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Queen of Peace Apostolate*

*To make known the Message of
Our Lady at Medjugorje.
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message, which is in harmony
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VIA AD PACEM

(The Way To Peace)

LIVE THE MESSAGES

given 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 May 25, 2011

"Dear children!

My prayer today is for all of you who seek the grace of conversion. You knock on the door of my heart, but without hope and prayer, in sin, and without the Sacrament of Reconciliation with God. Leave sin and decide, little children, for holiness. Only in this way can I help you, hear your prayer and seek intercession before the Most High. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the May 25, 2011 Message

Our Lady's May message prompts us to ask ourselves if we really want the grace of conversion. Conversion is going against the grain; it causes a tension between what is and what can be. All change is difficult when we become 'comfortable' with our lifestyle—even when it includes sin. Conversion means to change all that is an obstacle to the will of God.

In Matthew's Gospel, we are told *"...If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is*

better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna...." (Mt. 5:29-30).

This passage in Matthew's gospel is a pretty radical prescription for conversion! I believe that Our Lady has been with us for 30 years to prepare us for radical reform. She has told us time and time again that this century is under the power of Satan. We have so many forces working against us in the present culture. There are so many obstacles to living the Christian lifestyle today when we have become so spoiled by the 'disease of affluence'. The Cross is folly in an age with a drive-through, instant gratification mentality. So let us each ask ourselves, Do I really want the grace of conversion?

Our Lady is telling us that we seek conversion without understanding what we seek! *"You knock on the door of my heart, but without hope and prayer...."* Faith is weak and prayer takes a back seat to the multitude of other things that are on our agendas. If that weren't bad enough, we "knock on Our Lady's heart" begging to be rescued from our burdens in the state of sin without telling God we are sorry and making amends for our

sinful habits! Do we really want the grace of conversion?

The truth is that most of us, if not all, do not want the Cross. When we sin, when we betray, we step outside the cross and its demands. We don't understand it. If we understood the brokenness of Jesus on the Cross, we would understand that the cross allows us to move beyond any mistake we have ever made. The Cross reveals God's unconditional love. For those in private hells where no human can enter, Jesus can. There are times in all of our lives when we cannot open the door anymore, but God can come through the locked door of our hearts. The cross allows God to descend into hell – even when we put ourselves there. We don't always understand that the Cross reveals our vulnerability and is the path to intimacy with God....the path to conversion. Yet, we knock on the door of Our Lady's heart when we don't want to look at the cross, when we fight the change that is necessary for conversion. We'd rather be rescued than redeemed!

Our Lady says, *"Leave sin and decide, little children, for holiness."* Conversion means a turning away from a lifestyle that we may have found comfortable. Conversion is a willingness, even joy, in living the Christian practices of mortification, fasting, penance and prayer. Conversion will not happen by chance. It is a decision – today – tomorrow and always – to struggle against the present tide of affluence, materialism, and instant gratification. Conversion is the dying of self and the rising to the new life to which Our Lady wants to lead us.

Our Lady has no intention of rescuing us. She desires only that we respond to the great gift of our redemption by turning away from sin and remaining faithful to the Gospel. *".... Only in this way can I help you, hear your prayers and seek intercession before the Most High."*

Message Given to Mirjana Soldo May 2, 2011

"Dear children; God the Father is sending me to show you the way of salvation, because He, my children, desires to save you and not to condemn you. That is why I, as a mother, am gathering you around me, because with my motherly love I desire to help you to be free of the dirtiness of the past and to begin to live anew and differently. I am calling you to resurrect in my Son. Along with confession of sins renounce everything that has distanced you from my Son and that has made your life empty and unsuccessful. Say 'yes' to the Father with the heart and set out on the way of salvation to which He is calling you through the Holy Spirit. Thank you. I am

especially praying for the shepherds (priests), for God to help them to be alongside you with a fullness of heart."

Finger Lakes Marian Conference Our Lady is Calling.....

The Board of the Queen of Peace Apostolate felt a calling to organize something special for the 30th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Medjugorje. We believe we have something very special to offer you! Those of you, our subscribers to the Via Ad Pacem, who have been faithfully reading, praying and living Blessed Mother's messages for almost 30 years are being invited to the Smith Opera House on Saturday, June 25th. Our Lady has a blessing to give you through the scheduled events of the day! She wants to ask you to re-commit yourselves to Her mission. She needs you - especially in these special times!

Thank you for responding to Her call!

Don't miss out on this wonderful event!

Here is a taste of what our speakers will be addressing.

