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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, 2012

"Dear children! At this time, in a special way I call you: 'pray with the heart'. Little children, you speak much and pray little. Read and meditate on Sacred Scripture, and may the words written in it be life for you. I encourage and love you, so that in God you may find your peace and the joy of living. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the February 25, 2012 Message

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret..... In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them." (Matthew 6:5-8.)

In the early days of Our Lady's apparitions, there was a big emphasis put on 'praying with the heart'. In fact, Mary mentioned this so often, that Fr. Slavko Barbaric, O.F.M. wrote a book "Pray with the Heart!".

In the introduction, Javoc Bubalo says, "this book will teach you, in a simple way, how to love God and your neighbor, without which love, prayer cannot be fruitful." The book gives testimony to what it means to "pray without ceasing" – an admonition that St. Paul gave to the Thessalonians.

In Her February message, Our Lady invites us, once again to "pray with the heart". To some of us, this type of prayer seems like an exercise in eloquent speech that we just don't think we possess. Yet, Jesus tells us in Matthew's Gospel, "Go to your inner room, close the door....." Find a quiet place. Allow the distractions that burden you to simply float away by acknowledging them and then simply allow them to fade away. The inner room that Jesus refers to is the chamber of your heart. Open the door of your heart to the Sacred....then....close it to all outside distractions. Begin a conversation with the Almighty and with our Mother. Talk as though you were talking to your earthly father, mother or friend. Speak with loving confidence, knowing that you are in a safe place where you are loved beyond your understanding. "Father, I pray to you that I may, at Mary's intercession, change and become good and pure!" ... Mary, thank you for being here to help us to grow and change..... Take me on your lap now and console me.'

Mention the members of your family by name. Pray especially for the person you may have argued with, who hurt you. Just let it flow. For a few moments of your day, you are locked in the inner room of your heart. The world is shut out for those sacred moments. And the Father who hears the secrets of your deepest self will answer you.

Our Lady tells us that we speak much and pray little. Most of us lead active lives and interact with people all day. We talk all day long; yet cannot find any time to talk to the only One who can help us, renew us and love us unconditionally! When we do give time to prayer, we often think that a multiplicity of words rattled off like a trained parrot constitutes prayer. If we want to be honest with ourselves, many of us pray very little – really pray!

Our Lady leads us into the Sacred Scriptures this month. “Read and meditate...and let the words written in it be life to you”. Lectio Divina is an ancient practice of praying the Scriptures. Lectio is the art of letting God, our Divine Friend, speak to us through his inspired Word. It also involves our response to the Word received – it is a two-way communication. The Prophet Isaiah wrote: “Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear”. We are gently invited to quiet ourselves, to listen with our hearts to the Lord’s Word for us, and to respond in love.

However and whenever we open ourselves up to prayer, Our Mother encourages us and loves us. She wants nothing more for us than to find our peace and joy in living. She knows that we will only find these in God – through prayer of the heart and in His inspired Word.

Thank you, Mother Mary, for being our Light in the darkness. Thank you for your love, encouragement; and most especially, for never giving up on us, your children.

Message Given to Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo February 2, 2012

“Dear children; I am with you for so much time and already for so long I have been pointing you to God’s presence and His infinite love, which I desire for all of you to come to know. And you, my children? You continue to be deaf and blind as you look at the world around you and do not want to see where it is going without my Son. You are renouncing Him - and He is the source of all graces. You listen to me while I am speaking to you, but your hearts are closed and you are not hearing me. You are not praying to the Holy Spirit to illuminate you. My children, pride has come to rule. I am pointing out humility to you. My

children, remember that only a humble soul shines with purity and beauty because it has come to know the love of God. Only a humble soul becomes heaven, because my Son is in it. Thank you. Again I implore you to pray for those whom my Son has chosen - those are your shepherds.”

Comments from www.marytv.tv/MaryTV/:

It is reported that 25,000 people were present in the stadium in Naples where Mirjana received her apparition. Crowds started to gather at 3:00 am in the morning for the apparition at 8:45am and came from all parts of Italy, braving the snow and hazardous weather throughout the country. Mass was concelebrated by more than 60 priests prior to the apparition, and a welcome from Cardinal Crescenzo Sepe of Naples, the former Prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, was read from the altar. Last year, on the same date, Mirjana was also in Naples to receive her apparition.

