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PRAYER REQUEST FOR THIS MONTH:

we pray for

**THE YOUTH
WHO ARE IN
SEARCH OF
THEIR WAY.**

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MESSAGE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

May 25, 2010

“Dear children!

God gave you the grace to live and to defend all the good that is in you and around you, and to inspire others to be better and holier; but Satan, too, does not sleep and through modernism diverts you and leads you to his way. Therefore, little children, in the love for my Immaculate Heart, love God above everything and live His commandments. In this way, your life will have meaning and peace will rule on earth.

Thank you for having responded to my call.”

MESSAGE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

Through Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo - June 2, 2010

“Dear children,

today I call you, with fasting and prayer, to clear the way by which my Son will enter into your hearts. Accept me as a mother and a messenger of God's love and of His desire for your salvation. Free yourself of everything from the past which burdens you and gives you a sense of guilt; of everything that brought you to error - darkness. Accept the light. Be born anew in the justice of my Son.

Thank you.“



REFLECTIONS FOR PRAYER GROUPS

LET IN THE LOVE OF MY IMMACULATE HEART

For almost 29 years Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of Peace, keeps warning, calling and leading Her children to Her Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Doing so Our Lady accomplishes Her motherly task that Her Son, Jesus entrusted into Her hands.

Our Lady reminds us the truth about us, which is that we are bestowed by the grace of God Himself.



Through this grace we are able to live and defend all the good that is in us and around us. Despite the sin that wounded our human nature, God does not leave a man on his own, without His grace and help. God simply cannot

forget the man because He is the One who created the man in his own image, just as we read in the book of Genesis 1:27, *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”*

God creates a man in his own image. In Bible the image of God represents God’s presence and closeness.

Man created in the image of God is a creation to whom God is very close; for He is God who is always present. To create someone in order to be close to him and to be always there for him means to make him His own friend. And that is the grace.

In this message Our Lady calls us, just as in many previous ones, and with Her motherly Heart reminds us the influence of Satan who does not sleep and through modernism diverts us from the right path. Bible teaches us of how *“the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.”* (Genesis 3:6) In the similar way the sin appears outwardly to be something inviting and attractive. However, a man soon in consequence of sin and by breaking the relationship with God experiences its devastation and emptiness.

It is precisely Satan, the evil one, who strives for destroying our relationship with God. Satan first attacks the existence of man. Jesus said: *“He was a murderer from the beginning.”* (John 8:44)

Murderer is the one who destroys life and everything good in us and around us. Jesus said that Satan is *“a liar and the father of lies”* (John 8:44).

Lie is foremost the matter of a word. Since the times of earthly paradise Satan has been striving to present man God as an enemy of independence, development and good of man itself. This way he has been acting for ages. Serpent promises them to be like God. Thus, they have already been like God for they were created in His image. Serpent offers them what they already have.

In the history of mankind we see the dramatic event that took place but which, nevertheless, did not cancel affection of God towards man. Once

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again God begins to draw closer to man and renew his friendship and closeness of previous times. In the history of salvation we see Noah's action. His offsprings were impatient and started building the Tower of Babel in order to come closer to God and his presence. In other words, they started building the tower to enforce the closeness and friendships, but we all know that friendship cannot be enforced. God confused their language and chaos arose. They were attempting to reach God's closeness with their own effort.

In the times of war people always ask question who the first to start was; but also in love we question who the first who started to show affection was. Apostle John says, "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:10) The beginning of love always remains in God. For He loved us as first.

God always takes initiative as the first. He is the source of all grace. He as the first comes and offers man a covenant. He is the first to give us the hand. God as the first comes through Archangel Gabriel to Mary from Nazareth and finds open heart and will for God in her heart. She can teach us how to trust, live and love God. She knew in Her Immaculate Heart how to treasure up all the events, God's words and pondered them in Her heart.

Also in Medjugorje God take initiative as the first. For we did not search for Him nor expect Our Lady to come down to us; we did not expect Her to appear to us for so many years and in such an unusual way will remain with us. But Mother cannot passively

act towards Her children.

She tells us: "In the love for my Immaculate Heart, love God above everything and live His commandments." Following the example of mother Mary and by living God's commandments we are able to remain firm and directly walk on the path of God."

