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*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 March 25, 2012**

*"Dear children!*

*Also today, with joy, I desire to give you my motherly blessing and to call you to prayer. May prayer become a need for you to grow more in holiness every day. Work more on your conversion because you are far away, little children. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

### **Commentary on the March 25, 2012 Message**

On this Anniversary of the Feast of the Annunciation, our Mother comes to us with joy. She bestows on us her motherly blessing and calls us once again to prayer. As we meditate on the deeper meaning of her message, it is fitting that we also meditate on the sublime truths of the Angel Gabriel's visit.

St. Luke tells us that in the sixth month after the conception of St. John the Baptist by Elizabeth, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to the Virgin Mary, at Nazareth, a small town in the mountains of Galilee. Mary was of the house of David, and was espoused to Joseph, of the same royal family. She had, however,

not yet entered the household of her spouse, but was still in her mother's house, working, perhaps, over her dowry. And the angel having taken the figure and the form of man, came into the house and said to her: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." Mary having heard the greeting words did not speak; she was troubled in spirit, since she knew not the angel, nor the cause of his coming, nor the meaning of the salutation. And the angel continued and said: "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shall conceive in thy womb, and shall bring forth a son; and thou shall call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God shall give him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end." Mary understood that according to the Scriptures, the Messiah would be sent to free her people. She, along with all devout Jews, awaited the coming of the Redeemer with holy anticipation. But, why should she be elected from among women for the splendid dignity of being the mother of the Messiah, having vowed her virginity to God? Therefore, not doubting the word of the Angel, but filled with fear and astonishment, she said: "How shall this be done, because I know not man?"

The angel, to remove Mary's anxiety and to assure her that her virginity would be spared, answered: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." He made known to her the conception of St. John, the miraculous pregnancy of her relative now old and sterile: "And behold, thy cousin Elizabeth; she also has conceived a son in her old age, and she, who was thought to be barren, is in the sixth month: because nothing shall be impossible with God." Mary may not yet have fully understood the meaning of the heavenly message and how the maternity might be reconciled with her vow of virginity, but clinging to the first words of the angel and trusting to the Omnipotence of God, she said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word."

The Annunciation is the beginning of Jesus in His human nature. Through His mother He is a member of the human race. The Incarnation of Jesus precipitated the founding of a new generation of the children of God, The Redeemer does not arrive in the way of earthly generations: the power of the Holy Spirit enters the chaste womb of the Virgin, forming the humanity of Christ. Many holy fathers (*Sts. Jerome, Cyril, Ephrem, Augustine*) say that the consent of Mary was essential to the redemption. It was the will of God, *St. Thomas* says, that the redemption of mankind should depend upon the consent of the Virgin Mary. This does not mean that God in His plans was bound by the will of a creature, and that man would not have been redeemed, if Mary had not consented. It only means that the consent of Mary was foreseen from all eternity, and therefore was received as essential into the design of God.

The event of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ in the womb of the young virgin Mary is the model, par excellence, of the conversion that She has been forming in each of us for the past 30 years.

In her youthful innocence, She was open to the Will and Plan of God. She trusted God's plan despite all obstacles and defiance of human reasoning. She trusted through fear and doubt. She became like clay in the Hand of the Potter. Mary believed that her consent was essential to God's plan of redemption. She believed that God's Plan was bigger than herself and depended on Her consent. Humbly, she gave over her Fiat.

This event calls us to a reality check within our own hearts. Are we open, through prayer, to God's enormous plan of salvation coming to the world today through His Mother Mary? Are we ready for the twists and turns and sacrifices that God's Plan will take in the days, months

and years to come? (contained within the secrets given to the visionaries). Do we realize that each and every one of us will be visited, through grace, and asked for our personal cooperation and participation in a Plan that is far bigger than any of us? Our individual part in this Mission may defy human reasoning, like Mary's role in the Incarnation. It could mean the meager plans that we have made for our lives may go up in smoke. The Mission to which we have been called and formed requires supernatural faith, hope, love and trust. Do we believe that our 'yes' is essential to the Plan of God? Will we, imitating our Mother, humbly give over our Fiat in God's awesome plan of salvation that is unfolding before our very eyes?