A Talk Given by Ivan Dragicevic

The following is a portion of a transcript by Mary TV, Inc. of a video recording of Ivan Dragicevic, speaking in St. Joseph’s Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on January 31, 2012. To read the entire transcript, or view the video of the evening, please visit:

www.marytv.tv/MaryTV/video-library/kalamazoo-013112

....“I am very happy that I am here to share with you the good and joyful news that Our Mother has been sharing with us for these 30 years. Our mother comes to us she comes to us when her children are most in need. She comes to her children when her children are in trouble. She has come because she wishes to lead us out of this dead end which this world finds itself in. Throughout the 30 years of these apparitions, truly this has been a turning point for humanity, for the family, for the Church. And when I say that we are at a turning point, what I mean is: will we walk the way of God or will we walk the way of the world.

Our Lady is calling us to make a decision for God. Because in Him is our peace. This world is not able to give us peace. That peace which the world offers us will very quickly disappoint us. That is why we must make a decision for God. That is why we must accept these treasures which are eternal. He alone is not temporary. Everything else is passing. We are on this earth only as pilgrims. We are on a journey. That is why we must make a decision. We must decide to walk the right way. Jesus is calling us. Our Lady is calling us. “Come to me all of you all who are tired and heavy laden, I will give you rest. I will give you strength.”

We have come here tonight to the source. We have come here to Jesus, to encounter Him. We have come to the Holy Mass. The Mass is the center of our lives. Our Lady says: *"My dear children, let the Holy Mass be the center of your lives."* At one apparition with Our Lady, the six of us were kneeling before her, and Our Lady said to us, *"My dear children, if tomorrow you needed to choose between having an encounter with me and coming to me, or to go to the Holy Mass, no, do not come to me, go to the Holy Mass."* Because when you go to the Holy Mass you are going to an encounter with Jesus. You are surrendering to Him and opening yourself to Him and receiving Him.

We have come here tonight to our Mother. We have come here tonight to throw ourselves into her embrace. We have brought her our needs, our desires and our problems. We have come to her to say to her: "Mother, pray for us. Pray for us and intercede before your Son for all of us." Our Mother prays for us. She is always with us even when it is most difficult. She is with us with her Son. But we must respond to this question. How much are we with her? How much time do we spend with her in prayer every day? Our Mother loves us so much. Her tears of joy flow because of her great love for us. And in one message she says: *"My dear children, if you knew how much I love you and care for you, you would cry for joy!"* So great is the love of our mother.

She carries us in her heart. She has placed us in her heart. And tonight during the apparition she was so happy and joyful. That joy was seen in her face and in her eyes. So great is her love. It is 30 years now since Our Mother has been with us, our Mother, who teaches us and who is raising us. Our mother is a great pastoral teacher and a teacher who raises us pastorally. Her son has sent her to guide us. She said, *"My dear children, my Son has sent me to help you."* To be with Our Lady for 30 years... just imagine if you were able to spend just one minute with her for 30 years! To be in that light of heaven! It's not so easy to return to this earth after that. I wish I could remain with her hours and days, kneeling before her. Just to look at her smile, her beauty, truly it is a great gift. And I don't know if I will ever be sufficiently thankful for this gift in my life. It is a great gift and also it is a great responsibility. I know that God has given much to me, but I also know that He has asked a lot of me." ... (after this Ivan gave a description of how the apparitions began. Then he continued...)

..."What are those things to which our mother is calling us? What are those most important messages by which Our Lady is leading us? You know that throughout these 30 years Our Lady has given us very

many messages. But if we were to focus just on the most important messages, I would like to emphasize these messages by which Our Lady is guiding us:

Peace, Conversion, Prayer of the Heart, Penance and Fasting, Strong Faith, Love Eucharist, Forgiveness, Confession, and The Message of HOPE.

These are the most important messages through which Our Lady is guiding us.

Throughout these 30 years Our Lady has taken each one of these messages and she has simplified them and brought them closer to us so we can better understand them and live them in our lives. As I said earlier, Our Lady has come and introduced herself as the Queen of Peace. And she comes from the King of Peace. And who can know better than a mother how necessary peace is to today's tired world. How necessary peace is to today's tired families. How necessary peace is to today's tired young people. How necessary peace is to today's tired church. And Our Lady says, *"My dear children! You are my living church. You are my lungs of the church. That is why, my dear children, if you are strong, the church will be strong. If you are weak, the church will be weak."*

How beautiful it is tonight to see a full church. What priest or what pastor wouldn't want his church to be this full every Sunday. We are that living church. But Our Lady says, *"There is no living church without living families."* And that is why Our Lady is calling us so much for the renewal of the family, for the renewal of sacramental life in the family and the renewal of family prayer. We can't expect that the world will be in a better place if we don't renew the family through family prayer. Because the family is the foundation upon which you build a new world. We must bring God back into our families and place God in the first place in our families. And our Mother comes to help us with this.