Holy Father Benedict XVI also encourages us when speaking to men and women religious, seminarians and representatives of ecclesial movements in Jasna Gora, Czestochowa on May 26, 2006, "The authenticity of your faith and mission, which does not draw attention to itself but truly radiates faith and love, can be tested by measuring it against Mary's faith. Mirror yourselves in her heart. Remain in her school! ...Beside her you will experience for yourselves that God is love."

Let us pray the prayer of John Mary Vianney: "Our Lady, when we talk about earthly matters we always go weary, but when speaking about you, we always discover something new. They compared you with other mothers, but you are the best of all mothers. Mother who from time to time punishes her son considers it as something good but you, Mary, never punishes anyone. Your Heart is mere love and mercy; in order our prayers to be heard, it is enough if we find shelter in you. Your Heart, Mary, is so tender to us that tenderness of other mothers is a piece of ice compared to yours Heart. Oh, how good you are, Blessed Mother!"

Fra Ljubo Kurtovic

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**(Benedict
XVI)**

**Our Prayer Groups will meet on
Saturday, June 5, 2010.**

**In this time we pray for the YOUTH who are in search of their
way, so that they would not get deceived by modernism.**

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE QUEEN OF PEACE!

Our Lady begins the latest message saying: *“God gave you the grace to live and to defend all the good that is in you and around you, and to inspire others to be better and holier.”*

These words make me consider my trust in Our Lady. She call us her dear children, sometimes even dearest little children. The smaller the child is, the more it is dependent on the help of its mother. We can say that each child blindly believes its mother. This is the way my trust to Our Lady should be. How great it is to grow with her in humility, She is our greatest example. To trust her words even today, when she says, *“God gave you the grace...”* means that I believe that I have the grace to live and to defend all the good that is in me and around me. When I am aware of this, it helps me to avoid the snares of the enemy who tries to divert me and lead me to his way. In the school of Mary I am aware of Jesus’ words: *“Apart from me you can do nothing.”* (Jn 15:5). Also Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:10 teaches us: *“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect...”*

Our Lady teaches us that all that we have is a gift from God. In Her messages She says: *“Do not forget that your life does not belong to you, but is a gift with which you must bring joy to others and lead them to eternal life.”* (December 25, 1992)

Through grace and gifts we are called to participate in the plan of salvation. In Her messages we can hear the urgent call: *“Help me so that I could help you.”* *“I invite all those who have said “yes” to me to renew their consecration to my Son Jesus and to His Heart and to me so we can take you more intensely as instruments of peace in this unpeaceful world. Medjugorje is a sign to all of you and a call to pray and live the days of grace that God is giving you.”* (February 25, 1992)

Our Heavenly Mother knows that we are weak and fragile; that often the

temptations of today’s world are much more inviting than God’s call. She knows that preoccupied by creation we often forget the Creator. She knows that if we are left on our own in this difficult time when Satan is more cunning than ever we are unable to distinguish good and bad.

Therefore She offers us Her Immaculate Heart, which is a perfect shelter to hide ourselves from the enemy. Immaculate Heart of Our Lady is full of humility that causes Hell to shiver and flee away. Let us long to become little, trusting Our Lady. Let us learn to be humble by hiding in Her Immaculate Heart. She does not want anything for herself; all that she does is to bring us home to our Father.

Also today Our Lady leads us out of Her motherly love on the path that was proclaimed by Her Son Jesus who said that He did not come to abolish the Law but to fulfil it. And this is our path. Jesus told us – *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* (Jn 14:6) God’s commandments are unchangeable. If we do not build our future on God’s commandments, we are like a man from the Gospel who built his house on sand. *“The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”* (Matt 7:27)

Heaven calls us through Our Lady to leave our idols, “our own commandments” and make a decision to love our Creator above everything and to live according to His commandments. Only in this way, our life will have meaning and peace will rule on earth.

Let us pray: *We thank you, Our Lady, for your words of encouragement. Here we are before you, and also today we want to reply from all our heart on your call. We want to cooperate with you on the great plan that God fulfils through you. Mary, help us to recognize God’s plans and teach us to make a humble reply to every call of God, just as you did. “Behold Lord, here we are to serve you.”*

Terezia Gaziova

...Her Immaculate Heart is a perfect shelter to hide ourselves from the enemy...



