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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 October 25, 2017

"Dear children! I am calling you to be prayer in this time of grace. You all have problems, afflictions, sufferings and lack of peace. May saints be models to you and an encouragement for holiness; God will be near you and you will be renewed in seeking through your personal conversion. Faith will be hope to you and joy will begin to reign in your hearts. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the October 25, 2017 Message

"Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail...." (Luke 22:31)

I write this commentary on the great Feast of All Saints and in the midst of the most challenging of afflictions that has ever come upon my family.

Appropriately Our Lady points to the saints as models, mentors, and guides as we journey through this life of "problems, afflictions, sufferings and lack of peace". According to Pope Benedict XVI: The Saints are themselves the bright lights toward whom we can turn. Saints are, so to speak, new Christian constellations in which the richness of God's goodness is reflected. Their light, coming from God, enables us to know better the interior richness of God's great light. Nothing can bring us into close contact with the beauty of Christ Himself other than the world of beauty created by faith and light that shines out from the faces of the Saints.

We are living in times of great personal and global affliction and extreme suffering. The shadow of the Cross has descended upon my family in proportions I could never have imagined. Two months ago, my 59 year old brother had a critical life threatening illness that led him through 5 surgeries. He has not recovered and today must endure an extensive rehabilitation period in a Nursing Home far from his beloved home and family. His prognosis is tenuous. Weeks later my 52 year old brother was diagnosed

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

with leukemia. He has been the primary caretaker of my elderly mother. Last week my mom suffered a massive stroke and is now in the Neuro ICU unit of a hospital far away from her home and my elderly father. I, myself, am facing another major surgery at the end of this month. Life for our family has changed forever. "No place looks like itself....life has drained out of light. Everything looks strangely in between...we are in this time of interim where everything seems withheld..."

Saint Therese knew the world of suffering. In the very process of numerous trials, she was also assailed by severe temptations to doubt her faith; especially the existence of Heaven. She described a sense of separation from God in terms of a total lack of consolation. She fought the temptation to despair and made frequent acts of faith in Jesus Christ and God's love for her. St. Therese wrote: "While I do not have the joy of faith, I am trying to carry out its work at least. I believe that I have made more acts of faith in this past year than all through my whole life.

In suffering, Therese always united her heart to Jesus. She believed that even suffering however difficult, had a place in God's redemptive love for us. She was convinced that our suffering in union with the suffering and death of Jesus Christ could help transform the world. What is the greatest truth of all may not be the most obvious. There is a hiddenness to the wisdom of God that catches fire in the hearts and events and places and over time ever so gradually consumes the earth in love!

The joyfulness of the saints comes from the fact that they have stripped themselves – by choosing total sacrifice - of everything which would prevent God from working in their lives. Looking to the saints as our model, as Our Lady directed in this message, let us glean from their example "encouragement for holiness". Let us move through our "problems, afflictions, sufferings and lack of peace" with resignation to the will of God. Let us take our foot off the brake as we speed forward toward our personal conversion – moving ahead toward the "faith that will be hope for us and the joy that will reign in our hearts". Only then, maybe... just maybe....we can be prayer in this time of grace!

"Dear children, I am speaking to you as a mother - with simple words, but words filled with much love and concern for my children who, through my Son, are entrusted to me. And my Son, who is of the eternal now, He is speaking to you with words of life and is sowing love in open hearts. Therefore, I am imploring you, apostles of my love, have open hearts always ready for mercy and forgiveness. According to my Son, always forgive your neighbors, because in that way peace will be in you. My children, care for your soul, because it alone is what truly belongs to you. You are forgetting the importance of family. A family does not need to be a place of suffering and pain, but a place of understanding and tenderness. Families who strive to live according to my Son live in mutual love. While He was still little, my Son would say to me that all people are His brothers. Therefore, remember, apostles of my love, that all people whom you meet are family to you - brothers according to my Son. My children, do not waste time thinking about the future, worrying. May your only concern be how to live well every moment according to my Son. And there it is - peace for you! My children, do not ever forget to pray for your shepherds. Pray that they can accept all people as their children; that, according to my Son, they may be spiritual fathers to them. Thank you!"

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