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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, 2013

"Dear children!

Also today I call you to prayer. Sin is pulling you towards worldly things and I have come to lead you towards holiness and the things of God, but you are struggling and spending your energies in the battle with the good and the evil that are in you. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray until prayer becomes a joy for you and your life will become a simple walk towards God. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the

February 25, 2013 Message

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places". (Ephesians 6:12)

Our Lady's February message comes to us at a time when the whole world has been stunned by Pope

Benedict XVI's resignation. These are days of turmoil and unrest. We are bombarded with news of scandal, speculations, assumptions, and opinions. I have heard many reactions that are leaving people feeling insecure, suspicious, worried and anxious. I have read editorials that have been very supportive of the Pope's decision to step down at a time when his age and health are sapping him of the strength he needs to lead the Church during these tumultuous times. His decision – some authors say -demonstrates his humility and teaches us the power and necessity of prayer and discernment in our lives. Others write that Benedict's decision will leave the Church looking weak. Some ask, "how can a Pope retire before death"? I have read locutions in which Jesus and Mary allegedly give very specific details about the next Pope, his selection and his agenda.

In short, our journeys of life have us wandering in the desert where we are hearing many voices. We cannot trust every voice we hear in the desert. It is the hour for prayer and discernment. Given the strengths and weaknesses of human nature, every day is a spiritual battle between good intentions and evil temptations. One of the most subtle of temptations today is to underestimate this struggle. Spiritual battles are no less real than physical battles. These present days find

us vulnerable. We need to suit up with our spiritual armor. Our Lady is reminding us in this message that "sin is pulling you towards worldly things" (and attitudes). Sin gains a giant foothold when we feel weak and vulnerable.

These are times when we must put on the mind of God. We may be led to let go of our own opinions. We may be asked to trust in the Divine plan. That in which we have looked for security may disappoint – human institutions, money, possessions, people.

Last week it all seemed to come crashing down on me – our Holy Father resigned, we do not yet have a Bishop, our business manager gave her two week notice, our youth minister is recovering from major surgery, our Religious Education Director gave her notice and our long time housekeeper gave notice of her retirement. It was surreal. I was searching, in prayer, for the missing puzzle piece that may pull me out of my depression. I did the only thing I knew how to do – witness my love for the Catholic church. I went to the County Jail for the monthly Communion Service. I had no energy....but I went. Only one young lady came to the service that night. She was beautiful! She had never been baptized and she was searching. I answered her questions and shared my faith. My witness was well received. She knew that God had allowed her this stay in the County Jail to get her attention and turn her around. Our time together that night was delightful. Before she left, she asked me if she could sing me a song. I said "sure". She bowed her head, closed her eyes and sang from the very depths of her soul. Tears streamed down her face and mine as she sang me a Carrie Underwood song, "Jesus Take the Wheel". Her heartfelt song was the missing piece for which I had been seeking that week – total surrender.

Our Lady comes this month to remind us that these unprecedented times in which we are living can easily take us off course as we "struggle and spend our energies in the battle with the good and the evil that are in us".... Prayer is our ONLY answer.....simplicity is the only way to holiness and the things of God.

Mother Mary, give us the desire for prayer, the grace to pray, pray, pray as you have asked of us. Let it be for us a joyful encounter with our God as it is for you. Lead each of us along the simple path towards God. Amen.

Message Given to Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo February 2, 2013

"Dear children, love is bringing me to you - the love which I desire to teach you also - real love; the love which my Son showed you when He died on the Cross out of love for you; the love which is always ready to forgive and to ask for forgiveness. How great is your love? My motherly heart is sorrowful as it searches for love in your hearts. You are not ready to submit your will to God's will out of love. You cannot help me to have those who have not come to know God's love to come to know it, because you do not have real love. Consecrate your hearts to me and I will lead you. I will teach you to forgive, to love your enemies and to live according to my Son. Do not be afraid for yourselves. In afflictions my Son does not forget those who love. I will be beside you. I will implore the Heavenly Father for the light of eternal truth and love to illuminate you. Pray for your shepherds so that through your fasting and prayer they can lead you in love. 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 20, 2013 is Rev. Peter Nkansah. The celebrant for April 17 is Fr. Edward 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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