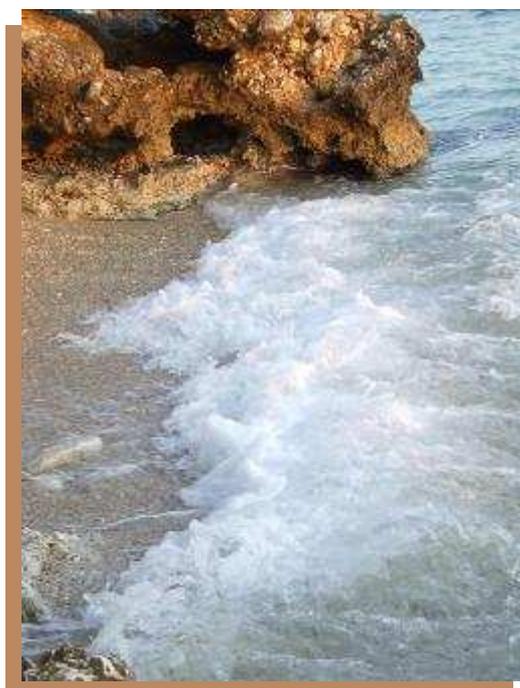
**...Today, more than ever, I am calling you to pray. May your life become a continuous prayer. Without love you cannot pray. That is why I am calling you to love God, the Creator of your lives, above everything else. Then you will come to know God and will love Him in everything as He loves you...
November 25, 1992**

**...Today I invite you that each of you begin again to love, in the first place, God who saved and redeemed each of you, and then brothers and sisters in your proximity. Without love, little children, you cannot grow in holiness and cannot do good deeds...
November 25, 1995**

**...I invite you to decide again to love God above all else. In this time when due to the spirit of consumerism one forgets what it means to love and to cherish true values, I invite you again, little children, to put God in the first place in your life. Do not let Satan attract you through material things but, little children, decide for God who is freedom and love. Choose life and not death of the soul...
March 25, 1996**

**...God, out of love for man, has sent me among you to show you the path of salvation, the path of love. If you do not first love God, then you will neither be able to love neighbor nor the one you hate. Therefore, little children, pray and through prayer you will discover love...
April 25, 1995**

...My children, God is the immeasurable good and therefore, as a mother, I implore you to pray, pray, pray, fast and hope that it is possible to attain that good, because love is born of that good. The Holy Spirit will reinforce that good in you and you will be able to call God your Father. Through this exalted love, you will sincerely come to love all people and, through God, consider them brothers and sisters... November 2, 2007



Fr. Slavko Barbarić OFM

„IN THE SCHOOL OF LOVE“

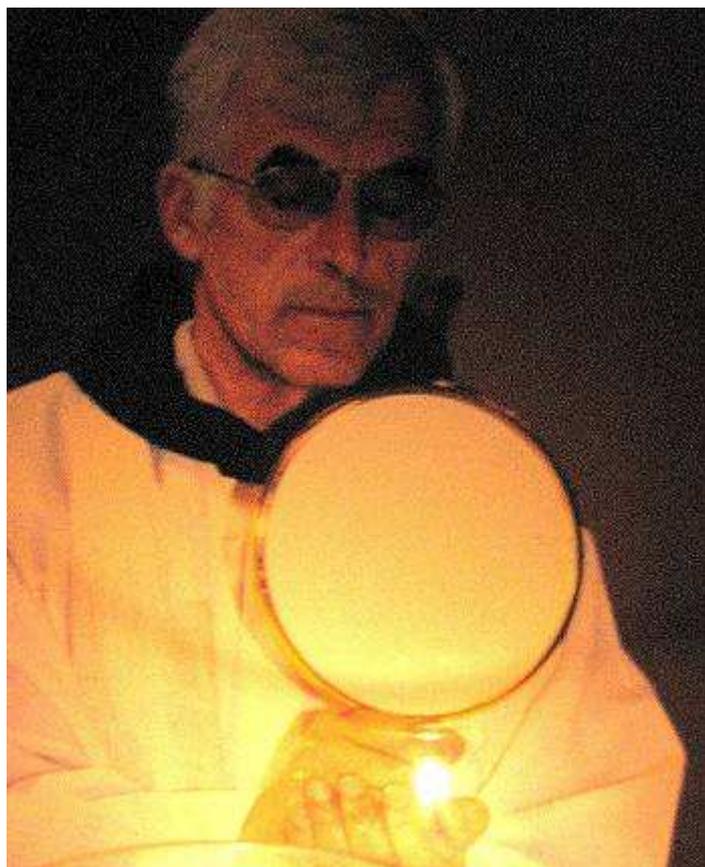
Humbly with Love

„Dear children! Today I am giving you a message through which I desire to call you to humility. These days you have felt great joy because of all the people who have come and to whom you could tell your experiences with love. Now I invite you to continue in humility and with an open heart speak to all who are coming. Thank you for having responded to my call.” (June 28, 1985)

