OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF OCTOBER 25, 2006

"Dear children! Today the Lord permitted me to tell you again that you live in a time of grace. You are not conscious, little children, that God is giving you a great opportunity to convert and to live in peace and love. You are so blind and attached to earthly things and think of earthly life. God sent me to lead you toward eternal life. I, little children, am not tired, although I see that your hearts are heavy and tired for everything that is a grace and a gift. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Mary Lead Me

A. God Sent Me to Lead You toward Eternal Life.

- 1. "Eternal Life is this: 1) to know you, the only true God,
 - 2) and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." (Jn 17:3)
 - a. The footnote in the Jerusalem Bible: "In biblical language, 'knowledge' is not merely the conclusion of an intellectual process, but the fruit of an 'experience', a personal contact as in John 10:14: "I know my own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father....the sheep that belong to Me listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life."
 - b. (The footnote continues:) When this knowledge matures, it is love as in Hosea 6:6: "What I want is love, not sacrifice; knowledge of God, not holocausts." (The footnote continues by referring to I John 1:3:) "What we are telling you is what we have seen and heard, so that you too may be in union...as we are in union with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."
 - c. "This union is referred to in different ways:
 - 1) A Christian lives 'in' God and God lives 'in' him (I Jn 2:5; 6:24);
 - 2) He is begotten by God and has new life from Him (I Jn 2:29; 3:9; 4:7);
 - 3) He is from God and is His child (I Jn 2:15; 3:10; 4:4; 5:19);
 - 4) He knows (experiences) God (I Jn 2:13; 3:6; 4:7; Jn 14:17).
 - This union with God shows itself in a person's Faith, and also in his love for the brothers (cf. I Jn 1:7ff)."
- 2. Our Lady's role, then, is to help us realize the great calling we have of belonging to God's family and to assist us in becoming true and devoted children of God by coming to know Him and love Him more and more so that we will always seek His Will and good pleasure.
 - a. "You live in a time of grace" Our Lady again reminds us, because, despite our coldness and lack of interest, Our Father in His goodness is offering us what could be a final "opportunity to convert and live in (His) peace and love."
 - b. The Gospel readings of these days are from Luke, where Christ is inviting the Jews to the Messianic banquet. That banquet is revealed as a Feast for the Poor those who sense their need of God. Tragically, the Jews refused, and Our Lord levels the judgment that those who refuse the invitation will have no part in His banquet. The same offer is being made to us.
- 3. You Are So Blind Our Lady says to us because 1) we are so bound up with earthly things and 2) we are thinking only of our earthly life. How often she has reminded us that earthly things pass away and are gone forever.
 - a. Our Lord reminds us that the only things that will last into eternity are the moments we have spent with Him...and that is Prayer.
 - b. The cure for spiritual blindness is the prayer of the blind man of Luke's Gospel Bartimeus who pleads incessantly: "Lord, that I may see." That prayer is an eminent sign of openness to God and a humble petition for the gift of Faith. By Faith, we are able to see things the way God sees them and to possess wisdom of heart.

B. How to Live This Message.

- 1. Thank God for His goodness and liberality. Thank Him as often as possible for His great Mercy towards us.
 - a. Our Lady has asked us to thank God every evening before we go to bed for the great gift of Medjugorje!
 - b. We should thank Him at Holy Mass and Holy Communion, each time we say the Holy Rosary, every time we pray.
 - c. The gift of Medjugorje is the gift of Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace, who is always at our side protecting us, offering us her help and assistance and guidance, and blessing us continually with great graces. She intercedes for us continually and helps to postpone the chastisement that is our due, but she needs our cooperation.
- 2. <u>Drop everything</u> immediately and respond by embracing Our Blessed Mother and all that she is asking us to do.
 - a. In the life of Christ as presented by Maria Valtorta, Jesus asks St. Peter to look up into the sky and report what he sees. St. Peter says he sees a whole mist of stars, then some brighter stars, and also some planets.
 - b. Our Lord comments: The mist of stars represent the people at the end of time who decided to do the bare minimum just to get by. They will spend a long time in purgatory.
 - The bright stars are people who changed their ways and tried to do the Will of God as often as possible.
 - The planets are the people who dropped everything and went all out to accomplish every little thing asked of them. They will go straight to Heaven.
- 3. <u>Pray daily</u> for the grace of conversion to this message and ask Our Blessed Mother to assist in this process.
- 4. <u>Surrender</u> all I am and have in childlike confidence to the Father and accept with love all that He sends me each day.
- 5. Offer my day daily to Jesus so that His presence and His light shines through me.
- 6. Ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit that I might do everything out of love.
- 7. Strive to pray from the heart each day more and more that I might truly mean what I pray.
- 8. <u>Treat Jesus like a person</u> when I visit Him, and honor His presence in my heart by offering Him my love as often as possible through the day.
- 9. <u>Pray for the Holy Souls</u> each day and pray to them for the grace of doing my purgatory here on earth through little sacrifices during the day.
- 10. <u>Place myself in the arms of the Father</u> as His child at the beginning of the day and ask Him for the grace of always seeking His Will in my life.
- 11. Accept the gift of Medjugorje each day by telling Our Blessed Mother that I have total confidence in her and enjoy being with her and serving her by trying to do what she asks of me.
- 12. <u>Begin each prayer</u> by telling Jesus and Mary how happy I am to be with them and to speak with them.
- 13. <u>Tell Jesus</u>, in union with Mary, that He is my top priority, the center of my life, the source of all my blessings, my Alpha and my Omega.
- 14. <u>Erase from my life</u> anything that smacks of a waste of time, like TV, crossword puzzles, daydreaming, and all trivial pursuits.
- 15. <u>Think often of heaven</u>, which is my goal, and try to live heaven on earth by living in the hearts of Jesus and Mary.