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Message of November 25, 2009

"Dear Children!

In this time of grace I call you all to renew prayer in your families. Prepare yourselves with joy for the coming of Jesus. Little children, may your hearts be pure and pleasing, so that love and warmth may flow through you into every heart that is far from His love. Little children, be my extended hands, hands of love for all those who have become lost, who have no more faith and hope.

Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the November 25, 2009 Message

There can be no greater manner of preparation for the coming of Jesus than to consider the importance of family prayer. Following are two excerpts that affirm the centrality of the family in society: one from Mother Teresa and the other from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Let us respond to the first part of Our Lady's November message by welcoming Jesus into the heart of our family by praying these prayers often: parents for their children, spouses for one another and children for their parents. I am convinced that if we develop the habit of praying within the family - our 'domestic church', the fruits of such prayer will flow out into every heart that is far from

His love. It is prayer that breeds pure and blessing hearts. It is prayer that breeds hearts filled with love and warmth. It is prayer that animates our hands, voices and feet to draw close to those who are lost - who have no more faith and hope. Let us commit to praying the following prayers so that we may begin to be filled with love and thus say 'yes' to Our Lady's request to "be my extended hands.."

The Importance of Family Prayer

Be sure to teach the families to pray all together - father, mother and children. For the family that prays together stays together, and if they stay together they will love one another as Jesus loves each one of them...I will be praying that the Lord will bring peace into the world through the love of fathers for their families..

Mother Teresa

The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Based on the sacrament of marriage, the family is the "domestic church" where God's children learn to pray "as the Church" and to persevere in prayer. For young children in particular, daily family prayer is the first witness of the Church's living memory as awakened patiently by the Holy Spirit.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, Section 2685

PRAYER OF PARENTS:

God, our Father, I thank you for the gift of my children and for the privilege and responsibility of being a parent, for this is my way of holiness. May I regard each of my children as a sacred pledge of Your love and a beautiful sign of Your confidence in me.

Help me to pass on to my children our greatest treasures - faith in Your truths, hope in Your goodness, love in Your name for all.

I entrust my children to Your loving care.

Banish from our home any bitterness or lack of forgiveness.

Let us have time, deep concern, and a sense of sacrifice for one another. Teach us never to be ashamed that we are, in name and in fact, a Catholic family striving to live in the way of Jesus,

Who is head of our home.

Give us Your Holy Spirit to unite us throughout this life and let the circle of our family be

unbroken in the Kingdom of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF SPOUSES FOR EACH OTHER

Lord Jesus, grant that my spouse and I may have a true and understanding love for each other. Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust. Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony.

May we always bear with one another's weakness and grow from each other's failings and grant us patience, kindness, cheerfulness and the spirit of placing the well-being of one another ahead of itself.

May the love that brought us together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to You through our love for each other. Let our love grow to perfection. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN FOR THEIR PARENTS

O Almighty God, you gave us the commandment to honor our father and mother. In your loving kindness hear my prayer for my parents. Give them long lives and keep them well in body and spirit. Bless their labors; keep them always in your care. Bless them generously for their loving care for me. Grant that, through your grace, I may always be their support and comfort, and that, after our life together on earth, we may experience the joy together praising you forever. Amen.

Message of December 25, 2009

"Dear children! On this joyful day, I bring all of you before my Son, the King of Peace, that He may give you His peace and blessing. Little children, in love share that

peace and blessing with others. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the December 25, 2009 Message:

As I drove through our village of Waterloo on Christmas Day, I was struck by the stillness! Very few cars were on the road. No one could be seen walking along the sidewalks. Not a restaurant or store that I passed on my way to the Nursing Home was opened for business on Christmas Day! Christmas Day – a day set apart – a day of joy – a day of stillness.....and, yes....peace! The frantic shoppers of yesterday, the weary salespeople and waitresses could breathe a sigh of relief and get off their feet. The magic of Christmas had descended; and for one day, the universal motto of a large percentage of the earth's population becomes "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men".

Unfortunately, the cessation of frenzied activity is suspended, not stopped. On December 26th, the world will get back to its usual not-so-peaceful routine. Peace is an elusive thing. Everyone wants peace, yet few seem to actually possess it in any substantive form. For many, the attraction of the Christmas Season is the momentary fulfillment of that dream, the wonderful moment of "Peace on Earth". For one day, it seems possible.

This morning, I received a call from someone who wanted to make an appointment to come and talk to me. She was tormented in body, mind and spirit because she had so many things on her mind. She was running in a million directions for many people. She couldn't sleep. She couldn't focus her mind. She had lost a sense of perspective and balance! I didn't tell the caller this; but I feel that way myself some days - to a lesser degree!

After that call, I sat at my desk and pondered: Jesus came into the world, and with Him came the capacity for true, lasting peace. If that's true, why does that "peace on earth" that settles on us sometime on Christmas Eve dissipate so quickly? If Jesus is truly the "Prince of Peace", then His "Peace" ought to last longer than it usually does for most of us.

What went wrong? Have we really followed the "Star" to the manger with the wise men? Have we truly found the Messiah: Jesus Christ who brings us truth and grace. Many things still preoccupy us, still frightened us and make us unhappy. It would seem that we have not successfully shifted our attention from ourselves to God.

Most of the world doesn't experience the "Prince of Peace". Instead, many experience an emotional state of rest. Like most emotions, it's temporary. When the tree comes down, the "peace" has gone as well; and the disillusioned world returns to its' normal peacelessness.

True peace in life will never be found apart from an intimate, ongoing relationship with the "Prince of Peace", Jesus Christ. When the Prince of Peace is allowed to control our lives, we can and will experience true peace. It's the kind of peace that lasts forever, that carries us through the ups and downs of

life, that sustains us through the hardest times, not from the outside in, but from the inside out.

"A light will shine on us this day. The Lord is borne for us: He shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace, Father of the world to come; and His Kingship will never end". (Isaiah 9:2,6, Luke 1:33)

Our Lady is our 'star'. She leads us to her Son so that He may give us His peace and blessing; so that, in love, we may be bearers of His peace in our world.

Hail Holy Mother! The child to whom you gave birth is the King of Heaven and Earth forever!

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 are now maintaining a website,

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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 Feb 17 (Ash Wednesday) Fr. Michael Sergi - Notre Dame Retreat House; Celebrant for March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) Fr. Don Curtiss - Pastor of St. Felix, St. Francis & St. Dominic's.

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 BMW. 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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