This message was given in 1985 as a gift after the solemn celebration of the fourth anniversary of the apparitions. The anniversary was somehow a great and powerful breakthrough of the message of the peace into the world and the beginning of an enormous response from the whole world. It was a joyful happening for the parish community, because the parishioners became aware that they were not alone. There was a feeling communist system opened itself and reached out, as was said, after ‘Our Lady’s cake’! This was on a material level. Still, it was important that everyone was able to breathe more easily.

Something positive happened among the church people, the church hierarchy. Many publicly demonstrated that they were interested in the happenings in the parish. Joy was growing because we witnessed that God’s action was growing through Mary. Parishioners felt the victory and joyfully talked about everything they had experienced during the last four years.

Mary, as a teacher and mother, knows that every success can be blinding. And when blindness leads to pride then it is easy to forget that we are only tools in God’s hands, that all we have is only the sign of God’s confidence in us. When we forget this, then we are in the center and God loses His place. That is pride! Pride pushes God out of our words, our thoughts and our actions. Wherever there is no room for God, God steps back. Then there is no



room for man either and so he loses his life’s space.

Mary, a humble servant of the Lord, knows what all this means and, therefore, She calls for humility. Humility creates a deep sense of self as gift, of others as gift and of God as gift-giver. Humility is the joyful acceptance of cooperation with God and the conscious decision to be a tool in His hands. This does not deny the individual, but rather it puts things in their proper place. Therefore, the visionaries, the parish staff, the whole parish, and the numerous witnesses spread throughout the whole world are called to a true understanding of self and self merits. This is the way of joy and peace!

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you... Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. (Romans 12:3, 9-11)

GOD'S TEN COMMANDMENTS –IV.

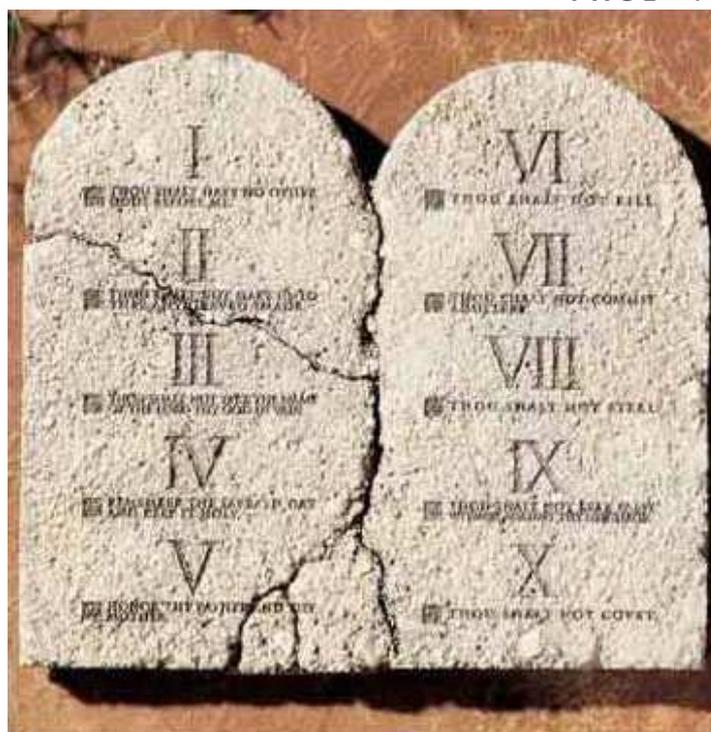
“You Shall Not Kill”

The beginning, meaning, and purpose of life for all humans are rooted in God. Every human life is sacred! *“Man is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself!”* (*Gaudium et spes* 24). Isn't it beautiful?! I was created for myself! Also the fact that I exist is an everlasting plan of the Creator! He wanted me to come into existence, and through love he gave me the gift of life... *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.”* (Jeremiah 1:5)

By the fifth commandment Heavenly Father calls us to become guardians of this sacred gift – the gift of life. To value and protect life, and not only our own, but also lives of those God entrusts us with.