In the March 25, 2012 message given to the world, our Mother Mary exhorts us to "work more on our conversion....you are far away, little children". If this surprises any of us, we should meditate more on Luke's Annunciation account.

### **Message Given to Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo March 2, 2012**

*"Dear children!*

*Through the immeasurable love of God I am coming among you and I am persistently calling you into the arms of my Son. With a motherly heart I am imploring you, my children, but I am also repeatedly warning you, that concern for those who have not come to know my Son be in the first place for you. Do not permit that by looking at you and your life, they are not overcome by a desire to come to know Him. Pray to the Holy Spirit for my Son to be impressed within you. Pray that you can be apostles of the divine light in this time of darkness and hopelessness. This is a time of your trial. With a rosary in hand and love in the heart set out with me. I am leading you towards Easter in my Son. Pray for those whom my Son has chosen that they can always live through Him and in Him – the High Priest. Thank you."*

### **The Annual Apparition of Our Lady to Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo March 18, 2012**

The visionary Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo had daily apparitions from June 24th 1981 to December 25th 1982. During the last daily apparition, Our Lady gave her the 10th secret, and told her that she would appear to her once a year, on the 18th of March. It has been this way through the years. Several thousand pilgrims gathered in prayer of the Rosary at the 'Blue Cross'. The apparition lasted from 14:00 to 14:05.

*"Dear children!*

*I am coming among you because I desire to be your mother - your intercessor. I desire to be the bond between you and the Heavenly Father - your mediatrix. I desire to take you by the hand and to walk with you in the battle against the impure spirit. My children, consecrate yourselves to me completely. I will take your lives into my motherly hands and I will teach them peace and love, and then I will give them over to my Son. I am asking of you to pray and fast because only in this way will you know how to witness my Son in the right way through my motherly heart. Pray for your shepherds that, united in my Son, they can always joyfully proclaim the Word of God. Thank you."*

## **Marija: Fasting Frees From Worldliness** **By Jakob Marschner**

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*The world puts us in a cage of a thousand things to do, visionary Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti said in passing on March 25 message. Marija views the Virgin Mary's message as a call to live Lent like the early Church did, and conquer worldliness through prayer and fasting.*

Fasting can set people free from the worldliness that follows from being constantly bombarded with impulses and ideas, Medjugorje visionary Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti told Radio Maria on March 25. Marija was on the phone to transmit the message she had just received from the Virgin Mary:

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*"Our Lady seems sad. Could it be that we haven't worked on our conversion enough?" Radio Maria founder Padre Livio Fanzaga asked.*

*"Yes but it is not too late as she has given us her maternal blessing, and today is her Feast Day of the Annunciation. On the other hand she repeats what she has been asking for years: conversion, prayer, and to grow in what she calls our walk towards holiness" Marija answered. "If she spoke of conversion during Lent, do you think it indicates a confession?" "Yes. Even in the early years she asked for a special preparation for Easter. I remember special fasts: our group, including me, went 40 days on bread and water and I see it as a special grace. Prayer and fasting was good and it freed me a bit from the family and to be on the hills, however my mother was worried and would say "all this fasting*

*might hurt you" Marija said.*

*"Instead they were the source of much improvement, of spiritual growth. It was a grace. I recommend to all to pray and fast a novena (for nine days, ed.), maybe a spiritual retreat. We have many possibilities but little willpower; the world puts us in a cage of a thousand things to do and to pray and fast just a little."*

*"We are being presented with a thousand ideals which are not from God, but rather worldly ones. Our Lady is calling us back to the original times: prayer and fasting during Lent" Marija told Radio Maria.*

*(Antonio Miraldi transcribed and translated from Italian)*

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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 April 18, 2012 is Fr. Mickey McGrath.

**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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