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Our Lady at Medjugorje.
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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

June 25, 2017

"Dear children! Today, I desire to thank you for your perseverance and call you to open yourselves to profound prayer. Prayer, little children, is the heart of faith and is hope in eternal life. Therefore, pray with the heart until your heart sings with thanksgiving to God the Creator who gave you life. I am with you, little children, and carry to you my motherly blessing of peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the June 25, 2017 Message

On this day, the 25th of June 2017, we celebrated the 36th anniversary of Our Lady's presence with us through her apparitions in Medjugorje. Year after year, we, the Board of Directors of the Queen of Peace Apostolate, host the anniversary celebration at St. Mary's Church in Waterloo. The celebration begins with the Rosary, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass and a healing service. After the death of Fr. Albert J.M. Shamon, Fr. Paul Bonacci has acted as our spiritual director – guiding and leading us as a Board through our journey of faith with our Holy

Mother. I will paraphrase some of Fr. Paul's homily on Mary's June message as well as my own insights.

Life can be compared to a journey. We can expect to travel through storms, trials, doubts and disappointments. We can also expect to take a wrong turn every now and then. It is important to remember that the journey does not end with suffering, bad choices, etc. The journey continues unless we stop! Our Lady is with us guiding and teaching us. If we make a wrong turn, Our Lady will lead us back on the path toward eternal life. And so....we persevere! Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said, "God does not expect success but faithfulness!"

"Prayer is the heart of faith". Prayer – profound prayer – is the fuel that sustains faith. What else do we have to fuel our faith?

- The Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (which means thanksgiving). Jesus gives us himself in the flesh! The Sacrament of Reconciliation enables us to begin again every time we fall.
- Our Lady's presence among us – her words, her motherly blessing and her committed love for each of her children.

Profound Prayer is more than a recitation of words. It is unwavering trust as we journey through life with its temptations, trials and the merciless hatred that seems to darken life in these times. Profound prayer

is pouring our heart out to God knowing we are heard. It is knowing that we carry within us the Spirit of the living God. Profound prayer grounds our faith. Profound prayer is knowing that we are sustained with the Bread of Life at every Mass. Our hope is not in what this shadow life has to offer. Our hope, rooted in faith, lies in eternal life.

We strive to pray profoundly until our hearts overflow with gratitude for the love of our God who calls us sons and daughters. We pray until our hearts sing with joy knowing that as sons and daughters, we inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. We pray with our hearts so that we will be grateful for the gift of life endowed upon us by our Creator. We persevere along the journey fashioning our lives to be re-gifted back to God.

Mary is with us as we journey through life, blessing us always with her motherly blessing of peace. She fortifies our faith and strengthens our prayer because only the praying heart can hear the Father's requests. With our Mother by our side, we "will always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks for a reason for our hope." (1 Peter 3:15)

Our Lady of Medjugorje's Message Given to Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez during her Annual Apparition June 25, 2017

Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez had daily apparitions from June 24, 1981 to May 7, 1985. On that day, Our Lady told her:

"My dear child, today is our last meeting, but do not be sad because I will come to you on every anniversary except this one. My child, do not think that you have done something wrong, and that's why I no longer come. No, this isn't true. The plan which my Son and I have, you accepted with all your heart and completed your part. Be happy because I am your mother and I love you with all my heart. Ivanka, thank you for having responded to the invitation of my Son and for persevering and for always being close to Him and staying until He had completed that for which He asked of You. My child, tell your friends that both I and my Son will always be there for you when you seek or call us. That which I told you during these years about the secrets, it is still not time to tell anyone. Ivanka, the grace which you and the others received, nobody on this earth has received up until now!"

Confiding to her the tenth secret, Our Lady told her that for the rest of her life, she would have one yearly apparition on June 25th, the anniversary of the apparitions.

The visionary Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez had her regular annual apparition on June 25th 2017.

The apparition, which lasted 4 minutes, took place at Ivanka's family home. Only Ivanka's family was present at the apparition. After the apparition, Ivanka said: Our Lady gave the following message: *"Little children, pray, pray, pray."* Our Lady was joyful and blessed all of us with her motherly blessing.

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

"Dear children, as in the other places where I have come to you, also here I am calling you to prayer. Pray for those who do not know my Son, for those who have not come to know the love of God, against sin, for the consecrated - for those whom my Son called to have love and the spirit of strength for you, for the Church. Pray to my Son, and the love which you experience from His nearness will give you the strength to make you ready for the works of love, which you will do in His name. My children, be ready. This time is a turning point. That is why I am calling you anew to faith and hope. I am showing you the way by which you need to go, and those are the words of the Gospel. Apostles of my love, the world is in such need of your arms raised towards Heaven, towards my Son, towards the Heavenly Father. Much humility and purity of heart are needed. Have trust in my Son and know that you can always be better. My motherly heart desires for you, apostles of my love, to be little lights of the world, to illuminate there where darkness wants to begin to reign, to show the true way by your prayer and love, to save souls. I am with you. Thank you."

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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