

Peace, Peace and only Peace!

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Our Blessed Mother's Plea



n the 26th of June 1981, the children full of anticipation waited at around six o' clock, which was when she previously appeared. They were going towards the same place, to meet her there.

They were very happy, although their joy was mixed with fear wondering what would be the outcome of all this. Despite all this, the children could feel some sort of inner strength attracting them to meet with Our Lady.

Suddenly, while the children were still on their way a light flashed three times. To them and to those following them, it was a sign indicating Our Lady's whereabouts. On that third day Our Lady appeared even higher up than on the previous days. All at once Our Lady disappeared. But when the children began to pray, she reappeared. She was cheerful and smiling serenely and once again her beauty was overwhelming. As they left their houses some older women advised them to carry holy water with them to make sure that it was not of Satan. When they were with Our Lady, Vicka took the water and splashed it in the direction of the vision saying, "If you are Our Blessed Mother, please stay, and if you are not, go

away from us". Our Lady smiled at this and remained with the children. Then Mirjana asked her name and she replied, "I am the Blessed Virgin Mary".

On the same day, coming down Podbrdo, Our Lady appeared one more time, this time however only to Maria saying, "Peace, peace, peace and only peace". Behind her, Maria could see a cross. After which Our Lady repeated, in tears, the following words, "Peace must reign between man and God, and between all people!" The area where this took place is about half way up to the Apparition Site.

REFLECTION ON AUGUST 25th MESSAGE posted by

Jakob, MedjugorjeToday.com

The Virgin Mary's plan for conversion and world peace does not play out as intended. Singling out Medjugorje and her apparitions there as the center of the plan, the Virgin's message of August 25th also reveals that the plan is threatened by Satan, and that far too many people have not answered her call and taken up their roles.

Therefore the Virgin Mary calls everyone who has said yes to her to "be strong and resolute". This she does in a message that says in its entirety.

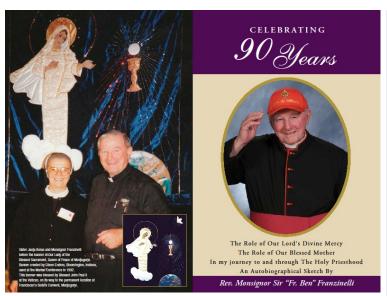
AUGUST 25, 2011, GOSPA MESSAGE TO MARIJA

Dear children! Today I call you to pray and fast for my intentions, because Satan wants to destroy my plan. Here I began with this parish and invited the entire world. Many have responded, but there is an enormous number of those who do not want to hear or accept my call. Therefore, you who have said 'yes', be strong and resolute.

Thank you for having responded to my call."

SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 Monthly Message to nonbelievers to Marijana: "Dear children; With all my heart and soul full of faith and love in the Heavenly Father, I gave my Son to you and am giving Him to you anew. My Son has brought you, the people of the entire world, to know the only true God and His love. He has led you on the way of truth and made you brothers and sisters. Therefore, my children, do not wander, do not close your heart before that truth, hope and love. Everything around you is passing and everything is falling apart, only the glory of God remains. Therefore, renounce everything that distances you from the Lord. Adore Him alone, because He is the only true God. I am with you and I will remain with you. I am especially praying for the shepherds that they may be worthy representatives of my Son and may lead you with love on the way of truth. Thank you."

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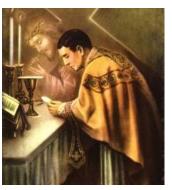
08/23/11 - Mirjana speaks about Priests

August 23, 2011 St. Rose of Lima

Dear Family of Mary!

"...My children, my apostles, help me to open the paths to my Son. Once again I call you to pray for your shepherds. Alongside them, I will triumph. Thank you." (October 2, 2010) "... I call you to pray with all your heart for your shepherds, because my Son chose them. Thank you." (August 2, 2011)

Let's continue with Mirjana's sharing given in her home during the week before the 30th Anniversary. In these remarks, Mirjana shares about Our Lady's love for our priests. She continues:



"But if we talk about Our Lady and her messages, if we talk about someone who is privileged for Our Lady, it is our priests. Our Lady has never told us what priests should be doing. Rather she always talks about what we should do for them. She said they don't need us to judge them, they need us love them and to pray for them. God will judge them for the way they were as priests. And God will judge us in the way we treated our priest. And Our Lady says that if we lose respect for our priest, then we will lose respect for our Church and for Dear God as well.

In the same way, in the second of the month apparition, Our Lady always says something about the importance of our priests. For example when she is giving us her blessing, she says, "I am giving you my motherly blessing, but the greatest blessing you can receive here on earth is the blessing of your priest. When they bless you, it is my Son Himself blessing you." Then she also says, "Do not forget to pray for your shepherds. Their priestly hands are blessed by my Son." That is why I am always telling pilgrims that when they go back to their homes they should show others how we should respect our priests. And if your parish priest is not acting as you think he should, do not judge him, but take the rosary and pray to Dear God for him. That would be the way to help him. In this world that we live in, we judge too much. There is so little love. Our Lady desires that we who claim to know God will be recognized by love.

In one of her latest messages Our Lady said, "Alongside them, we will triumph." That means that without priests, there won't be the Triumph of Our Lady's Heart. I am sorry that I can't share with you more of what is to happen, but I can tell you one thing. We have this time we are living in now, our present time, and we have the time of the Triumph of Our Lady's Heart, and between these two times we have a bridge. And that bridge is our priests. That is why recently Our Lady has been emphasizing prayers for them, so that this bridge will be so strong that every one of us can cross it." (Mirjana Soldo, speaking in her home in Medjugorje in June 2011 just before the 30th Anniversary of the Apparitions. Video by Dani)

Our priests are the bridge between our present time, this time of prayer, of penance, of conversion, of the sacraments, of the Bible, and of Holy Mass, and the time of the Triumph of Our Lady's Heart. What does a bridge do? It spans a river or a canyon. It makes it possible to go from one side to the other. So, the entrance into the time of the Triumph of Our Lady's Heart is going to involve some kind of transition or crossing over. It will happen through the ministries of our priests. We need them very much. They make Christ present to us in the Sacraments. They really are our bridge to the Sacraments. And the Triumph of Our Lady's Heart will be the Triumph of the Church, of the Sacraments! We need our priests.

Lord, we ask You to bless, protect, inspire, and anoint our priests, that they will be a strong bridge for us to cross into the time of the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary! In Jesus and Mary! Cathy Nolan, ©Mary TV 2011

THE HOLY FATHER, POPE BENEDICT XVI, EXHORTATION TO THE YOUNG ADULTS AT WORLD YOUTH DAY, MADRID, AUGUST 2011

Do not be ashamed of Jesus!

"With all my heart, I say again to you young people: let nothing and no one take away your peace; do not be ashamed of the Lord".

To ponder: How do we show our young adults and others that we, indeed, are not ashamed proclaiming our faith and belief in Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior?



PEACE IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF CONFLICT!

... We have, as they say, a serious disconnect in both these readings. First Jesus says, **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you**.

And then in the first reading, again, we have the people of Antioch and Iconium; they are stoning Paul for preaching Jesus' message of Peace and Paul saying, it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God so somehow or other we got to understand this peace I leave with you in a way that is harmonious with the Acts of the Apostles (Chapter 14) for both are scripture and both are inspired by God, and so somehow along the line there has to be a misunderstanding of one of these passages.

And so the question is what does Peace mean?

And the Lord tells us: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. **Not as the world gives do I give it to you.** (Jn 14:27) Peace is not the absence of war. Peace is not the absence of conflict. That is what the devil wants you to think, that

is what Jesus says, the ruler of the world is coming. The ruler of the world is Satan, the accuser: the one who brings division, that is what he does and if we think that peace is simply no quarreling, or no arguing, well then, we are actually falling in the trap of the devil because the devil wants to bring division, and wherever there is division there is not peace.

And so what does Jesus mean by "peace I leave with you, not as the world gives it do I give it to you."

The peace that Jesus is talking about is the Jewish concept of shalom, which has to do with the restoration of the original order of the world before the fall, where God and man are united, where God and man are one, where God and man are on the same page, where man is not trying to be God but God is becoming man. That is the amazing thing is that in order to restore this peace, God becomes man because man had separated himself from God.

And so we have that great line, in the Easter vigil, of the exaltet

O Happy Fault, O' necessary sin of Adam that won for us so great a redeemer!

Because at the Incarnation we have taken a quantum leap above the angels. Jesus did not become an angel; Jesus became human and so when that great chain of being from rocks, to plants, animals, humans, to angels, archangels, and all the way up to seraphim which Lucifer was, humanity, because of Jesus' Incarnation, has taken this quantum leap above the angels and we have become the pinnacle of creation. And so, when we say we are going to be angels, that is a step down for us. When we try to take what God gives we create division, when we do not stand up for the Truth that Jesus proclaims, we are not standing up for the One, we are standing up for the many. There is one Truth, one God, one Faith, one Baptism that St. Paul tells us.

How do we achieve this peace, how do we achieve this shalom? Well we can't, Jesus does. How do we experience that new creation, that recreation of the world. Well, St. Paul tells us. They appointed presbyters for them in each church – with prayer and fasting commended them to the Lord in whom they have put their faith. The word Presbyter is the old word for Priest. I belong to the Presbyterate of Baltimore. So presbyter is a Greek word which means elder and where we get the word priest from.

And so St. Paul appointed priests in these various communities. What is the point? The point is to bring this shalom, to bring this peace, to bring this new creation. How do we find this new creation? How do we get this new creation? Well that is why St. Paul appointed Priests, because what do Priests do – Priests celebrate the Eucharist and when the Bread and Wine changes into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ this new creation is in breaking into the world, this new creation is here with us now and so we come forward to receive it. We don't take it ... No, I give it to you ...

The universal norm of the Church is the reception on the tongue because I am actually feeding you like father feeds children. We can also receive in the hand because we have a special indult from the Pope to do that. The point is that I am giving it to you ... We don't take communion ... That's what happened, we took the fruit off the tree. We don't take communion, we receive communion. And why do we receive communion? Because you are what you eat. So Jesus has called us to this Peace, this proper relationship with the Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit. And so our destiny, this peace is to be in union with Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And since the ruler of this world does not like unity, prefers division, it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.

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We are grateful for your kind and generous donation to help spread Our Blessed Mother's messages. EXCERPTED from a fascinating interview with Vicka: Our Lady has told her she that will continue appearing while the secrets are being revealed...in order to be a comfort to her children! (Year 2008)

PADRE LIVIO – So, this is a time of grace, this is the time of conversion, "don't wait for the sign in order to convert yourselves" the Madonna said. Well, so why leave a sign like some last extreme help: is it in order to move the Church to recognize the apparitions as authentic?

VICKA – Yes, certainly it will be for the Church so that they will have no doubt that the Madonna had been among us and it is also for those who are still far away from God. So the Madonna is thinking about both groups of people, and then it is up to us how to be ready to respond to the sign, to respond to her call through the sign. Everyone who comes, who will see, you

know, you can say "I don't believe it" and that is your personal idea, that's what you believe, but that the Madonna is here, that she is present, that she leaves this sign, a sign that no man can make; it is something only God can make and so nobody will be able to say that it is a small thing or something else. This arrives in such a way that they won't have words to say what it is.

PADRE LIVIO – This means that when the time of the secrets comes, the fourth through the tenth secrets, secrets which are evidently rather arduous, it means that in any event, in the time of the secrets, we will always have the sign of the Madonna which will comfort us. But you also said the last time, last year, that during the time of the ten secrets one of the seers will still have the daily apparitions of the Madonna.

VICKA – Yes, it is certain, it is something I repeat now. We will see who it is ... afterwards we will see who the Madonna has chosen, who of us three remains with the apparitions. Or maybe it will be someone else that the Madonna has chosen.





There once was a king who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of Peace. Many artists tried. The king looked at all the pictures. But there were only two he really liked, and he had to choose between them.

One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror for peaceful towering mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfectpicture of peace.

The other picture had mountains, too. But these were

rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky, from which rain fell and in which lightning played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This did not look peaceful at all.

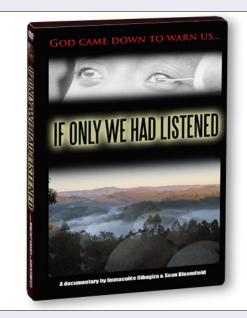
But when the king looked closely, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest in perfect peace.

Which picture do you think won the prize? The king chose the second picture. Do you know why?

"Because," explained the king,
"Peace does not mean to be in
a place where there is no
noise, trouble, or hard work.
Peace means to be in the
midst of all those things and
still be calm in your heart.
That is the real meaning of
peace."

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