Often we say: “I haven't killed anyone, therefore, I have no problem in keeping this commandment.” But Jesus in his speech on mountainside said: *“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, “Do not murder and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment”. But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his Brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, “Raca,” is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, “You fool!” will be in danger of the fire of hell.”* (Matthew 5, 21-22). We sin against the fifth commandment when we diminish the good name of our neighbor, or the personal value and honor of a person by gossiping, backbiting, judging, anger or injustice.

Our eternal life – or eternal damnation – will also consider our concern for our health – whether we avoided the abuse of food, drugs, alcohol, tobacco; whether we led others into sin by our behavior, words, and how we dressed... *“But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung*



around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. “Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come!” (Matthew 18:6-7).

We see this law broken as early as in the Old Testament, e.g. when Cain kills his brother Abel (Genesis 4:2-16). Nevertheless, we see despite Cain's violation of God's commandment, God does not allow anyone to do the same to Cain and repeat the sin. “By this commandment God disallows the sin of revenge, because revenge is a demonstration of rebellion - which is a result of exaggerated pride.” (Sister Lucy of Fatima)

Abortion, euthanasia, domestic violence – all these are attacks on life which, unfortunately, we witness way too often. It seems those who kill human beings are not hired killers, slaughterers or warriors, but people closest to the victim. The womb of a mother should be a sanctuary, a place where a new life is formed. But so often, the womb is turned into a grave for innocent children – either by abortion or using contraception that kills a conceived child. Those who will someday be brought into account for these deaths, are not only the mothers themselves, but all those who in some way, participated in abortion - mostly fathers of the children,

doctors and assistant doctors who performed the abortion, close friends and parents who “supported” the girl (women) when considering the abortion, and politicians who passed the Abortion Act. We can say the same about euthanasia.

Let us never forget “*God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end.*” (KKC 2258)

In last message Our Lady calls us to live God’s commandments, because in this way “*our life will have meaning and peace will rule on earth*”. Our Heavenly Father sees our weaknesses and the ways we have, and still, sin against the God’s fifth commandment. However, today He also gives us a new chance and renews calls for our conversion!

Sister Lucy of Fatima says: “Thus a person who has committed such sins can still be saved if the person regrets, asks for forgiveness, and repents. And, due to his own abilities, retrieves the evil he had caused to his neighbor.”

Jana Prudka

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. *Read as a family or community these Bible passages: Genesis 4:2-16; Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-22; Matthew 18:6.*
2. *Let us think together of the sentences: “Man is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself!” ... “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.” (Jeremiah 1:5) Is my own life and life of my neighbors truly a gift for me?*
3. *Let us pray for the gift of life. Worship the Lord and give Him thanks for your live and the life of your neighbors.*
4. *Pray to the Lord for all those who participate in killing of human beings, so that they would became aware of the sanctity of every human being from the moment of conception to its natural end.*

Sources:

- Deut 5, Matthew 5:21-22; Genesis 4:2-16; Exodus 20:13
- CCC 2258_2330
- The Call of Fatima—Sister Lucy

TO STAND UNDER THE CROSS

TESTIMONY

WITH MARY

I came to Medjugorje along with my brother in 2001, for the first time. At that time we were looking for happiness as many other young people of those days were and tried to find it in worldly things.

Although we were raised in a Christian family, we used to go out with our friends for a drink and our main concern was having fun. We were brought up in the Catholic faith, our mother had taught us to pray and go to church. As we were growing up, the gap between us and God was getting wider. We never stopped going to church but it was more or less a formality.

After a certain time we were left alone

without any true friends. This 'period of silence' brought us to the questions that lay deep down in our hearts unanswered - what is the meaning of life, what is really important, why do I live, is life just a struggle or is it possible to live it to the fullest? We had already come to realize that relationships, school, career are important, but they cannot bring you the true joy we were looking for. We didn't even know what we were looking for. One day we decided to go to Medjugorje with our mother.

We were listening to the testimonies of people who lived in communities, we saw joy and spark in their eyes and we felt the peace they had in their hearts and gave it to the others.

We began to ask ourselves: "What is it that these people have and we don't?"

For the first time in our lives we heard the truth that Jesus is alive. During adoration, holy masses, testimonies we got acquainted with this Truth. Our hearts slowly began opening to God's love which had been unknown to us before. ??

In the end, by God's grace, we found an answer to our question *What can fill our life?* and the answer was Jesus. Our Mother Mary helped us to find Him.

