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*To make known the Message of
Our Lady at Medjugorje.
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LIVE THE MESSAGES

given at

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Our Lady's Message is:

Pray and Fast

Frequent Mass

Monthly Confession

Daily Rosary

Love People

Use Blessed Objects

Our Lady of Medjugorje's Message Given to Marija Pavlovic-Lunett April 25, 2012

"Dear children!

*Also today I am calling you to prayer, and may your heart,
little children, open towards God as a flower opens towards
the warmth of the sun. I am with you and I intercede for all
of you. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

Commentary on the April 25, 2012 Message

It's Spring! Our Lady brings us an image of the season – the fresh, new life of a flower. The warmth of the sun causes the flower to open. A flower in full bloom glorifies God, the Creator of all beauty. The flowers need the sun to open. They also need to be rooted in Mother Earth and they need the life-giving waters of the rain.

The flowers opening toward the sun is a perfect analogy of human hearts opening to God, their Creator. Our hearts need to be deeply rooted in the fertile soil of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As told in the Parable of the Sower: "...A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some

fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold...." (Matt. 13:4-9)

Since a parable is figurative speech that requires reflection for understanding, only those who are prepared to explore its meaning can come to know it's nugget of truth. To understand is a gift of the Spirit, granted to those few who are drawn deeper into the mystery of God's love. The point of the parable of the sower is that, despite all obstacles, the message and mission of Jesus will have enormous success. This parable invites us to examine the soil of our hearts. Is it rich enough to produce abundant fruit? If not, what is lacking? An intimate relationship with the Son?..... the nourishment of prayer?

Our Lady's April message is short and sweet by design. It has only one theme – PRAYER! Because PRAYER is absolutely the only way to open our hearts to Her Divine Son, this message invites us to examine our attitude toward prayer.

**Message Given to
Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo
April 2, 2012**

* We make time for what is important in our lives.
How important is prayer?

* We give our full attention to what we love. Where
does our desire to spend time with God rank on our
list of loves?

* Obligations do not require open hearts. Is prayer
just another obligation?

* Initial enthusiasms often die out without
commitment. Do emotions dictate when we pray?

* Success almost always demands discipline and
attention to scheduling. Are we persistent in prayer?
Do we make it a scheduled priority in our day?

Our Lady assures us that she is with us and intercedes
for us because the enemy of the seed is always prowling
around ready to destroy any strides we make toward
deepening our prayer lives.

Pope Benedict XVI had some very profound things
to say about the importance of prayer:

The saints have taught of the importance of a
“profound unity of life between prayer and action,
between total love of God and love for the brethren”.
“Without daily prayer faithfully lived out,” he cautioned,
“our activity becomes empty, it loses its deep soul, it
is reduced to mere activism, which in the end leaves
us unsatisfied.” He went on to say that the primacy of
prayer is our “first and most precious form of service
to the flock....”

“If the lungs of prayer and the Word of God fail to
nourish the breath of our spiritual life, we risk suffocating
in the middle of a thousand daily cares: prayer is the
breath of the soul and of life,” And there is another
precious reminder that I would like to emphasize: in
our relationship with God, in listening to His Word, in
conversation with God, even when we find ourselves
in the silence of a church or in our room, we are united
in the Lord with so many brothers and sisters in faith,
like an ensemble of instruments that, though retaining
their individuality, offer to God one great symphony
of intercession, of thanksgiving and of praise.” (Pope
Benedict XVI)

I have never read a more profound or beautiful
description of prayer in my life!

Dear Mother Mary, give to all who read this
reflection, the blessed grace of a sincere desire to pray
so that we, like the flowers in springtime, may give
glory to God, our Creator. Amen.

“Dear children,

*As the Queen of Peace, I desire to give peace to you, my
children, true peace which comes through the heart of my
Divine Son. As a mother I pray that wisdom, humility and
goodness may come to reign in your hearts – that peace may
reign – that my Son may reign. When my Son will be the
ruler in your hearts, you will be able to help others to come
to know Him. When heavenly peace comes to rule over you,
those who are seeking it in the wrong places, thus causing
pain to my motherly heart, will recognize it. My children,
great will be my joy when I see that you are accepting my
words and that you desire to follow me. Do not be afraid,
you are not alone. Give me your hands and I will lead you.
Do not forget your shepherds. Pray that in their thoughts
they may always be with my Son who called them to witness
Him.*

Thank you.”



