OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF JUNE 25, 2007

"Dear children! Also today, with great joy in my heart, I call you to conversion. Little children, do not forget that you are all important in this great plan, which God leads through Medjugorje. God desires to convert the entire world and to call it to salvation and to the way towards Himself, who is the beginning and the end of every being. In a special way, little children, from the depth of my heart, I call you all to open yourselves to this great grace that God gives you through my presence here. I desire to thank each of you for the sacrifices and prayers. I am with you and I bless you all. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Father And Mother Are Calling

A. God the Father Desires to Convert the Entire World.

When Our Blessed Mother says "God" she is generally speaking of the Father. It would be good to listen again to some of the beautiful and urgent words the Father spoke to Blessed Eugenia Ravasco (1845-1900), beatified by the late Pope John Paul II on July 5, 2002.

- 1. "These are the days of salvation and blessing. My Hour has come!
 - a. Time presses. I wish men to know as soon as possible that I love them and that I feel the greatest happiness in being with them and talking with them, like a father with His children.
 - Man sins, but it is precisely then that My infinite generosity shows itself. At every moment My protection manifests itself through graces and benefits. There is a Father Who is above all fathers, Who loves you and will never cease to love you.
 - c. I live among you as a Father with His family in the Eucharist the vessel of My favors, My riches and My love, to give them to my children."
- 2. "No one has yet understood the infinite desire of My divine, paternal Heart to be known, loved and honored by all men three gifts I wish to receive coming from men, so that I may always be merciful and good.
 - a. The more you honor Me the more you honor My Son, and if you come to know Me, you will love Me. Call Me by the familiar name of Father and Friend.
 - b. How many creatures do not even know the Hand that shaped them. I would like you to go to them in My Name and speak to them of Me. Tell them they have a Father Who wants to give them the treasures that He possesses.
 - c. I promise you, men's conversion will come sooner. Let them know that I want only one thing: to love them all, to give them My grace, to forgive them, to judge them with My Mercy."

- 3. "In conclusion, I make you a promise: call Me by the sweet name of Father, with confidence and love, and you will receive everything from this Father, with love and mercy.
 - a. I would also like you to spend free time with Me, so that you can console Me and love Me. I desire a person to remember that I am right there where he is, living just as he is.
 - b. Day by day, I will talk to you about My wishes, about My joys, My sorrows, and most of all I will show men My infinite goodness and My tender and compassionate love.
 - c. I ask you to spend your days in a spirit of recollection. In your heart, even when you are among others, talk to Me and listen to Me. If only you knew how much I desire to be known, loved and honored by men with a special devotion! I have had this desire for all eternity and since the creation of the first man. I have expressed this desire at various times, but man has never understood it. Now this desire makes Me forget all the past, if only it can become a reality now in My creatures all over the world."

B. Our Mother: "Do Not Forget That You Are All Important to This Great Plan.

If you read carefully the many and voluminous writings of Pope John Paul II, you will be able to detect seven elements or stages in everyone's calling today. It is a true theology of vocation.

- 1. <u>Plan</u>. God has a plan. He always has a plan, because He is Wisdom Itself. Man is called to recognize God's Plan, because it is an expression of His Will and all our blessings flow from the accomplishment of His Will. When man sinned, God came up with an even greater plan centered on a New Adam and a New Eve in the persons of Jesus and Mary, the Mystery of our salvation.
- 2. <u>Choice</u>. Looking down the ages, there were millions of possibilities of people who could assist as cooperators in helping to achieve the Father's designs. And He chose each one of us. That choice, the Pope says, is a sign of predilection and, as such, is an invitation to cultivate a special friendship with God.
- 3. <u>Unique</u>. God created each one of us according to His image, but endowed with a unique combination of qualities drawn from the Father, Son and Holy Spirit that no one else past, present, or future would ever repeat. So it is important for us to develop these God-given qualities here below, in order to fill out our place in the divine tapestry.
- 4. <u>Mission</u>. Each of us has a special mission to fulfill according to the time, place, and circumstances of our life. This mission is so special that no one else will ever be able to replace us. God is depending on us to do our part.
- 5. <u>Path</u>. God has outlined an ideal path for us to take and attached special graces to each stage in our journey. It is our responsibility to seek His Will at every stage. However, God respects our free will and accompanies us on every turn we make.
- 6. <u>Guidance</u>. In order to help us along our way, God has special words to say to us

that no one else will ever hear, special directions to guide us. Our responsibility is to listen and we do that in prayer. The Pope says that real prayer starts when we begin to listen.

7. <u>Destiny</u>. Each of us has a reserved seat in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who wants us to occupy our place here below. It is a call to closeness and intimacy with Jesus so that we can sense His desires and His Will.

C. "I Call You to Open Yourselves to This Great Grace."

- 1. "This Great Grace" Our Lady tells us "My Presence Here." She is the gift of the Father to help and assist us as our mother.
 - a. Every day we should thank the Father for the gift of Our Blessed Mother. She has told us that several times she has won for us the postponement of the chastisement, so, thanks to her, we are living on borrowed time.
 - b. The best thanks we can give the Father is to accept the gift of Mary. We do that by living our consecration renewed every day. We live in her heart and her love by letting her be our mother. We walk with her and talk with her, we ask for her guidance and protection, and above all we let her lead us in every prayer.
- 2. The best sign that we love her is to do her will. She continually asks for our daily conversion as in this message; i.e., our openness to the changes we know we should make in our life.
 - a. That means more and more prayer, constant prayer, offered from our heart and in union with her.
 - b. That means more and more little sacrifices each day, our readiness to offer up everything as a sacrifice as requested by the Angel of Fatima.
 - c. She readily blesses us all with the gift of her presence, and the grace to accomplish all she asks.

-Rev. Robert Hughes, S.M.