OUR LADY OF MEDUJORGE'S MESSAGE OF MAY 25, 2004

"Dear children! Also today, I urge you to consecrate yourselves to my Heart and to the Heart of my Son Jesus. Only in this way will you be mine more each day and you will inspire each other all the more to holiness. In this way joy will rule your hearts and you will be carriers of peace and love. Thank you for having responded to my call."

A. "Consecrate Yourselves to My Heart."

- 1. "I urge you" why is this consecration an absolute necessity and of supreme importance?
- 2. What does it mean to "consecrate" oneself?
- 3. What are the practical obligations of this consecration?
- 4. How often do you think Our Lady wants us to renew this consecration?
- 5. Why does Our Lady ask for consecration to her "Heart" rather than to her person?

B. "Consecrate Yourselves to the Heart of My Son."

- 1. Why does Our Lady ask for consecration to herself before her Son?
- 2. What is the significance of this double consecration?
- 3. What blessings does Our Lord promise those who consecrate themselves to His Sacred Heart?
- 4. How would you live out this consecration to the Sacred Heart in daily life?
- 5. What will Jesus be doing in your life as a result?

C. The Rest of the Message.

- 1. This message comes five days before the Feast of Pentecost and is a preparation for it. Can you detect several allusions to the Holy Spirit in this message?
- 2. "Only in this way will you be mine" why "only"?
- 3. "You will inspire each other to holiness" why and how?
- 4. Why will "joy" rule our hearts as a result?
- 5. "You will be carriers of Peace and Love." How?

(Some of the answers to these questions can be found in the following prayer to the Immaculate Heart, August 15, 2000.)

Pope John Paul II: A Meditation on the Immaculate Heart of Mary

1. Mary, Mother of God, <u>your Heart is a shrine of holiness</u>, into which the demon of sin has never entered: whose sanctuary was never once defiled by the least touch of evil, whose altar was the chosen resting place of the Holy Spirit. After the Sacred Heart of Jesus, never was there a heart more pure and more holy.

The Eternal Father takes pleasure in looking upon <u>your Heart</u> as the <u>masterpiece of His Divine</u> <u>power</u>. The Son takes pleasure in it as the Heart of His Mother, the source from which He drew the blood that ransomed us. The Holy Spirit dwells in you as in a temple.

Your Heart is a shrine of Peace, for it is the Heart of the Mother of the Prince of Peace, a Heart never for a moment disturbed by evil passions, a Heart whose gifts to mankind are mercy, love and peace. To all of us your Immaculate Heart after that of Jesus is most loving and most merciful. How many afflicted hearts are consoled in you! How many frail hearts are strengthened by you! How many are now in heaven because of the protection given them by your merciful Heart! We obtain everything for our peace of soul in time and eternity from the Father through the Heart of Jesus and everything from Jesus through your Heart. You are truly the "Queen of Peace."

<u>Your Heart is a shrine adorned with all the skill of the Divine Creator</u>, Who has lavished upon it the riches of His treasure-house – sanctifying grace, greater in worth than all the riches of the world.

2. Mary, Mother of God, <u>your Heart is a counterpart of the Heart of Jesus</u>. His Heart is a loving Heart, and that love is symbolized by the flames which St. Margaret Mary saw coming forth from it. Your Heart is also the most affectionate of hearts after that of Jesus. You love us as a mother loves her children. Your eyes ever watch over us; your ears ever listen to our cries; your hands are ever extended over us to help us and impart heavenly gifts to us; above all, your Heart is full of tenderest care for us.

<u>The Heart of Jesus was a pure Heart</u> symbolized by the light that St. Margaret Mary saw streaming round it. Your Heart was also a pure Heart, pure as the light, purer than the snow, free from the stain of original sin, from the least taint of actual sin, from the least evil tendency of our fallen nature – a heart full of light and beauty reflecting to the full the radiance of the Sacred Heart of your Divine Son.

<u>Your Heart is</u> pure and <u>spotless</u> because it is sanctified beyond all other hearts by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, making it worthy to be the dwelling-place of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You are the spotless tabernacle, the earthly resting-place prepared for the Son of God, hence the Church pays loving respect to your Immaculate Heart.

3. Mary, Mother of God, <u>your Immaculate Heart is the Hope of the world</u>. In your apparitions at Fatima you revealed that it is in the designs of the Divine Mercy to cure the world through your Heart. As the heart of a mother triumphs over the just anger of a father in an earthly family so your Heart will triumph by averting the force of God's justice upon this sinful world. In your six apparitions at Fatima you made repeated demands for penance and reparation.

Grant that we all may heed your warning, for only through penance and reparation can we blot out sin and the insult it afflicts on God. Penance and reparation is the one sure way of winning God's love and blessing for a misguided and sinful world. In the past you have expressed your willingness to help and made your requests in your personal apparitions. Be pleased to lead mankind securely to certain victory over Communism through the triumph of your Immaculate Heart as you promised at Fatima: "In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph and an era of peace will be conceded to humanity."

I consecrate myself entirely to your Immaculate Heart. I consecrate to you my very being and my whole life: all that I have, all that I love, all that I am. To you I give my body, my heart and my soul. I desire that all that is in me and around them may belong to you and may share in the benefits of your motherly blessing. I promise to devote myself wholeheartedly to the spreading of devotion to your Immaculate Heart so that the Kingdom of the Sacred Heart may come and He may reign with you in my heart and in the hearts of all men.