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Our Lady at 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 March 25, 2013

"Dear children!

In this time of grace I call you to take the cross of my beloved Son Jesus in your hands and to meditate on His passion and death. May your suffering be united in His suffering and love will win, because He who is love gave Himself out of love to save each of you. Pray, pray, pray until love and peace begin to reign in your hearts. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the March 25, 2013 Message

On the Monday of Holy Week 2013, Jesus' sorrowful Mother calls us to "take the cross of my beloved Son Jesus in your hands...". By "taking the cross" into our hands, we are NOT just casual observers of the event of the Passion and Death of the Lord. We become participators. By taking the Cross into our hands, we get inside the Passion – not just staying with the external sufferings. By taking the Cross into our hands, we enter into the loneliness, the interior pain of rejection and feeling hated, all the anguish within Jesus. By taking the

Cross into our hands, we enter into the deepest agony that humans can experience – the ultimate agony of Jesus on the Cross – abandonment by God! By taking the cross into our hands and our hearts, we realize that Jesus loves me so much that he willingly suffers all of this for my rejection and my sins.

Few of us can take the Cross of Jesus into our hands and hearts to this extent. We look from afar. We see a watered-down version of the true Passion when we look upon most Crucifixes. They are too clean – too unmarred! Mel Gibson's Passion movie and the recent Bible series portrayed a realistic depiction of Jesus suffering. Every spot on Jesus' sacred body was stained in blood and torn apart from the razor-edged whips. The long thorns did not just set upon His head, they were driven into His skull. Few people can enter into the intimacy of the physical, emotional and spiritual torture that Jesus endured for our sakes. Few of us can just be with Jesus...and stay with Jesus for the duration. It was true then and is still true today. Only His sorrowful Mother, Mary of Magdala and John, the Beloved, remained intimately connected to His passion.

We, like Peter before the coming of the Holy Spirit, resist the Cross – His and ours. To take the Cross of

**Message Given to
Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo
March 2, 2013**

Jesus into our hands raises a question we do not want to answer. What response ought I make? So we resist the question and we resist the answer. Because the answer lies in how present are we willing to be? Our presence is often more important than our faltering words or awkward actions. So, too, to be with Jesus in His Passion describes our prayer response at this time better than any words or actions. The depth of feeling, love and compassion, which allows us to just be there is the ultimate prayer response.

Our Lady calls us to meditate on the Passion; and, certainly, that we do during Holy Week. Our meditation begins within, but should take us outside of ourselves. Our meditation on the Passion of Christ should take us to the sick, the dying, the poor, homeless, uneducated and hungry. Our meditation on the Passion should give us the strength to bear our Good Friday moments. Our meditation should prompt us to live our mortal lives as a daily walk toward eternal life with Christ who is love. "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things". (1 Corinthians 13:7) These holy days should pull us into the actions that give life and light to a tired and darkened world.

If our meditation on the Passion has not led us to the foot of the Cross with Mary and John...if we could not or would not "take the Cross into our hands", then we should pray, pray, pray all the more for the grace of peace and love and freedom. These superb gifts of God can only come from embracing the Cross – His and ours. Our Lady assures us that "love will win because He who is Love gave Himself out of love to save us".

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople (A.D. 400) gave the greatest Easter Sermon. Here are some excerpts:

"Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Death of Our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. O death, where is your sting....where is your victory?

Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated! Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down! Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and life is liberated! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ, having risen from the dead, has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!"

"Dear children! Anew, in a motherly way, I am calling you not to be of a hard heart. Do not shut your eyes to the warnings which the Heavenly Father sends to you out of love. Do you love Him above all else? Do you repent for having often forgotten that the Heavenly Father, out of His great love, sent his Son to redeem us by the Cross? Do you repent for not yet having accepted the message? My children, do not resist the love of my Son. Do not resist hope and peace. Along with your prayer and fasting, by His cross, my Son will cast away the darkness that wants to surround you and come to rule over you. He will give you the strength for a new life. Living it according to my Son, you will be a blessing and a hope to all those sinners who wander in the darkness of sin. My children, keep vigil. I, as a mother, am keeping vigil with you. I am especially praying and watching over those whom my Son called to be light-bearers and carriers of hope for you - for your shepherds. Thank you."

**The Annual Apparition of Our Lady to
Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo
March 18, 2013**

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. The apparition lasted from 13:52 to 13:58.

"Dear children! I call you to, with complete trust and joy, bless the name of the Lord and, day by day, to give Him thanks from the heart for His great love. My Son, through that love which He showed by the Cross, gave you the possibility to be forgiven for everything; so that you do not have to be ashamed or to hide, and out of fear not to open the door of your heart to my Son. To the contrary, my children, reconcile with the Heavenly Father so that you may be able to come to love yourselves as my Son loves you. When you come to love yourselves, you will also love others; in them you will see my Son and recognize the greatness of His love. Live in faith! Through me, my Son is preparing you for the works which He desires to do through you – works through which He desires to be glorified. Give Him thanks. Especially thank Him for the shepherds - for your intercessors in the reconciliation with the Heavenly Father. I am thanking you, my children. Thank you."



**The 32nd Anniversary
of the Apparitions
of
Our Lady
at Medjugorje
will be celebrated**

**Tuesday - June 25, 2013
at**

**St. Mary's Church
25 Center Street
Waterloo, NY**

6:00 p.m. Most Holy Rosary

Confessions will be heard
during the Rosary

7:00 p.m. Benediction

7:15 p.m. Mass

Celebrant: Rev. Paul Bonacci

A healing service will
follow the Mass

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 April 17 is Fr. Edward Dillon. The celebrant for May 15 is Fr. Mike Sergi. The celebrant for June 19 is Father Coffas.

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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