**The 31st Anniversary
of the Apparitions
of
Our Lady
at Medjugorje
will be celebrated**

**Monday - June 25, 2012
at**

**St. Mary's Church
25 Center Street
Waterloo, NY**

6:00 p.m. Most Holy Rosary

Confessions will be heard
during the Rosary

7:00 p.m. Benediction

7:15 p.m. Mass

Celebrant: Rev. Paul Bonacci

A healing service will
follow the Mass

Ivan: Media Push Youth Into Blindness

By Jakob Marschner

www.medjugorjetoday.tv

People traveled to Chagrin Falls, Ohio, from as far away as Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (431 miles) and Toronto, Canada (475 miles) to hear Medjugorje visionary Ivan Dragic speak in Holy Angels Catholic Church on April 21.

The large church accommodated 900 people, and it was estimated that there were 150 people standing. Ivan's apparition lasted 10 minutes during which the Virgin Mary prayed over all the attendees in her Aramaic mother tongue, Spirit of Medjugorje editor June Klins further reports from Chagrin Falls.

The visionary said, in quoting the Virgin Mary, that parents do not pray with their children, and there is no time for each other in families. Introducing this theme led Ivan to talk about the negative influence of media, especially on young people.

"Parents do not have time for their children and children don't have time for their parents. There is no love in families and there is not enough fidelity within marriages. Every second, third marriage is falling apart, and so many broken families, and tired families, and morality is on the downside".

"So many outside sources – television, radio, media – are influencing the downfall. And it is pushing the young people into a valley of blindness" Ivan said.

Compared to previous lectures, the visionary raised a rare or even new point in talking about how forgiveness is necessary for even the physical well-being of man.

"We need to know how to forgive – and to forgive oneself and to forgive others. Without forgiveness, we cannot get well spiritually, physically, or emotionally. The Holy Spirit and prayer are needed to learn how to forgive" Ivan told the attendees.

The seer next turned to talking about prayer, the Virgin Mary's foremost message in Medjugorje:

"Our Lady has said many times over the years, to "pray, pray, pray," but she does not want us praying by habit or by looking at the watch that you may finish as soon as possible".

"She wants us to set aside a time every day for prayer and to pray from the heart, which means "to pray from love and with love, to pray with your whole being, so that our prayer can be a meeting with Jesus". If we pray like that, we will be filled with peace and joy" Ivan said.

He added that religious vocations will come through family prayer.

Spirit of Medjugorje editor June Klins reported from Chagrin Falls

Medjugorje Busy as Never Before

By Jakob Marschner

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Unusually many pilgrims visited Medjugorje last weekend April 28-29, and some arrived to the surprise that they could not find a bed to sleep in, local guide and webmaster Mate Vasilj tells from Medjugorje.

"I think the whole Italy moved to Medjugorje. I have lived here throughout my whole life, and I have been around on most of the busy events through the years, and I will say this with a clear conscience, I have never seen Medjugorje this busy" Mate Vasilj reports at medjugorje.net.

"There are people still looking for a bed to sleep, there are some groups that arrived hoping they will find accommodation once they arrive since they were not able to do it by the phone/email, they ended up sleeping in the van."

"I went to the evening Mass last night, and the whole space behind the church, all of the benches and all of the lawn was packed. It was pretty impressive but also quite intriguing, I wonder where did they all find accommodation?" Mate Vasilj writes.

Join A Local Prayer Cenacle

Queen of Peace Night: Third Wednesday of every month. All are invited. St. Dominic's Church, 6 Canandaigua Street, Shortsville, NY. 7:00 pm Rosary, 8:00 pm Mass followed by healing prayer. **There will not be a Queen of Peace Mass on May 16** because of the anticipated Mass for the Ascension of the Lord. The celebrant for June 20, 2012 is Fr. William Coffas.

Marian Cenacle: Every Wednesday evening. St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, NY. All are welcome. 6:45 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 7:00 pm complete Rosary. Contact Darlene Duprey 315-539-9010.

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