Once we returned home, we decided to pray daily together with our mother. Our spare room was turned into a chapel. After some time, we invited young people from the parish and some of them joined us. Together we prayed the rosary, read the Bible and meditations written by Fr Slavko. We used to meet once a week and we carried in our hearts the hope that more young people in our neighbourhood would be touched by God. We started to pray for our prayer group to grow bigger. Several months passed and nothing changed. During that time few people joined us and few of them left. We felt discouraged and sad but the Lord sustained us and gave us the strength to carry on. One evening we were praying and asking the Lord for help and He spoke once again His word of promise:

„I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." (Lk 24, 49)

At that time, our prayer group consisted of 5 people and none of them knew that in one week there would be 20 of us. By that experience we learnt what it means to walk in faith and to wait for the Lord like the desert waits for the life-giving rain.

A week later we attended a summer camp with young people. During the evening prayer

all of us experienced that we are loved by God and that He wants us to get to know Him and make Him known to others. . That day we received a great gift - young people who decided to follow Jesus. It was on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Since then nine years have already passed; the community has grown and has more than 25 members. Two boys have decided to enter the seminary and one of them serves as a layman in Kazakhstan. I, Marta, have decided to devote one year of my life to the service of the Virgin Mary in the prayer group *Mary's Light*.

Also today, together with the Virgin Mary, we want to walk further towards Christ, to stand under the cross with her, to learn from her how to grow on the way to her Son. The main spiritual pillars of our community are: Holy Mass, reading of the Gospel, personal prayer, adoration and confession. Although we are sometimes away from home, we always know that there are people who love us and pray for us.

In Medjugorje, we have accepted in our hearts the joy-filled news that Jesus is really alive and we want to spread this truth because it has changed our lives.

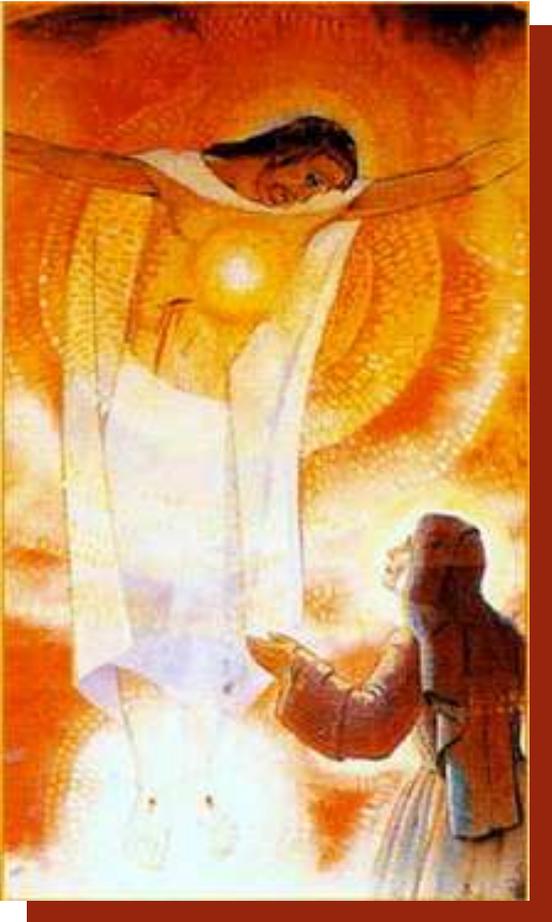
Marta and Peter



JUNE

Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

“I invite you, dear brothers and sisters, to look at the Sacred Heart of Jesus with confidence and often pray especially in this month of June: “The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in you.” (John Paul II)



“...Dear children! This evening I pray you especially to venerate the Heart of my Son, Jesus. Make reparation for the wound inflicted on the Heart of my Son. That Heart is offended by all kinds of sins. Thank you for coming this evening...” (April 5, 1984)

June is the month which in a special way, is dedicated to devotion of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Church celebrates **the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** on the Friday after the octave (or eighth day) of the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is on **June 11, 2010**.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes back to the beginning of the Church with an even greater emphasis beginning in the 17th century. The greatest apostle of the cult of the Sacred Heart was Fr. Jean Eudes (1601-1680). He celebrated the first liturgical celebration devoted to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on October 20, 1672 for his Congregation (Congregation of Jesus and Mary, established by St. Jean Eudes).

The greatest personality that God’s providence used to spread the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus was St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690). This sister, of the Order of the Visitation, had special apparitions of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus from 1673-1675.

