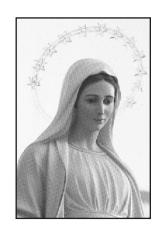
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To make known the Message of Our Lady at Medjugorje. Our focus is on living the message, which is in harmony with the Church's Magisterium.

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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, 2014

"Dear Children! Open your hearts to the grace which God is giving you through me, as a flower that opens to the warm rays of the sun. Be prayer and love for all those who are far from God and His love. I am with you and I intercede for all of you before my Son Jesus, and I love you with immeasurable love. Thank you for having responded to my call."

## Commentary on the April 25, 2014 Message

Our Lady brings us an Easter message this month! As she delivers her message, we are just beginning the Easter Season of 50 days to reflect on what the Resurrection of Jesus means in our lives. We are awaiting the resurrection experience taking place in nature as new life begins to spring forth from the earth – a time when all of nature responds to the warmth of the sun that rises in the east every day.

Our Lady's Easter message to her children follows in the next sentence: "Be prayer and love for all those who are far from God and His love". Just as the flowers respond to the rising sun – blooming and spreading the fragrance of new life into the air – so too, we are called

to rise out of the lethargy of our winter. Jesus has risen! The warmth of His resurrection gives us life and calls us to bloom as Christians. We open to the warmth of the Risen Son by being prayer and love for those who still remain in the tombs of their darkness and sin.

Notice that Our Lady did not just call us to 'say' prayers and 'do' acts of love for those who are far away from God. She draws us deeper into the mystery of the Resurrection. Our very being must reflect who we are and what we believe. Mary invites us to BE prayer and Be love!

How are we to BE prayer? Certainly not just with our lips. We are called to be fully engaged – body and soul – in the work of salvation. Take a look at Pope Francis. He does not stay hidden away in his apartment to pray for souls. He moves out into the trenches of human misery. He embraces the disabled. He kisses the wounds of those who are beaten down by life. He visits the prisons and washes the feet of the inmates – not to bless and condone what they have done to deserve incarceration; but to bless and affirm the prisoner! Salvation is for all! – says Pope Francis. In showing up on the fringes of society, the Pope BECOMES PRAYER FOR THE LOST.

How are we to BE love for the lost? So few understand love. Too few know love! Love is never

controlling or domineering. Love is not opinionated. Love does not shun, insult, belittle or pass judgment on the poor in spirit. Love is the only force that will open the door to Truth. Love is the great power that lifts the soul out of its' comfort zone. Love seeks out the weary, the lost and confused. The power of love heals the sick and the dying of body and soul. Love leads into the trenches of humanity's sickness. Love's scent is often the stench of sin – an illness from which no human being is exempt. Love kisses the lepers open wounds. Love leads into the prisons of addictions and preaches a word of freedom. Love leads to where you do not want to go – to heal, teach, and minister in Jesus' name. Love humbles. It kneels at the feet of all who need washing in the rivers of living waters. Love has a Face – Jesus Christ Crucified! To know love.....to understand love, the ego must be put to death. The ego, that ferocious force that holds the heart captive. Who loves like this? Yet, that is what our Mother has called us do.

Mary and Jesus go before us. They are examples of what it means to be love and prayer at our very essence. They are our teachers who love us immeasurably. Our Lady intercedes for us always. She will never give up on us. How can we fail?

#### Message Given to Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo April 2, 2014

"Dear children, with a motherly love I desire to help you for your life of prayer and penance to be a sincere attempt of drawing closer to my Son and His divine light - that you may know how to separate yourselves from sin. Every prayer, every Mass and every fasting is an attempt of drawing closer to my Son, a reminder of His glory and a refuge from  $\sin - it$  is a way to a renewed union of the good Father and His children. Therefore, my dear children, with hearts open and full of love, cry out the name of the Heavenly Father that He may illuminate you with the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit you will become a spring of God's love. All those who do not know my Son, all those thirsting for the love and peace of my Son, will drink from this spring. Thank you. Pray for your shepherds. I pray for them and I desire that they may always feel the blessing of my motherly hands and the support of my motherly heart."



The 33rd Anniversary
of the Apparitions
of
Our Lady
at Medjugorje
will be celebrated

Wednesday - June 25, 2014 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

#### Queen of Peace Prayer Cenacles

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. The celebrant for May 21 is Fr. William Coffas. The Celebrant for June 18 is Fr. Ed Dillon.

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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