ADVENT OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER 25, 2005 CHRISTMAS

"Dear children! Also today I call you to pray, pray, pray until prayer becomes life for you. Little children, at this time, in a special way, I pray before God to give you the gift of faith. Only in faith will you discover the joy of the gift of life that God has given you. Your heart will be joyful thinking of eternity. I am with you and love you with a tender love. Thank you for having responded to my call."

A. <u>OUR LADY'S ADVENT MESSAGE</u>: "<u>I AM WITH YOU: PRAY, PRAY, PRAY</u>."

- 1. <u>NO ROOM IN THE INN</u>. "She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in the manger because there was no room for them in the inn." (The Gospel – Midnight Mass – December 25)
 - a. <u>Pope Benedict XVI</u>: "Behold I stand at the door and knock.' Christ calls us to a communion with Himself. 'Give me your time and your heart, I want to live in you' Jesus says. This is the Spirituality of advent."
 - b. <u>Prayer</u> is a confession of our helplessness and a reaching out to God, an opening of the heart in joyous welcome to the One who comes to save us. Our Lady wants our prayer to be continuous during Advent (pray, pray, pray) and to be made in union with her (I am with you and I love you with a tender love).
 - c. <u>Faith</u> is our acceptance of Jesus as our Light and Life: "In Him was Life and the Life was the Light of mankind." (Jn 1:4) The Word of God is the divine source of all life, natural and supernatural, Who comes as Light to bring us all out of the darkness of sin and error.
- 2. <u>HOSPITALITY</u> The Spirit of Advent
 - a. The First Advent was a total disaster. God Himself was coming among men to bring salvation, peace and happiness. The angels couldn't believe that the All-Holy and Magnificent God would lower Himself to such a level. Totally amazed at the marvel of His Love and Mercy, they couldn't contain themselves and they burst into a song of praise: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests." ... But for the vast majority "there was no room ... in the inn."
 - b. At the beginning of this Advent, 2005, Jesus is peering into the heart of each person to see if anything has changed, if anyone is looking forward to His coming again, if anyone is going to start to prepare a place for Him.
- 3. <u>MARY'S HEART</u> The Place Where Advent Takes Place
 - a. The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem is about 90 miles, but for Mary it was primarily a journey within where all her thought and affection was centered on Jesus. As Jesus was growing physically in her womb, she withdrew from the outside world and in her solitude and silence her heart in a sense grew larger and larger as the expectation of seeing Him and embracing Him grew stronger and stronger.
 - b. Our Blessed Mother asks us to begin this period of Advent with her, so that she can share with us her original experience. Letting our faith increase, our hope be energized, our love and charity become more evident, and our prayer more intense.
- 4. <u>DESIRE</u> The Open Door of the Inn of our Heart
 - a. Our Lady invites us: "Throw open the doors of your hearts to offer Him a dwelling place of love, especially when He comes to give Himself personally to each one of you at the moment of Holy Communion." Then, as Mother Teresa always said, you will be able to recognize Him in the fragile person of your neighbor each day.
 - b. To desire Him is: 1) to need Him, 2) to want Him 3) to love Him.

(as explained by Mary)

- 1. The Reason for His Coming.
 - "Jesus wants to live once again in you to realize at this time:
 - a. the great plan of His Merciful Love, and
 - b. to prepare for the coming of His Glorious Reign."
- 2. Mary Prepares Us.

"The hour of my greatest wonders has come. These are the times of the triumph of My Merciful Love.

- a. I am revealing myself everywhere to the Little Ones:
 - 1) to the simple;
 - 2) to the poor;
 - 3) to the humble:
 - 4) to the pure of heart.
- b. In the temple of My Immaculate Heart:
 - 1) you will be purified;
 - 2) you will be formed by me to a pure and incessant act of love for the Lord."
- 3. Consecration to My Immaculate Heart is Necessary.
 - "To achieve this you must enter into My Immaculate Heart through Consecration .
 - a. Follow your Mother by saying "yes" to the Divine Will.
 - b. Thus the design that God has for you will be revealed to you, and you will accomplish this design to the end."
- 4. What I Will Do For You.
 - "In the temple of My Immaculate Heart:
 - a. I will always be with you:
 - 1) To protect you and watch over you step by step;
 - 2) To care for your every need, temporal and spiritual;
 - 3) To arrange every detail of your life;
 - 4) To reveal to you my immeasurable love for you;
 - 5) To lead you in every prayer;
 - 6) To tell you what I want of you.
 - b I will be forming you to a deep silence.
 - 1) In these times, my Adversary is seducing humanity with words, and the din of voices and images is turning the world into a new Tower of Babel.
 - 2) You are called to give witness to a deep silence in order to:
 - a) Receive only the Word of God;
 - b) To meditate on it in your heart;
 - c) To keep it with love;
 - d) To live it and give it to everyone in the light of its integrity.
 - c I will be preparing you for your offering.
 - 1) In these times of the great tribulation you are called to carry the burden of a very heavy cross for the salvation of my poor lost children.
 - 2) Offer your whole life to the Lord:
 - a) Your body and your soul;
 - b) Your heart and your mind;
 - c) Your will and your freedom.
 - d I will be calling you to a continuous prayer.
 - 1) Such difficult and dangerous moments are drawing close that only those can be saved who accept my invitation to pray always with me.
 - 2) Transform your day into an act of unceasing prayer.
 - a) Pray with the prayer of the heart.
 - b) Pray with abandonment, with confidence, with perseverance.
 - c) Pray to do always and at every moment only the Divine Will, then the Father will be pleased with vou.
- 5. Thus I will be able to offer you to the perfect glorification of the Holy Trinity.