When Jesus showed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, He said: **“Look at this Heart which has loved people so much, strived itself so much just to show its love. Instead of gratitude it gained ingratitude from many. Therefore I ask you on the Friday after the octave of the Feast of Corpus Christi to make a special feast in which my Sacred Heart would be celebrated and asked for forgiveness and for people to receive Holy Communion on this day with intention to compensate numberless violation that it experiences during the time when is exposed in Eucharist on the altar.”**

Of the many promises Our Lord Jesus Christ revealed to Saint Margaret Mary in favor of SOULS DEVOTED TO HIS SACRED HEART the principal ones are as follows:

1. *I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.*
2. *I will give peace in their families.*
3. *I will console them in all their troubles.*
4. *I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.*
5. *I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.*
6. *Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.*
7. *Tepid souls shall become fervent.*
8. *Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.*
9. *I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.*
10. *I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.*
11. *Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.*
12. *In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive **Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months**, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.*

“Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This liturgical solemnity radiates a special spiritual intonation for the whole month of June. It is important for believers to remain sensitive to the message which the feast radiates. **In Christ’s Heart the God’s Love moves forth to whole mankind.** Nowadays this message is very actual. **In order to know God, we need to know Jesus and live in compliance with His Heart, to love like he loved God and His neighbor.**” (John Paul II.)



Prayer of consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

(Dictated by our Lady to Medjugorje visionary Jelena Vasilj on November 28, 1983)

*O Jesus, we know that you are gentle,
and that you have given your heart
for all of us.*

*It was crowned with thorns
and with our sins.*

*Oh, we know that nowadays you beg us
not to be lost.*

*Jesus, remember us when we sin.
Through your most holy heart
give us grace to love each other.
Let hatred disappear from the people.
Show your love.*

*We all love you, and wish you to protect us
with your shepherd's heart
from every sin.*

*Come into every heart, O Jesus,
knock, knock on our hearts.
Be patient and untiring.
We are still closed because
we have not yet understood your will.
Knock perseveringly.*

*O good Jesus, Make us open
our hearts to you,
at least when we remember
your passion endured for us.*

Amen

15TH INTERNATIONAL PRIESTS SEMINAR

The 15th International Priests Seminar will be held in Međugorje
from June 28 to July 3, 2010

on the theme of:

«Take courage, I have overcome the world!» (John 16:33)

Lecturers at this seminar are Medjugorje Franciscan Priests : Father Tomislav Pervan, Doctor of Biblical Theology ; Father Miljenko Šteko, Doctor of Theology with specialization in spirituality; Father Danko Perutina, Master of Theology with specialization in Mariology; Father Svetozar Kraljević, the Head of Mother's Village.

You may make reservations by e-mail: seminar.marija@medjugorje.hr, or by fax: +387-36-651-999 (for Marija Dugandzic).

The parishioners of the Međugorje parish will provide free accommodation to all priests during the seminar as they have done in all the years to date. We kindly ask all priests who are organising their own accommodation with friends in Međugorje to list the **name, surname and telephone number of the family** with whom they have organised accommodation in their registration form. Priests who do not themselves have acquaintances and the possibility of directly organising accommodation with

families should make a note of this in their registration form and we will organise it for them.

Instead of a monetary payment, we ask you to kindly celebrate five Mass intentions. It is necessary to bring with you: your **celebret** given by your superior, an **alb and stole, a Bible**.

Many priests who do not have access to Internet may not have been informed about the existence of this international meeting in Međugorje. Therefore, we kindly ask all Organizers of pilgrimages, Prayer Groups and Centres for Peace to publish this information as widely as possible by all means at their disposal, so that as many priests as possible may participate. In as much as it is possible, we also kindly ask you to financially assist the priests who would like to come but do not have the necessary funds for such a journey. We thank you in advance and pray for God's blessing and the blessing of the Queen of Peace upon you and your work.

“CHRIST’S FIDELITY, THE PRIEST’S FIDELITY”

A YEAR FOR PRIESTS JUNE 19, 2009 – JUNE 19, 2010

In the Year for Priests

let us pray for priests so they would become the gift of Jesus' Heart. **We invite you to participate in unceasing prayers for priests by forming prayer groups consisting of 7 members**, each prayer group will pray for a particular priest. Each member of the prayer group will choose one day in a week, in which he will bring prayers and sacrifices for this intention; in this way prayer will continue.

