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*To make known the Message of
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 September 25, 2013

"Dear children! Also today I call you to prayer. May your relationship with prayer be a daily one. Prayer works miracles in you and through you, therefore, little children, may prayer be a joy for you. Then your relationship with life will be deeper and more open and you will comprehend that life is a gift for each of you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the September 25, 2013 Message

"Do we truly pray? Without an abiding relationship with God, it is difficult to live an authentic and consistent Christian life." (Pope Francis)

Besides Our Lady, Pope Francis is a perfect example of someone whose life reflects authentic prayer. He daily demonstrates the fruit of his holiness through his actions. What he tweets every day is surely food for our souls; but his actions are even more important

than what he tweets. He is authentic. He teaches us by his actions what it means to be an authentic Christian. His words are backed up by how he lives in service to the poor and downtrodden: "Where we find hate and darkness, may we bring love and hope..." Pope Francis tells us to ask the Lord to give us the gentleness to look upon the poor with understanding and love, devoid of human calculation and fear.

Prayer is an encounter with our living God. When we become aware of the shallowness of our own inner experience, we can finally open ourselves in spirit and in truth to the real presence of God within our hearts. Prayer becomes a sacred communion with the Living God within. Authentic prayer can be likened to a Divine Energy that flows in and through us. This God-life animates us to action. It is no longer we who live and move and have our being. It is God who acts in us. This is the fruit of authentic prayer. This is the prayer that works miracles in us and in the world.

This is the abundant life that Jesus prayed that we would all experience - the life of the Spirit moving us to change our world. Authentic prayer is like a light that shines in the darkness. Prayer changes our perspective on what life really means. In prayer we realize why

we were created and “our relationship with life will be deeper and more open”.

Our Lady reminds us that no matter how difficult our path of life becomes, we should know that life is a gift. Before our “relationship with life can be deeper and more open” we must comprehend why God gave us the gift of life. What we make of it is our gift back to God. We were born into this world of matter and form so that we could respond to God’s gift of love through our lives lived in service to one another. Even greater is the gift of new life that God bestowed on each one of us through our Baptism. Through Baptism we share in God’s Divine Life. Pope Francis reminds us, “We do not become Christians by ourselves. Faith is above all a gift from God which is given to us in and through the Church.”

Authentic prayer flows from the heart and embraces the whole world. Pope Francis also gave us a ‘Five Finger Prayer’ to help us on our way:

1. The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a “sweet obligation”.

2. The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

3. The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God’s guidance.

4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.

5. And finally, we have our smallest finger. The smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective. And also, you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

So.... prayer is an encounter with God and the vital breath of the believer’s soul. God meant us to see Him and live with Him and draw our life from His life, but that cannot happen in the fullness that Christ offers without prayer.

Message Given to Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo September 2, 2013

“Dear children, I love you all. All of you, all of my children, all of you are in my heart. All of you have my motherly love, and I desire to lead all of you to come to know God’s joy. This is why I am calling you. I need humble apostles who, with an open heart, will accept the Word of God and help others to comprehend the meaning of their life along side God’s word. To be able to do this my children, through prayer and fasting, you must learn to listen with the heart and to learn to keep submitting yourselves. You must learn to keep rejecting everything that distances you from God’s word and to yearn only for that which draws you closer to it. Do not be afraid. I am here. You are not alone. I am imploring the Holy Spirit to renew and strengthen you. I am imploring the Holy Spirit that, as you help others, you too may be healed. I am imploring Him that, through Him, you may be God’s children and my apostles.”

Then with great concern Our Lady said:

“For the sake of Jesus, for the sake of my Son, love those whom He has called and long for the blessing only from the hands which He has consecrated. Do not permit evil to come to reign. Anew I repeat – only along side your shepherds will my heart triumph. Do not permit evil to separate you from your shepherds. Thank you.”

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 October 16 is Father John Gagnier. The celebrant for November 20 is Father Peter Nkansah.

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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