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Medjugorje Message/Commentary

"Dear children! Today, when you celebrate Christ, the King of all that is created, I desire for Him to be the King of your lives. Only through giving, little children, can you comprehend the gift of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross for each of you. Little children, give time to God that He may transform you and fill you with His grace, so that you may be a grace for others. For you, little children, I am a gift of grace and love, which comes from God for this peaceless world. Thank you for having responded to my call."

On the day that Our Lady gave us this message, the Catholic world celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. The image many people carry of a 'king' includes regality, royal robes, honor, etc. Yet, right after Our Lady introduces her Royal Son as "King of all that is created" she refers to Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. Also, the Gospel that we heard that day begins in the middle of the account of the Passion. Luke recounts the event by which an inscription is placed over Jesus' head announcing, "This is the king of the Jews". This king, this ruler of all creation whose return we await, and even look forward to, is one who hangs on a cross and is executed.

How, then, are we to understand the concept of Christ as King of all that is created? Christ's kingdom is not of this world. He surpasses and exceeds worldly kings by far by establishing a kingdom of peace, love and forgiveness. To live at the heart of this kingdom is our ideal – the goal of the spiritual life. It is the journey that we are all on. It is our heritage as the baptized of the Lord. We are all heirs to this kingdom of peace. The journey is a process – a lifelong process.

Our Lady speaks of giving in this message. She is leading us to a recognition of the gift of all gifts given to each of us – Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. Through the act of giving, we put ourselves last and the recipient of our gift first. In essence, we deny ourselves when we give. To the degree that we give of ourselves, we enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift to us from the Cross.

In the same vein, Our Lady asks something of us. "Give time to God that He may transform you and fill you...." God will never be outdone in generosity! When we give something to God, we receive far more. Give time. Time is a great gift God has allotted each one of us. We do not know how much time we have on this earth. But it is best spent fulfilling the purpose for which we were created – to know, love and serve God. By giving God back some of our time, we acknowledge this great truth.

Giving God our time through prayer, living in the presence of God in the midst of our activities, acknowledging God in the beauty of creation, raising our hearts in praise and thanksgiving for God's many gifts to us each and every moment – even just a glance God's way during the course of our day, are all ways of fulfilling Our Lady's request.

The result of living in God's presence is transformation. We become who we already are by nature of our baptism – 'other Christ's in the world. We become carriers of the Good News. We bring God's presence to others. We become bearers of hope and peace in what Our Lady calls a "peaceless" world.

Our Lady has a plan and we are in it! She brings us full circle. We are children of a king. We are called to enter into the mystery of the great gift given to us – Jesus Christ, by reflecting on His gift given on the Cross. We are called to become givers by utilizing the gift of time wisely. We will be transformed and thus, transform our world by faithfully spreading the Kingdom of love, justice and peace.

December 25, 2007

Medjugorje Message and Commentary

"Dear children! With great joy I bring you the King of Peace for Him to bless you with His blessing. Adore Him and give time to the Creator for whom your heart yearns. Do not forget that you are passers-by on this earth and that things can give you small joys, while through my Son, eternal life is given to you. That is why I am with you, to lead you towards what your heart yearns for. Thank you for having responded to my call."

"With great joy I bring you the King of Peace".....Upon the deep darkness of our world, the light of God's countenance shone that our hearts may exult and sing for joy at the Savior's coming, with the angels and shepherds, with Mary and Joseph, and with all people of good will who long for peace. There is no message that could bring us greater joy, peace and hope than this! On this day, Christmas, Our Lady brings us untold blessing from Heaven. It is the most beautiful day in the history of humankind, because the King of Peace was born.

Again this month, Our Lady summons us to "give the gift of time to the Creator". On this day of gift-giving, Our Lady reminds us to give the Child in the manger a gift. As we scramble to buy the perfect gift for those on our gift list, stand in endless lines to pay for them, take them home and wrap them, we often forget about the humble gift we should give to

the Creator – time. It seems so simple – the gift of time. We don't have to shop for it, pay for it or wrap it. It's ours to give whenever we choose. Yet, we are so busy during this holy season that we barely make time to adore the Gift from Heaven given to each of us.

