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Commentary and Message of September 25, 2008

"Dear children! May your life, anew, be a decision for peace. Be joyful carriers of peace and do not forget that you live in a time of grace, in which God gives you great graces through my presence. Do not close yourselves, little children, but make good use of this time and seek the gift of peace and love for your life so that you may become witnesses to others. I bless you with my monthly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you"....Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you".... Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.".....Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." (John 14:27, 20:19,21, 26)

Our Lady invites us to decide for the peace that only Jesus gives. This is the gift that Jesus gave to those who encountered him after the Resurrection. Peace is his gift, not the brand the world offers. The world offers us the illusion of peace – temporary, superficial. The peace Jesus offers cuts through the

testing and the trials. It touches the very core of us. It sustains us through suffering and loss. It lasts and leads us to joy! Jesus is still offering this gift to those who encounter him today. But we must make a deliberate decision to receive Jesus' gift of peace.

Our life is filled with everyday decisions. We may not even realize that moment to moment, we are making choices that will lead to peace or turmoil, life or death. In the book of Deuteronomy we are reminded to choose life, heed the voice of the Lord and hold fast to him. This path is a conscious, deliberate choice. It is ongoing – a work in progress.

The decision to live the life of the Spirit is a decision to love – God above all else and our neighbor as ourselves. The fruit of the Spirit is love, peace and joy. This life in the Spirit is accessible to us because we are temples of the living God.....and because we are living in a time of grace. I hope that we are acutely aware - every day – that God offers great graces to us through Our Lady's special presence among us. I hope that we are acutely aware that we have been chosen to be her special carriers of peace into this world of turmoil. If we have forgotten or become apathetic to our special privilege, then we have closed ourselves to so many invitations to grace.

Our Lady warns us against this and invites us to make good use of this time.

How should we be making good use of this time? We have all we need within the sacramental life of our Church and personal prayer to grow in love and holiness. But we are not on this journey for just ourselves! We have been called to be witnesses to others. We are called to be Christ's light. We are called to be salt for the world....by becoming who we already are by nature of our baptism. We are called to be a holy people, set apart from the values of the world. "Seek the gift of peace...". Seek Jesus! He alone can give this great and authentic gift. Our Lady also asks us to love our own lives. When we take the time to pray and befriend silence, we discover our authentic selves. We have been called and chosen, even with all of our faults, to be disciples of the living God. God is within us. When this incomprehensible reality sinks in, we can truly love our lives because God dwells within us.

Our Lady has indeed blessed us by bringing us back to our Way, our Truth and our Life. It is for us to bless her by witnessing the Way, the Truth and the Life to the world.

Dear Mother, thank you for having chosen us for such a sublime privilege.

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"Dear children! In a special way I call you all to pray for my intentions so that, through your prayers, you may stop Satan's plan over this world, which is further from God every day, and which puts itself in the place of God and is destroying everything that is beautiful and good in the souls of each of you. Therefore, little children, arm yourselves with prayer and fasting so that you may be conscious of how much God loves you, and carry out God's will. Thank you for having responded to my call."

"Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers". (Luke 22:31-32)

How powerful is prayer! Have we gotten the idea yet? Our Lady calls us in a special way to pray for her intentions. God's grand plan is for the head of Satan to be crushed by Mary's heel. We are her heel! It is our prayers joined to hers that will crush Satan.

The world is moving further and further away from God as if held captive in a trance. The world puts itself in the place of God with laws that govern over matters of life and death. The world forgets that God is the author of life and only God has sovereignty over it. The world has become greedy for money and power. God has been cast aside. Truth is being replaced with lies. People are buying into these lies. Many have been deluded. All that is good and beautiful in souls is being destroyed as Satan laughs and mocks God with every victory.

So, Our Lady is here to mobilize the troops! She gathers us in like a mother would her children at the early signs of an impending storm. We find safety within her mantle as she instructs us. 'It is time to arm yourselves', she implores. Have we forgotten that with prayer and fasting, wars can be suppressed! We know that the Rosary is the weapon of mass destruction. It is the chain that will bind Satan. The Rosary is the gift of all gifts from Our Lady. Through the Rosary, we literally enter into the mystery of the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery. Through the Rosary, we experience the tremendous love God has for each of us. This love will energize us. We will be filled with the power of the same Spirit that overcame the Apostles on Pentecost. Love will do this for us and inflame us to carry out God's will.

We, in America, have just experienced the flashpoint of the election. We are at a crossroad. It is time to re-group, align ourselves with the Queen of Peace, arm ourselves with the weapons of prayer and fast with the will and the determination to thwart Satan's plan to destroy all that is good and beautiful. What God has created and given as gift must return to Him in its' pristine form - good, beautiful and holy.

Dear Mother, thank you for trusting us that we will respond to your call.

Loving Jesus by Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa insists that the poor are not only those in our inner-city slums and Third World countries, but those who suffer spiritually or physically in our own families and neighborhoods -- an unappreciated spouse, a neglected child, or a lonely shut-in. Besides Mother Teresa's reflections on these and other topics, **Loving Jesus** includes a wide-ranging interview with her and a biographical sketch pinpointing important developments in her life. **Loving Jesus** is not simply the title of a book but a way of life for Mother Teresa. It will encourage you to follow her example. \$ 6.99

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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 December 17 is Fr. Tom Celso.

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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