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

"Dear children! With great joy in my heart I thank you for all the prayers that, in these days, you offered for my intentions. Know, little children, that you will not regret it, neither you nor your children. God will reward you with great graces and you will merit eternal life. I am near you and thank all those who, through these years, have accepted my messages, have poured them into their life and decided for holiness and peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."

"With Great Joy In My Heart"

This message on the 25th anniversary of the apparitions is a landmark of great significance. Our Lady is full of joy because we have made her happy by responding to her requests. She once said: "You do not know what a great thing it is to bring joy to my heart." She is so grateful because of the overwhelming importance and significance of our cooperation: "You cannot comprehend all that God is planning through each one of you." (4-25-87) Yet, we must humbly admit that our response has often been very feeble and whatever good that has been accomplished has come from the very many graces and blessings showered upon us through her intercession. If she is grateful, we are even more so.

The hidden "call" in this message is to continue to make her happy by responding more energetically and conscientiously to her reasons for joy....

A. "I Am Near You."

- 1. The secret of success in everything that Our Lady requests lies in the power of her presence. She is watching our every step and is involved, as Vicka says, in every detail of our life whether we realize it or not. She wants so much to be a part of our life at every moment by having us recognize her presence and love for us, so that we would be united with her lovingly in thought, word, and action at every moment.
- 2. "Open your hearts. Allow me to enter. Let me lead you. I will make you happy." (3-18-93) Everything will go well in whatever we do, if we just give her a chance to be involved in our life and projects. It is such a simple thing, and yet there are dramatic and extravagant consequences to it. United with her in mind and heart is the very best gift we could possibly give her to make her supremely happy.
- 3. <u>Consecration</u>. The meaning we give to the daily Act of Consecration to her is the way we start living a Marian way of life. One look at her face to face is enough to stir our heart, to give birth to full confidence and trust that she will take care of everything, to affect a complete surrender on our part with a promise of docility to whatever she wants. And then we ask: "Impress <u>true</u> love in our hearts so that we have a continuous desire for you."

B. "Prayers Offered for My Intentions."

- 1. "Pray because in prayer I am with you." (3-18-93) Prayer is the best way to realize the presence of Our Lady, because by prayer we step out in Faith to enter another world, the real world where Jesus and Mary constantly await us. In the Gospels, Jesus asks us to pray continually, and so does Our Lady. Why? Because prayer expresses the desire to be with them, and desire and love are the same St. Augustine tells us.
- 2. <u>Holiness and Peace</u> are the fruits of prayer ("prayer is the only way to obtain peace") and so by praying we are showing that we have decided to grow in holiness and to search for peace.
- 3. With Mary, prayer becomes a joy. She wants us to rest in her heart and to lead us in prayer to Jesus. Without Mary, prayer wanders.

C. "My Messages."

- 1. Every day she wants us to read them because she will be with us to help us apply them to our particular circumstances revealing her desires to us.
- 2. "Enter into their profundity." "All graces are at your disposal!" ('83 and '88)
- 3. "You are responsible for the messages and will have to answer to me and to my Son." (5-8-86)