Our Lady reminds us that we each have a God shaped hole in our heart that can only be filled with God. Our hearts yearn for God, yet we attempt to fill this hole with everything and anything, especially at Christmas. Everyone knows that a square peg cannot fit into a round hole. Yet we try to hammer such a variety of things into our God shaped hole. We so easily forget that we "are passers-by on this earth".

We often live our lives in the fast lane. It's as though we are riding on a swiftly moving train. We do not seem to remember where we got on or where we will be getting off. The truth is that we are swiftly moving through time. Indeed, we will be getting off. Our journey will end some day. Too often, the people, places and things that provide us "small joys" are where we think we want to settle. Our Lady reminds us that all this is transitory. Eternal life is the Gift of all gifts. It is our goal! We are called to give God time in prayer so that we will come to appreciate this most excellent of gifts.

Our Lady reveals to us the true meaning of Christmas. The Bethlehem star still shines in the Heavens. Our Lady is here to lead us to it. The journey must be made in humility and in truth. There will be obstacles. But when we disembark from the 'train of life', we will have found Him whom our hearts have yearned.

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The Queen of Peace Apostolate would like to increase the number of our subscriptions to the Via Ad Pacem. Please help us spread the messages of Our Lady by passing on your copy to someone who doesn't receive it and, in doing so, adding to our "Via Ad Pacem" family. Thank you!

A note of thanks to our subscribers: The Board of the Queen of Peace Apostolate wishes you a Blessed Lent and a Happy Easter. May Our Lady be your constant companion on this journey that we share. May you be blessed with health, happiness and peace. God Bless and keep you safe.

We have some excellent books for Lent -- short books to help one meditate on Our Lord's Passion, on the souls in Purgatory, etc. Also included is a good book for consecration to Jesus through Mary.

Preparation for Total Consecration according to St. Louis deMontfort

This book contains prayers and meditations to prepare one for an adequate preparation for total consecration to Jesus through Mary, by ridding oneself of the spirit of this world and spending concentrated time in prayer and meditation. \$3.00

Read Me or Rue It by Fr. Paul O'Sullivan has always been a best seller. It shows how we can and should help the souls in Purgatory and how they in turn will obtain favors for us in their gratitude. \$2.50

How to Avoid Purgatory by Fr. Paul O'Sullivan is a handbook of easy ways to bypass Purgatory and go straight to Heaven by doing easy, "little" things. We should aim to go right to Heaven. This book shows us how. \$2.00

The Way of the Cross for the Souls in Purgatory is a sell-out each time we offer it. During Lent many pray the Stations of the Cross. The souls in Purgatory are completely helpless and can do nothing for themselves. You have the power to release them. Pope John Paul II repeatedly urged us to pray both the Stations of the Cross and to offer our prayers, works, joys and sufferings for the Holy Souls. This book is the only version of the Stations dedicated to those in Purgatory. We can help release many souls by the indulgences we receive from making the Stations and offering them up for the poor souls. \$6.95

Amazing Secret of the Souls in Purgatory sells out each time we offer it. One man, after reading it, bought seven more copies to send to each of his brothers and sisters. This book answers many questions about the souls, including what happens to the souls? It is not often that a book touches the soul so deeply. Maria Simma, a woman in the mountains of Austria has been graced with a special charism -- that of being visited by many souls in Purgatory. She shares some of their "secrets"-- such as "what are the sins that most lead to Purgatory" (a surprising answer, how can we best help release the soul, etc. This is a comforting book for anyone, but especially for someone who knows of one who died by suicide. \$5.45

Pieta is a small book containing prayers and promises made by Our Lord and Our Lady. Our Lady said to St. Gertrude: "At the hour when the soul which has thus greeted me quits the body, I'll appear to them in such splendid beauty that they'll taste, to their great consolation, something of the joys of Paradise." The prayer requested is very short and easily memorized. What a great promise and what a great hope! Some other thoughts include: "one Mass heard during life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after your death." "For each Mass we hear with devotion, Our Lord sends a saint to comfort us at death." Death is something we don't seem to want to think of, but after reading this book, much fear will be dispelled, to be replaced by joy. This book is worth much more than the minimal cost of -- \$2.00

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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. January will be Fr. Tom Mull; February will be Fr. Don Curtis.

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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