

## OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF JUNE 25, 2008

**“Dear children! Also today, with great joy in my heart, I call you to follow me and to listen to my messages. Be joyful carriers of peace and love in this peaceless world. I am with you and I bless you all with my Son Jesus, the King of Peace. Thank you for having responded to my call.”**

### Follow Me and Listen to My Messages

#### **A. With Joy in My Heart.**

1. **This 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of Our Lady's appearances is an occasion of joy for Our Blessed Mother because of the response that her children have given to her monthly calls, her messages. If you look back over Our Lady's messages for June 25, you will see that she is indeed a Loving Mother always thanking us for our prayers and sacrifices and encouraging us to continue responding to her.
2. **Since the Year 2000**, here are her June 25 statements:
  - a. “Do not forget that I am with you and I love you.” (2000)
  - b. “I bless you with my Motherly Blessing.” (2001)
  - c. “Live my messages and put into life every word.” (2002)
  - d. “I call you with great joy to live my messages.” (2003)
  - e. “Joy is in my heart and I thank you for making my plan realizable.” (2004)
  - f. “I thank you for every sacrifice.” (2005)
  - g. “With great joy in my heart, I thank you for all the prayers.” (2006)
3. **She is a Good Mother**, not spanking us or chiding us, but trying to bring out the best in us, encouraging us to give our very best. When she is joyful because of our feeble efforts, we tend to keep on trying and giving. When she is joyful, she makes us joyful.

#### **B. Follow Me and Listen to My Messages.**

1. **Attention.** There is nothing more frustrating to a teacher than to have pupils who are not listening. As she said, her messages come from heaven and therefore they contain so many good things for us – all our graces for the month. We should view them as an expression of the Will of God and the tender concern of a Mother who knows what is best for us. She is the Seat of Wisdom and Jesus said once that she is eminently qualified to guide us in the spiritual life.
2. **Prayer.** Ivan used to say that all of our Lady's messages are prayers. That means that when we read them we have to put ourselves into a prayer mode and pray them with a living Faith, and with great care and attention. St. Teresa of Avila summed up all the stages of prayer to the progressive quality of our attention to the divine.
3. **Listen.** Have you ever noticed that the words “Listen” and “Silent” have exactly the same letters? So in order to listen to Our Lady's messages we have to establish an atmosphere of exterior and interior silence. In that way, our heart is totally open and we can concentrate all our energies on the speaker.

#### **C. Be Carriers of Peace and Love.**

1. **Prayer – the Foundation of Peace.** Our Lady: “I pray for you that you may comprehend that each of you is a carrier of peace. You cannot have peace if your heart is not at peace with God. That is why pray, pray, pray, because prayer is the foundation of your peace. Open your heart; give time to God and He will be your friend. When true friendship with God is realized, no storm can destroy it.” (June 25, 1997) In prayer we become one with God and He is with us.
2. **Love.** Again, Our Lady: “I call you all to love, not with a human love, but with God's love. Your life will be more beautiful and without self-interest. You will comprehend that God gives Himself to you in the simplest way out of love. Without love you cannot comprehend that God needs to be in the first place in your life. So to comprehend my words that I give you out of love, pray, pray, pray.” (September 25, 1997)
3. **Mary.** “I am your Mother and I love you and I want to teach you and guide you. I want to realize a meeting of hearts – My heart, Jesus' Heart and your heart, one heart of love and peace.” (July 25, 1999)