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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 July 25, 2017

"Dear children! Be prayer and a reflection of God's love for all those who are far from God and God's commandments. Little children, be faithful and determined in conversion and work on yourselves so that, for you, holiness of life may be truth; and encourage each other in the good through prayer, so that your life on earth may be more pleasant. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the July 25, 2017 Message

First: "Be prayer and a reflection of God's love.... encourage each other..."

When our lives are aligned to God we become the conduits of enormous power to complete the work of salvation. In Joyce Landorf Heatherley's book, "Balcony people", two different types of people are exemplified – the evaluators or basement people

and the affirmers or balcony people. Evaluators are people who break the spirit by their critical or judgmental evaluations. Affirmers or balcony people are those who bring healing by their encouragement and love. Our Lady's July message is inviting us to be affirmers or balcony people. It is absolutely crucial to the process of conversion and the experience of God's unconditional love to be balcony people for one another. Otherwise we miss one of the main concepts of Holy Scripture – to love one another and to bear one another's burdens.

Second: "Be faithful and determined.....work on yourselves..."

The truth is that holiness of life requires much discipline, faithfulness, determination and strength of will. We must continually "work on ourselves" even to be considered good! Jesus tells the rich young man in Matthew's Gospel: "Good teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life? He answered him, "why do you call me good? There is only One who is good". (Matthew 19:16). Our Lady reminds us this month the level of commitment necessary to achieve holiness of life. Personal conversion is

a moment to moment awareness of the enormous love of God and our littleness. Our Mother is with us to help and guide us every step of the way. She showers us with grace day by day.

Finally: "Encourage each other.....so that your life on earth may be more pleasant".

Our Lady expects us to be affirmers or balcony people to one another. Balcony people inspire, lift up, teach, give the down trodden a reason for their hope. Balcony people are doers of the Word not just hearers. Balcony people bear the burdens of their brothers and sisters as in the following:

For I was hungry and you gave
me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave
me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Basement people or evaluators have a different perspective as in the following anonymous poem:

I was hungry and you formed a
humanities club to discuss my hunger.
Thank you.
I was imprisoned and you crept off quietly
to your chapel to pray for my release.
Nice.
I was naked and in your mind you
debated the morality of my appearance.
What good did that do?
I was sick and you knelt and
thanked God for your health.
But I needed you.
I was homeless and you preached to
me of the shelter of God's love.
I wish you'd taken me home.
I was lonely and you left me
alone to pray for me.
Why didn't you stay?
You seem so holy, so close to God, But I'm
still very hungry, lonely, cold and still in pain.
Does it matter?

Let us all allow Mary's July message to inspire us to commit to becoming balcony people and make life on earth more pleasant for humanity!

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

"Dear children, Thank you for continuing to respond to my invitations and for gathering here around me, your heavenly mother. I know that you are thinking of me with love and hope. I, too, feel love for all of you, just as my most beloved Son also feels it: He who, through his merciful love, is always sending me to you anew; He who was man; He who was and is God - one and true; He who suffered in body and soul for your sake; He who made Himself bread to feed your souls and thus to save them. My children, I am teaching you how to be worthy of His love, to direct your thoughts to Him, to live my Son. Apostles of my love, I am covering you with my mantle, because as a mother I desire to protect you. I am imploring you to pray for the whole world. My heart is suffering. Sins are multiplying, they are too numerous. But with the help of those of you who are humble, modest, filled with love, hidden and holy, my heart will triumph. Love my Son above all and the whole world through Him. Never forget that each of your brothers, within himself, carries something precious - the soul. Therefore, my children, love all those who do not know my Son, so that through prayer and the love which comes through prayer, they may become better; that the goodness in them could win; that souls could be saved and have eternal life. My apostles, my children, my Son told you to love one another. May this be inscribed in your hearts and with prayer, try to live that love. Thank you."

Come, Pray the Rosary!

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