

## OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF JUNE 25, 2004

**“Dear Children! Also today, joy is in my heart. I desire to thank you for making my plan realizable. Each of you is important, therefore, little children, pray and rejoice with me for every heart that has converted and become an instrument of peace in the world. Prayer groups are powerful, and through them I can see, little children, that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world. Thank you for having responded to my call.”**

### Rejoice with Me

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of her coming, Our Lady calls us to rejoice – letting the light of heaven fall on our dark and sinful world marked by strife and division. Hers are words of encouragement helping us to dedicate ourselves anew to all she asks.

#### A. Each of You is Important.

1. Renew your sense of responsibility she seems to be saying to us. We may be tempted to think our contribution is very meager and not worth much, but she is quick to dispel such an illusion. She would like us to remember her words of yesteryear: “You are not able to comprehend how great your role is in God’s designs.”
  - a. Ivan recently made this statement during a talk in Medjugorje:  
“I still ask myself: Why me? I asked Our Lady: ‘Mother, will I fulfill all that you ask of me, all that you expect from me?’ All I know is I also ask this question of her quite often: ‘Mother, are you content with me?’ All I know is that 23 years ago Our Lady put her finger on me and so I must respond.”
  - b. Our Lady has put her finger on us, and we should pray each day for the grace to respond. And in our prayer we should ask Our Lady the same questions that Ivan asks.
2. Chosen. Elsewhere Our Lady has indicated that she chose each one of us in our infancy and that she has watched over us as we grew, helping us prepare for our great role. Our Lady never asks the impossible, so we can be sure that if she expects us to perform a role in her plan she most assuredly gives us more than enough grace to fulfill what she expects of us. And she is with us.

#### B. Prayer Groups are Powerful.

1. Union. “In union there is strength.” If each one is important, and there is a gathering of important people praying together, then there is great power. The mission of the Holy Spirit is to foster union and it is under His influence that people come together to pray as of “one mind and one spirit, one heart and one love” in the presence of Jesus and Mary.
2. Family. The visionaries keep insisting that the “Family” is the basic prayer group and so if family members gather together for prayer, the power of the Holy Spirit is unleashed in a special way.
  - a. Sr. Lucy of Fatima: “On account of the power Our Father has given to the Rosary in recent times, there is no personal or family problem, no national or international incident that cannot be resolved with the Rosary.”
  - b. Vicka: “There is no evil that can resist a complete Rosary prayed by a group, especially family groups, from the heart.”
  - c. Our Lady: “Pick up your Rosary and defeat the devil!”

#### C. Prayer with Mary Makes us Invincible.

1. Pope John Paul II: From 2000 and henceforth, your permanent icon should be the Apostles gathered in prayer with Our Lady in the Upper Room. Such an image suggests the coming of the Holy Spirit to renew the Church...which the Pope has promised many, many times.
2. St. John Vianney: “One ‘Hail Mary’ well said makes hell tremble.”
3. During an Exorcism, satan confessed: “God has given Her (Our Lady) the power to drive us away. She does this through the Rosary. It is our ruin, our defeat.”