INDULGENCE IN THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS: *on the first Thursday of the month*

The Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful who are truly repentant who, in church or in chapel, devoutly attend the divine Sacrifice of Mass and offer prayers to Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest, for the priests of the Church, and any other good work which they have done on that day, so that he may sanctify them and form them in accordance with His Heart, as long as they have made expiation for their sins through sacramental confession and prayed in accordance with the Supreme Pontiff's intentions.

THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL MEETING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**9/29 –10/2
2010**

***...Love
does not seek
its own interests..."***

(1 Kor 13:5)

The lecturer at the seminar is Friar Ante Vučković, O.F.M. Born in 1958 in Sinj into a large family. He is a member of the Franciscan Province of the Most Holy Saviour with its seat in Split. He attended and completed studies at the classical secondary college and seminary in Sinj, while he studied theology in Makarska and Split. He was ordained as a priest in 1983. After serving as a chaplain in Metković and Munich, he studied philosophy in Munich and Rome where he obtained his doctorate in the dimensions of hearing with Martin Heidegger. He taught philosophy in Rome at the Pontifical University Antonianum and at the Franciscan Divinity School in Makarska. He is a professor at the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Split. He also lectures at the Philosophical department of the same university. He is the head of spiritual exercises, seminars and spiritual retreats. He is a spiritual companion and advisor. He has published a number of books. He is published in professional and populist periodicals.

The seminar will be held in the hall behind the church. Participation per couple for the seminar is 40 €. Reservations may be made via email: seminar.marija@medjugorje.hr, or fax on the number: +387 36 651 999 (for Marija Dugandžić).

The number of participants is limited due to space constraints, therefore we kindly ask that you send your registrations as soon as possible. Similarly we ask that all couples, seminar participants organise accommodation in Međugorje for themselves.

The newspaper **“Voice Medjugorje”** is a call, an invitation for everyone who wishes to pray for intentions of Queen of Peace and for realization of Her plans. By witnessing in our lives we long to become Mary’s Light to this world, to spread peace all around.



“Dear children! Today also, joy is in my heart. I wish to thank you for making my plan possible to become reality. Each of you is important therefore, little children, pray and rejoice with me over every heart that has converted and become an instrument of peace in the world. Prayer groups are powerful, and through them I can see, little children, that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Our newspaper is published monthly since December, 2004. The new issue is sent via email a few days after the Virgin Mary gives Her message on each 25th day of the month. Voice Medjugorje is published in Russian, Ukrainian, Slovak, Lithuanian, Lithuanian, German and English language.

Through our newspaper **we unite** in prayer with our brothers and sisters from prayer groups mostly from the eastern countries – Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia, Moldavia, Belorussia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, but also Pakistan, India, Slovakia, Czech Republic, USA, Germany.

Prayer groups meet according to the agreement made among the members, usually once a week, at their houses or at churches. Prayer meetings are conducted in modest and humble way and consist of praying rosary, meditation upon the text of the Bible and our Lady’s message, sharing after the meditation, praying for the prayer intentions of the Queen of Peace, praying for the needs of neighbors, consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



IN OUR LIVES WE ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW THE MESSAGES OF OUR LADY, WHICH MEANS:

- to pray three rosaries a day
- to fast every Wednesday and Friday
- to confess monthly
- to attend Holy Masses, often receive Holy Communion and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
- to pray for the priests and Church
- to meet in prayer groups at least once a week, according to agreement of the members
- to help and serve our neighbour in a specific way

We usually meet in prayer on the first Saturday of each month. If possible, the prayer meetings are held on this day. At meetings, we pray three rosaries, attend Holy Mass, Adoration and read reflections from the newspaper. We all pray for the intentions given in the newspaper, for the period of a whole month.

If you want to join us in prayer or our newspaper, please send an email to: gospa3@gmail.com

Light of Mary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to invite you to participate in the following events:

- **15th International Priests Seminar**, June 28— July 3, 2010;
- **11th International Meeting for Married Couples**, September 29, - October 2, 2010
- **21th International Youth Festival**, August 1—6, 2010

More information on www.medjugorje.hr.

MEDJUGORJE on Internet:

- **IN SLOVAK:** www.gospa.sk
- **IN RUSSIAN:** www.medjugorje.ru
- **IN CROATIAN, ENGLISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN, POLISH, SPANISH:**
www.medjugorje.hr, www.medjugorje.ws
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