also times when we are renewed with God's fire power.

So, we not only celebrate the Holy Spirit fifty days after Easter, but whenever we are carried along our path to conversion by God's actual grace.

Our Lady was a key figure in the first Pentecost. We believe that She was also with the apostles in the cenacle of the upper room as the first disciples and witnesses of Jesus' Resurrection awaited the promised 'gift' – the Holy Spirit. Our Lady is with us, too, as we pray and wait for the continual outpouring of

God's power in our lives so that nothing impede us on our journey to conversion.

Her message this month invites us to remember Pentecost – then and now – as she prays for us to the Holy Spirit "to lead you in the search of God's will..." Then and now the mission of the disciples of Jesus Christ is to become holy by seeking and doing God's will. We cannot accomplish this great task alone any more than the first apostles could. We need the Holy Spirit to help us, to be our Advocate, our Counselor, our Wonder-worker. We need to be reminded often that we possess God's own life within us to accomplish what seems impossible. God is just as real to us as God was to those He first called into mission. God is unchanging. God is not confined by time and space. Our Lady is here to help us and pray for us so that we will always stay connected to the Power that is within us.

Her May message also speaks to those who are far from prayer and thus, far from God. She leads them into the silence of their own inner being where God can be found. She invites those who have strayed far from God to enter into the center of their being – to find salvation – to find God. Once found, Our Lady, who fully knows it's value, says to guard it like a treasure – 'pearl of great worth'. She tells us to "seek it, nurture it...with prayer".

Our Lady lets us know that we, her children, are all unique. We are different – at different stages along

the path. We have varied gifts, talents and weaknesses. As our mother, she knows these differences just as we know uniqueness in our own children. She loves and cares for each one of us right where we are. She takes from the treasury of God's graces just what we, individually, need to grow on our journey. She blesses us accordingly. Let us be thankful that we have such a Mother who knows us, loves us and serves us. We have nothing to fear.

June 25, 2007 – Message and Commentary

“Dear children! Also today, with great joy in my heart, I call you to conversion. Little children, do not forget that you are all important in this great plan, which God leads through Medjugorje. God desires to convert the entire world and to call it to salvation and to the way towards Himself, who is the beginning and the end of every being. In a special way, little children, from the depth of my heart, I call you all to open yourselves to this great grace that God gives you through my presence here. I desire to thank each of you for the sacrifices and prayers. I am with you and I bless you all. Thank you for having responded to my all.”

With this message from Our Lady, we mark off another year that God has allowed Mary to stay with us in this extraordinary way. For 26 years, our Mother has been our guiding star in “this great plan which God leads through Medjugorje.”

Sometimes, it is easy for us to feel insignificant or unimportant in the grand scheme of things. We open a newspaper or tune into CNN and soon become overwhelmed with the headlines. We are inundated with bad news the world over: war, poverty, terrorism, tragedy, sickness.... It seems like there is no reprieve. In the world view, one wonders, “Can I make a difference”? Too often, we are tempted to think not!

But Jesus tells us that ‘whatever we ask for in prayer, believing that we will receive it, our petition will be granted’. Also, in Matthew 17:20-21 Jesus says, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘move from here to there, and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you”.

In this message, Our Lady tells us, “do not forget that you are *all important* in this great plan, which God leads through Medjugorje”. We are NOT insignificant in God's world view! Our little voices, when raised in prayer with faith and in union with Mary, are, indeed, powerful forces against the lost and indifferent hearts of those people who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

We have been in training with Mary for twenty-six years. What has she taught us...for what have we

been trained? She has taught us the way that leads to conversion: prayer, especially, prayer from the heart, fasting, monthly confession, staying close to Her Son in the Sacraments of the Church. She has taught us to get involved with people so as to win them over for Christ. She has taught us the way of divine love. We have been trained to be catalysts for the conversion of the whole world. “God desires to convert the ENTIRE world and to call it to salvation and to the way towards Himself...” We, Mary's little children – who make up her heel with which she will crush the head of Satan – are part of this awesome plan. In fact, we are most important in it! Humbling, isn't it?