Jerry Morin - *Be Not Afraid* - There seems to be more and more things and events to want to create fear in the human heart- the kind of fear that could cause some to lose faith. Jesus was very concerned about the fear that can derail a heart and mind. Of his some 125 Imperatives given to us, the topic that he addressed the most (27) was to not fear and let not our hearts be troubled. The next greatest number of Imperatives were to love God and neighbor. Our Lady also mentioned in her messages to not be afraid that she is always close to those who call on her. If a Catholic does not feel totally privileged to be Catholic, then he or she has not been illuminated to the incredible depth and richness of our faith, including the fact of Mary as the guiding Mother of the Church. She is always working to protect her faithful and to facilitate many lost sheep back to the faith, back to her Son, Jesus. This is the incredible fruit that Mary's presence and influence has created.

There will be much more to test faith and want to create weakness of knees. Be rooted in the knowledge and richness of Our faith and fear will stay at bay. As Blessed John Paul II told us, "Be not be afraid" to be a witness for the faith.

Fr. Neil Buchlein - *The Fruits of Medjugorje* - So many lives have been changed by visiting Medjugorje. What is the secret to having one's life changed and does one have to travel there to experience change? Our lives are indeed blessed by God. Are we aware of how we

can attain more blessings (fruits) if only we would avail ourselves?

Gifts of the Eucharist - Many Catholics today have become Protestant Catholics when it comes to believing in the Real Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. How do we know that the Eucharist is really the Body of Christ? If we really did see it change from bread into human flesh would we be different and if so how?

Lena Shipley - *The Day of Apparitions* - God's dialogue with his people through Mary. The "day of apparitions" sums up all of Our Lady's visitations and messages. There is a common theme in all of the visitations of Mary down through the ages. In all of her messages, Mary has given us a spiritual formation plan calling all Her children back to God through conversion. The fulfillment of Her mission on earth is most clearly understood through three main apparition sites: Lourdes, where she came in the morning; Fatima, at noon; and Medjugorje, in the evening. These comprise the Day of Apparition. The sunset is upon us. She has told us these are the last of her appearances on earth.

Join A Local Prayer Cenacle

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 June 15, 2011 is Father Jim Jaeger. The celebrant for July 20th is Father Dennis Bonsignore,

Medjugorje Night: Third Wednesday of every month, 7:00 pm Most Holy Rosary Church, Syracuse, NY.

Marian Cenacle: Every Wednesday evening. St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, NY. All are welcome. 7:00 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet, complete Rosary, Litany. Contact Darlene Duprey 315-539-9010.

Marian Cenacle: Every Saturday Morning, 11:00 am, St. Michael's Church (Chapel) Newark, NY.

Marian Cenacle: Every Thursday 1:00 pm, 394 Hickory Grove Road, Horseheads, NY. Contact Margaret Mary Colwell 607-739-8838.

Marian Cenacle: Every Saturday 10:00 am and every Sunday 8:30 am. Canandaigua VA Catholic Chapel, Bldg. 3, Canandaigua, NY. Contact Linda Johnson 315-536-3304.

Marian Cenacle: 1st Fridays 10:00 am. St.

Finger Lakes Marian Conference

"To Jesus Through Mary"

Saturday, June 25, 2011

Smith Opera House, 82 Seneca St., Geneva, NY

9 am - 5:30 pm (Mass 9:30 am)

*Speakers * Mass * Music * Rosary * Healing Service*

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Fr. Paul Bonacci

Jerry Morin

Fr. Neil Buchlein

Lena Shipley

For additional information visit
www.QueenOfPeaceApostolate.com

Conference Admission \$20, Youth \$10

Tickets may be purchased:

On line at www.QueenOfPeaceApostolate.com,
At the Smith Opera House Box Office or By Mail:

Make checks payable to: "Queen of Peace Apostolate"

Return to: 47 East Wright Avenue, Waterloo, NY 13165

Patrick's Church, Maple Avenue, Victor. Rosary, Litany of Loretto, Divine Mercy Chaplet. Contact Virginia Beal, Prayer Leader 585-924-2890.

Marian Cenacle: Every Friday 11:15 am before the noon mass. St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport, NY.

Marian Cenacle: First Saturday of the month at 11:00 am. St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan. Rosary Litany of BVM. Contact Nancy Richardson 315-531-3339.

Prayer Group: St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, NY. Every Saturday morning after 8:00 am Mass. Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany.

Prayer Group: Every Tuesday 7:30 pm. 22 Valencia Drive, Rochester, NY. Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Loretto. Contact Antionette & Pierre Patamia 585-426-6970.

Prayer Group: Every Sunday afternoon, 3:00 pm, (home group) 1266 Pine Hill Lane, Farmington, NY. Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany. Contact Yolanda Merkel 585-742-3206.

Prayer Group: Every Monday 7:00 pm, St. Michael's Chapel, 210 Keuka Street, Penn Yan, NY.

Prayer Group: Every Monday evening 7:00 pm St. Dominic Church, Shortsville, N.Y. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction.