

OUR LADY OF MEDUJORGE'S MESSAGE OF OCTOBER 25, 2003

“Dear children! I call you anew to consecrate yourselves to my heart and the Heart of my Son Jesus. I desire, little children, to lead you all on the way of conversion and holiness. Only in this way, through you, can we lead all the more souls on the way of salvation. Do not delay, little children, but say with all your heart: 'I want to help Jesus and Mary that all the more brothers and sisters may come to know the way of holiness.' In this way, you will feel the contentment of being friends with Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Living Our Consecration

A. “I Call You Anew to Consecrate Yourselves to My Heart”

1. Consecration. How we respond to the statement above will make all the difference in the world, because it contains a “secret” – the secret of everything Our Lady wants from us.
 - a. What is it? Everyone knows that to consecrate oneself to Our Lady is to imitate the Son of God by entrusting our entire person and life to the love, care, and guidance of Our Blessed Mother in order to be of service to her and Jesus in the work of saving souls.
 - b. Its Implications. Our Lady can only accomplish her designs IF:
 - 1) She possesses us actually through a heart-felt surrendering of ourselves into her hands each day in complete trust and love, depending on her for everything;
 - 2) She leads us in all our praying, formally and informally, when we place our heart in her heart at each instance, feeling her love, listening to her voice, and following along with her;
 - 3) She guides us in the accomplishment of the Father’s Will through the living of her monthly messages each day as she points out to us the concrete steps to take moment by moment.
 - c. Our Responsibility. Our Lady will make her presence felt WHEN:
 - 1) We open our heart completely and offer it in love to be touched by her maternal tenderness and enkindled by the love and compassion of Jesus;
 - 2) We pour out all that is in our heart to Mary and Jesus, surrendering to them all our problems and difficulties, joys and sorrows, hope and desires;
 - 3) We listen attentively to their advice, accept humbly their counsel, and decide concretely to live in constant union with them through the day, sensitive and responsive to their progressive urgings to accomplish their expressed designs.
2. The “Secret” of how this takes place does not reside in the simple recitation of the Act of Consecration each day, although this is necessary. She says: “I know how much you give me promises through words, but, dear children, I want you to put that into practice.” Our Lady gave us a “sign” or “icon” that sums up everything she wants of us for the living out of our consecration in practice. She has expressed it in various ways:

“All I desire of you is that you always be united with me praying incessantly”
or
“By constant prayer press tightly against my motherly heart.”

 - a. Remain with Me in Prayer. Our Lady is above all Our Loving Mother and every mother is not content until her child is sitting on her knee and leaning back against her heart, or held in her arms and pressed tightly to her breast. Thus the miracle of grace will take place whether we are at Holy Mass with her, joining her in praying the Rosary or just walking with her through the day.
 - 1) Our mind is placed in hers and we will begin to think the thoughts of Our Mother, which are always the thoughts of her Son Jesus, the thoughts of the Gospel, because Jesus has taken full possession of her heart.
 - 2) Our eyes will be illuminated with the light of Jesus and we will see things the way God sees them, and that is just the way Our Blessed Mother sees them. She will let

us see through her eyes and point out to us what is significant in the Mysteries of the Life of Christ and how that relates to our life.

- 3) Our heart, placed in the Heart of Mary, will be touched as her heart is moved with maternal tenderness in union with the compassion of Jesus' Heart beating within her. "I desire for my Heart, Jesus' Heart, and your heart to become one heart of love and peace."
- 4) Our hands, filled as we are with compassion, will want to reach out and touch those in need of our help, and so we will become "the extended hands of the Father" working through the hands of Jesus joined with the hands of Mary activating our hands.

It is in and through this prayerful experience that we will not only taste the precious joy and peace of paradise but also sense the joy of being closely bonded to Our Mother as her special child and united to Jesus as His dear friend.

- b. Act with Me. When such an "encounter" with Mary (and Jesus) occurs in our prayer, she impresses her love and her spirit on our hearts and souls in such a way that she not only accompanies us on the outside but is in a way within us. As such she is able to work in and through us.
 - 1) Walking away from prayer with Mary will now be walking with her in union of mind and heart. We will sense her presence, because she is still with us, and we will be moved to remain with her.
 - 2) Talking with friends and strangers alike will be a new experience for us. Our hearts, still aflame and burning within us, carry something of Mary and Jesus, and out of our mouths will flow words of love and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Our Lady is able now to talk through us.
 - 3) Seeing new things we never noticed before will be our everyday experience, just as Mother Teresa, teaching her class in Calcutta, looked out the window and noticed people stepping over a person dying in the street.
 - 4) Helping was Mother Teresa's great desire and instant response. She rushed out to lift up the dying person and brought the person to safety. It is Our Lady's concern for her children and Our Lord's compassion in action.

B. Mother Teresa – A Prime Example.

1. An Important Truth. Mother Teresa is a prime example of zeal for the well-being and salvation of souls. She reveals to us the important truth that the great mysteries of God are accomplished in hiddenness and weakness. Mother Teresa was a 4'11" nobody lost in the millions of India's poor, but God raised her up and placed her in full view of all the people of the world.
2. Prayer. Mother Teresa said: "My "secret" is simple – it is prayer." Through an illumination of the Holy Spirit, Mother Teresa saw what no one else saw: that God's poor were being ignored and neglected. Through the power of prayer she spontaneously reached out to them in compassion.
3. Motivation. She expressed very clearly what she discovered in prayer:
 - a. Jesus hides Himself in the suffering of the poor;
 - b. God's primary concern lies always in the poorest of the poor;
 - c. "Holiness is responding to the persons God places in our lives each day."

C. Conclusion.

1. Mother Teresa became a friend of the poor because she had already befriended Jesus in prayer.
2. Mother Teresa found a new Mother in Mary and befriended her. With St. Maximilian Kolbe, she believed she could convert everyone by giving them a miraculous medal.
3. Mother Teresa emphasized the importance of meeting the real Mary and the real Jesus in prayer, and not some idea of them in our head or in a book.