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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 February 25, 2017

"Dear children!

Today I am calling you to profoundly live your faith and to implore the Most High to strengthen it, so that winds and storms cannot break it. May the roots of your faith be prayer and hope in eternal life. Already now, little children, work on yourselves in this time of grace, wherein God is giving you the grace - through renunciation and the call to conversion - to be people of clear and persevering faith and hope.

Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the February 25, 2017 Message

In this pre-lent 2017 message, Our Lady uses some pointed and strong words for emphasis! She calls us to live our faith PROFOUNDLY. What does profoundly mean in this context? We are living amidst great turmoil. We are fighting powers and

principalities unseen. We cannot be lukewarm in the present spiritual battle in which we are currently engaged. We cannot be lethargic in this warfare. We must live our faith with purpose, determination and certitude that we will reach our goal girded with God's armor and imbued with His grace. There should be no doubt about whether or not we are clothed in the armor of Heaven!

"Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens. Therefore, put on the armor of God that you may be able to resist in the evil day and, having done everything to hold your ground. So stand fast with your loins girded in TRUTH, clothed with RIGHTEOUSNESS as a breastplate and your feet shod in readiness for the GOSPEL OF PEACE. In all circumstances hold faith as a shield....taking the HELMET OF SALVATION and the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT which is the WORD OF GOD" (Eph. 6:11-17)

Could this passage from Ephesians encapsulate the meaning of the word PROFOUNDLY that Mary used in describing how we should live our faith in this age?

Our Lady does not matter-of-factly encourage us to pray for strength; She directs us to IMPLORE the Most High for help! Could She mean to beg.... be relentless....never tire of throwing ourselves at the mercy of God's grace....IMPLORE! If we are not focused, constant and disciplined, our prayer life will suffer. We may be distracted by the cares of the world. We may succumb to worry and depression – even despair! The “winds and storms” will break us! We are called to be vigilant and totally dedicated to prayer and the things of God. We must rely on “the roots of faith”. We must be grounded in “prayer and hope in eternal life”.

Our Lady takes this pre-lent opportunity to call us to “work on yourselves in this time of grace”. God is again opening the merciful floodgates of Heaven to us this Lent. Let it be for us another wake-up call to renunciation, prayer and conversion. Make no mistake about conversion. Be not complacent because the path to conversion is on-going. No one reading this commentary has arrived at it's fulfillment! Persevere on your path to conversion. Make a plan to “work on yourself” this Lent.

With “clear and persevering faith and hope”, let us each make great strides on our unique paths toward perfection – with our Mentor, Mary, our Mother, at our sides during these next few weeks of Lent 2017. It may be our last! We surely want to hear our Mother say, “Thank you for having responded to my call” at the moment of our last breath.

**Our Lady's Message Given to
Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo
February 2, 2017**

“Dear children, you who are striving to offer every day of your life to my Son, you who are trying to live with Him, you who are praying and sacrificing - you are hope in this peaceless world. You are rays of the light of my Son, a living gospel, and you are my beloved apostles of love. My Son is with you. He is

with those who think of Him - those who pray. But in the same way, He is patiently waiting for those who do not know Him. Therefore, you, apostles of my love, pray with the heart and with your works show the love of my Son. This is the only hope for you, and this is also the only way to eternal life. I, as a mother, I am here with you. Your prayers directed to me are the most beautiful roses of love for me. I cannot but be where I sense the scent of roses. There is hope. 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 March 15, 2017 is Father John Gagnier. The Celebrant for April 19, 2017 is Father Roy Kiggins.

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