Our Mother comes to encourage us and to comfort us. Our Mother comes to bring us a divine cure to heal us and all our pain with such love, with such motherly warmth and motherly tenderness. She wishes to guide us on the path of peace and the path to her Son. In one message Our Lady says, *"Dear children! Today more than ever before, this world and this humanity is going through a great and a difficult crisis. And the greatest crisis is the crisis of faith in God because you have become distant from God. You have become distant from prayer. My dear children, today's world and today's humanity has gone into the future without God. My dear children, there is no more prayer in families today."*

Families no longer have time for one another. Spouses no longer have time for one another. There is no more love. There is not more faithfulness among the

spouses. Parents have stopped being models for their children. There is a falling apart of morality - so many broken and tired families. And our Mother is calling us, "Dear children, place God in the first place in your lives. Go into the future with Him. Bring prayer back so that with prayer, peace, love and joy may return." Our Mother comes and wishes to lead us out of this darkness. And she wishes to show us the way of light and the way of hope.

And Our Lady says, "Dear children! If a person does not peace in his heart, if a person is not at peace with himself, if there is no peace in families, then no, my dear children, there cannot be peace in the world. That is why I am calling you, no, do not speak about peace, but begin to live peace. No, do not speak about prayer, begin to live prayer. Your families can only be healed by a return to prayer in the families." In these times in which we are living, often times in the last few years, we hear the word, recession. Everyone is speaking about an economic recession. But this world is not in an economic recession. Humanity and the world is in a spiritual recession. And every spiritual recession creates and produces every other kind of recession. Our Mother comes to us because she wishes to lift up this sinful humanity. She is concerned for our salvation.

And Our Lady says, "My dear children, I am with you. And I have come among you so that I can help you so that peace can come. But my dear children, I need you. With you I can realize peace. That is why my dear children, make a decision for good. Fight against sin and evil." Our mother speaks simply. She has repeated so many times, and she never gets tired. Those mothers who are present here tonight, how many times have you said to your children, "Be good, study, work, listen."? You have said that to your children thousands and thousands of times. Have you gotten tired? I hope not. Is there any mother here who can say that she is lucky enough to have been able to say something to her child just once and never have to repeat it again. No such mother. Every mother must repeat. So it is with Our Lady and us...."

.... "Our Lady comes to us to speak about confession. She calls us to adoration before the Cross and the Blessed Sacrament. She is especially requesting and asking priests to organize Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in their parishes. Our Lady is calling us to pray the Rosary. She is calling us to read Holy Scripture. In one message she said, "My dear children, may the Holy Bible be in each of your family homes in a visible place." Read Holy Scripture. So that through the reading of Holy Scripture Jesus may be born anew in your hearts and in your families. May that be the food on your path of life. Forgive one another. Love others. But I would like to particularly emphasize the gift of forgiveness. Forgive. Forgive yourself, forgive others. And

open your vessel to the Holy Spirit because without forgiveness there is no physical or spiritual healing." We must know how to forgive. That is why Our Lady is calling us so much to forgiveness. But we must pray for that [the gift of forgiveness]. We have to pray with the heart. Not just with our lips. Not just mechanically. Or to pray and then look at your watch to see how quickly you can finish. Our Lady desires that we make a decision for prayer, that we set time aside for prayer....."

...."Often times we say today, that we don't have time for prayer, that we are busy, that we work a lot and that we cannot always find time for the family and for the children. We come home from work, and we have to cook and clean, go shopping, go watch TV! We don't have time for prayer. But Our Lady says, simply, "My dear children, no, don't always say that you don't have time. Because, my dear children, time is not the problem. The problem is love. Because, my dear children, when someone loves something and cares for it, they will always find time for it. But when somebody doesn't love something and doesn't care for it, they will not find time for it."

That is why Our Lady is calling us so much to prayer. And that is why throughout these years, Our Lady has been awakening us out of the spiritual coma and spiritual death we are in."

(much more on line!)

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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 21, 2012 is Fr. Roy Kiggins. The celebrant for April 18, 2012 is Fr. Mickey McGrath.

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