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given at

MEDJUGORJE

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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 December 25, 2020

"Dear Children! I am carrying to you little Jesus who brings you peace, Him who is the past, present and future of your existence. Little Children do not permit for your faith and hope in a better future to be extinguished, because you are chosen to be witnesses of hope in every situation. That is why I am here with Jesus that He may bless you with His peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the December 25, 2020 Message

"...Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the HOPE that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence". (1 Peter 3:15)
Our Lady's Christmas gift to the world in the

year 2020 is HOPE. Despite the fact that Christmas 2020 was marked with the effects of the worldwide pandemic Covid-19; Mary comes to us with a message of HOPE, PEACE AND FAITH. She reminds us that we have been chosen for such a time as this to be "witnesses of hope in every situation". We may be tempted to question our mission to be bearers of hope in the midst of sickness, loss, fear, anxiety, civil unrest, and death.

The commemoration of the birth of the Christ-child this year has enabled us to look deeper as we prepared for our celebrations. For me this year, the meaning of Christmas was far more than the historical event of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Bethlehem is the prelude to Calvary. We not merely stand adoring at the crib; we must also follow to the cross. To celebrate Christmas in truth is to allow our eyes to be opened to God's view of reality. For me, it was about the coming of Jesus every day, in every circumstance of my life. Through opportunities that arose to help another person through the pain of the pandemic, I experienced the coming of Jesus. Every time I was helped through the difficult days, I experienced the coming of the

Lord. Our Lady reminds us in her message to the world that Jesus “is the past, present and future of our existence”. The simplicity of Christmas 2020 reflected this reality for me and strengthened my faith and hope. I realized that if we cannot see Jesus and experience His gift of peace – even during these unprecedented times of trial – our faith in a better future will be extinguished!

Perhaps it is time to take a test. Our Lady has been with us for forty years preparing us, loving us, guiding us be warriors and witnesses of God’s unwavering love and peace. Have we learned the essentials of our mission during Mary’s time with us on earth?

- Have our hearts opened to God’s ever-present grace?
- Have we completely surrendered our lives into His hands?
- Have we finally realized that we can always trust Jesus and find consolation and everything that we need to live true faith?
- Have we permitted Jesus to begin to rule our lives so that we will accept the present and be able to face the world in which we live today?

Our Lady always brings to us her “little Jesus”! In order to fulfill our mission to be “witnesses of hope in every situation” our hearts must accept His will and everything that comes into our lives. We must believe that Jesus will give us the faith to accept everything. We must believe that He firmly holds our hands during difficult moments because He has become the Lord of our lives. The light of His birth illuminates our world and our life.

“Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven”.
Amen

Annual Apparition to Jakov Colo December 25, 2020

At the last daily apparition to Jakov Colo on September 12th, 1998, Our Lady told him that henceforth he would have one apparition a year, every December 25th, on Christmas Day. This is this year’s message:

“Dear children, Also today Jesus is here beside you, even when you think that you are alone and that light does not exist in your life. He is here and has never left you or distanced Himself from you. The light of His

birth illuminates this world and your life.

His Heart is always open towards you, to receive your every pain, every trial, fear and need. His arms are extended towards you, that as a father, He may embrace you and tell you how important you are for Him, how much He loves you and cares for His children.

Children, is your heart open towards Jesus? Have you completely surrendered your life into His hands? Have you accepted Jesus as your father, to whom you can always turn and in Him find consolation and everything you need to live true faith? That is why, my children, surrender your hearts to Jesus and permit Him to begin to rule your lives, because only in this way, will you accept the present and be able to face the world in which you live today.

With Jesus, every fear, suffering and pain disappear, because your heart accepts His will and everything that comes into your life. Jesus will give you the faith to accept everything and nothing will distance you from Him -- because He firmly holds you by the hand and does not permit for you to distance and lose yourselves in difficult moments -- because He has become the Lord of your life.

I bless you with my motherly blessing.”

Come, Pray the Rosary!

Join us every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. as we pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the rosary. St. Mary’s Church, 25 Center Street. Waterloo, NY. All are welcome!

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