How can this be? That is the same question that Mary asked the angel Gabriel when told that she would bear the Christ-child. It is our question, too. The answer to both Mary and to us is the same - ‘with God all things are possible’. Our Lady knows how noble a mission has been entrusted to us. That is why she calls us ‘from the depth of her heart to open ourselves to this great grace that God gives us through her presence’. This requires abandonment. It calls us to let go of our own wills – which often causes us so much misery – and align ourselves with the will of God – which leads to freedom.

Let us thank Our Lady for trusting us, for leading us and for praying for us. We must not grow faint hearted and tired. We must, for the sake of the Kingdom of God continue to sacrifice and pray. We must not forget that Our Mother is with us in this mission and blesses us. St. James reminds us, “...the prayer of faith will save the sick person and the Lord will raise him up...” Jas. 5:15. Could this prayer be ours?? Who can fathom such a wonder!

The aim of the Queen of Peace Apostolate is to make known the Message of Our Lady at Medjugorje. To further meet this goal and to expand our efforts to the global community, we have recently launched a website, www.queenofpeaceapostolate.com.

This website includes a history of Medjugorje, information about the visionaries, the messages from 1984 to present organized by year, commentaries on the messages from 2004 - present, books available thru the Queen of Peace, online videos, pertinent articles and links and more.

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NEW! Peace Chaplet. The peace chaplet has long been a tradition in Croatia and has been prayed by families for generations. It is said by praying the Creed and then 7 Our Fathers, 7 Hail Marys, and 7 Glory Bes. When Our Lady first appeared in Medjugorje in 1981, she told the visionaries that she would like them to continue praying this prayer. It is still prayed at the end of Mass each evening in Medjugorje. The Peace Chaplet has 21 beads, arranged in seven groups of three beads and a pendant (which may be a bead, medal or crucifix.) The Peace Chaplet is a shortened rosary that is easy to pray. Whenever you have a few minutes -- at a red light, or on a coffee break, or anytime you watch the news, consider praying the chaplet. While praying, meditate on the issues of world peace; pray for our governmental leadership; pray for understanding; pray for family and friends involved in the military conflicts around the world, or any other matters that touch your heart related to world peace. We hope our Peace Chaplet will help all those around the world to join in one voice to beseech God to grant us peace through the intercession of Our Lady. Research indicates that this chaplet is over 100 years old and has a popular following in Croatia. What a simple way to pray for peace, involving only a short time. \$ 2.00

The Medjugorje Prayer Book by Wayne Weible is a beautiful book filled to capacity with thoughts by Wayne Weible on why Mary has chosen him to spread the word, her teachings in the "school of Prayer" and special prayers. Join Mr. Weible and the six original visionaries to pray with the Blessed Virgin Mary. This warm invitation to personal prayer includes unique morning prayers given to him over the course of the last twenty-five years as well as meditations on the rosary that have been inspired by the Virgin's messages at Medjugorje. \$12.95

My Daily Eucharist is a book for hearty appetites -- that is to say for people who are hungry for God. If you are empty and looking for nourishment, you have found the right book. If you desire to deepen your faith in our Eucharistic Lord, you have found the right book. If you are questioning and searching for Gospel truth, you have found the right book. If you want to enrich your prayer life and add grist for the mill of your meditations, you have found the right book. Like a gourmet dinner this book should be savored slowly. Each day serves up a special read which will nourish your heart and mind with love for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a feast for your soul. It restores faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Rhonda Chervin says: "Even those steeped in spiritual reading will be surprised by new ways of understanding the mystery of the Eucharist." \$12.00

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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. There will not be a Queen of Peace night in August because of the Holy Day. The celebrant for September 19 will be Fr. Dennis Bonsignore.

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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