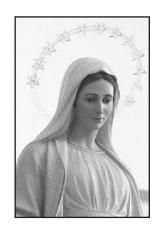
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Our Lady's Message is:
Pray and Fast
Frequent Mass
Monthly Confession
Daily Rosary
Love People
Use Blessed Objects

#### Our Lady of Medjugorje's Message Given to Marija Pavlovic-Lunett August 25, 2013

"Dear children! Also today, the Most High is giving me the grace to be with you and to lead you towards conversion. Every day I am sowing and am calling you to conversion, that you may be prayer, peace, love - the grain that by dying will give birth a hundredfold. I do not desire for you, dear children, to have to repent for everything that you could have done but did not want to. Therefore, little children, again, with enthusiasm say: 'I want to be a sign to others.' Thank you for having responded to my call."

## Commentary on the August 25, 2013 Message

"Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy" *Ps.* 126:5

Our Lady comes to us in the month of August as a Sower. She reminds us that She sows every day – the seeds of the Gospel. All Mary's messages have been seeds of conversion that she has sown upon the world for over 30 years. Her many messages have been meant to bear great fruit – prayer, peace, and love.

Jesus sent His Mother as a sower of the seed of truth at a time when the whole world is on the brink of annihilation – just as She predicted at Fatima in 1913.

The parable of the sower could read like this: "At Jesus' command, Mary, our Mother, came down from Heaven to be among us as God's last attempt to reach the hearts of a wayward people. She comes with a treasury of grace. For 33 years, Mary has been sowing seeds of repentance, prayer, fasting, peace, and charity in the soil of human hearts. Some seed has fallen on the path of those who have heard but did not understand. So the evil one came and stole what was sown in those hearts. Some of the seed sown by Our Lady fell on rocky ground. These were the people who received her apparitions and messages with an initial rush of joy. But they had no roots - so their 'experience' only lasted a short time. When some tribulation or persecution came because of the controversy regarding the apparitions, they immediately fell away. Some of Her seed fell among thorns. These are the many people who have heard the Blessed Mother's words and responded to them; but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choked out Her graces and the seed sown bore no fruit.

But some seed has fallen on rich soil. Hopefully, those reading this commentary are the ones who hear Her words, and understand them, and indeed bear fruit and yields a hundredfold".

Have we become the grain that has been dying to self and the world over these last 33 years? Are we dying to sin; especially the sin of pride, greed, avarice, sloth, anger and gluttony? Our eyes should have been opening over the years that Our Lady has been with us. We should be opening like a flower to the spiritual realities of God's life all around us and dying to the illusions presented to us by the great deceiver. Have we been awakening to the needs of people who live among us in great need? Do we respond to the cries of the poor? When people see us do they see the face of God – mercy, forgiveness, unconditional love? The last little pieces of the 'me syndrome, instant gratification, and the 'I' mentality must die before we can, as Our Lady requests, BECOME prayer, peace and love in the world. The red flags are negativity, complaining, judgementalism and indifference.

Our Lady invites us – always – to spiritual freedom which really is conversion. She even cuts us some slack in the August message. She tells us not to get stuck in the things we could have done but did not. Rather, she wants us to have the humility to acknowledge that we will never be able to help everyone and do everything. Even though we are human and often weak; we can still say "with enthusiasm: I want to be a sign to others" and bear fruit a hundredfold; because the sower of the seed is our tearful Mother who looks upon this distressed world with sadness. But because we are the hearts who have received her grace and responded with love, we will one day, with our Mother, reap with cries of joy!

#### Message Given to Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo August 2, 2013

"Dear children, If only you would open your hearts to me with complete trust, you would comprehend everything. You would comprehend with how much love I am calling you; with how much love I desire to change you, to make you happy; with how much love I desire to make you followers of my Son and give you peace in the fullness of my Son. You would comprehend the immeasurable greatness of my motherly love. That is why, my children, pray because through prayer your faith grows and love is born, the love along which even the cross is not unendurable because you do not carry it alone. In union with my Son you glorify the name of the Heavenly Father. Pray, pray for the gift of love, because love is the only truth: it forgives everything,

it serves everyone and it sees a brother in everyone. My children, my apostles, great is the trust that the Heavenly Father has given you through me, His handmaid, to help those who do not know Him, that they may reconcile with Him and follow Him. That is why I am teaching you love, because only if you have love will you be able to respond to Him. Again I am calling you to love your shepherds and to pray that, at this difficult time, the name of my Son may be glorified under their guidance. Thank you."

#### 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 September 18 is Father Mickey McGrath. The celbrant for Octobero 16 is Father John Gagnier.

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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