



## MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE, MARCH 25, 2014 MEDJUGORJE

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“Dear Children! I invite you once again: Start your battle against sin and in the early days, go to confession and opt for holiness. The Love of God will flow to the world through you, peace will be in your hearts and the Blessing of God shall fill you. I am with you and I intercede for all of you before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having answered my call!”

### REFLECTION

The Most Blessed Virgin starts her message, with the two most gratifying words that our ears have heard in their lives.! How it rejoices our hearts, the being told we are loved! And, furthermore, when that someone repeating how much we are loved and cared for, is none other than the Mother of God, who calls us “children”. She cannot lie, but rather recalls the testament of her Son when He was dying, and looking at her, He tells her: “Woman! behold your son”, take care of him, as you have cared for Me. And the Blessed Mother adds: “I invite you again.” Just as her Son did while preaching, that He never imposed or forced, but rather He suggested, insinuated and invited, she says: “begin your battle against sin.”...What is sin? Someone has defined it as a break up with God, breakup with our neighbor, breakup with creation and breakup with ourselves. Today, the notion of sin has been lost, because we have lost the notion of God. Anything goes, nothing is forbidden, mankind presumes and is proud of being sinners....! Poor creatures! If you only knew that to sin is to crucify Christ again! (as Saint Paul says). If mankind was aware that a breakup with God, is to commit suicide, as without God we cannot live as a person. And, of course, of we breakup with God, all other breakups are explained, since in the rest of all creatures the image of God is seen, -is where God’s signature is- as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said. To fight against sin is equivalent to be armed with all of the ascetic means that Christ teaches us in the Gospel, and that before teaching them He Himself lived them. It supposes to employ the two most effective and infallible means, taught to us by Christian doctrine, as are: **FASTING AND PRAYER.**

The Blessed Virgin recognizes that in the beginning Conversion was taken very seriously, and for that, throughout the world prayer groups were founded. The fasting with bread and water on Wednesdays and Fridays, became a practice for many, but we must recognize, that we are living a stage in the history of life, in which it appears that we are tired, that the messages from Our Mother, do not concern us so much. We have fallen into despair and tiredness. The expression from Pope Pius XII has become reality: “The tiredness of the good.”

But, we are still on time, deadlines are continuing to be given to us, the Lord does not get tired of waiting, and much less a mother as it pertains to her children. It is true that we have veered away

from Christ, but once more during this Lent, we are invited to change, to place ourselves, to break patterns or schemes, to doubt of what we see as “truths”. And for our benefit, the Blessed Virgin points us towards the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the means that changes us from slaves of Satan into children of God, from heirs of Hell into heirs of Heaven. When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saint Padre Pio of Pietralcina says: “It is the Blood of Christ that falls upon the soul in the form of rain, washing it and purifying it, and leaving it just as clean as on the day of Baptism.”

And that is what holiness is about, to live each day doing the will of God. To the visionaries the Queen of Peace told them once, that in order to bring peace to others, they [the visionaries] would have to live it themselves first, that for the world to convert, they [the visionaries] would have to convert first. She now tells us the same: “The love of God will flow through us to the world”. We are called to be apostles, as the many times our Mother in heaven has repeated the call to us, we are the chosen instruments, chosen by God to transmit our faith to others: “Let them see your good deeds, and by seeing those deeds, they give glory to the Heavenly Father.” We, as is Mary, must be co-redeemers of a world who is on course and in ways leading to the perdition of bodies and souls.

In the book of Ezekiel we read: “But if you warn the wicked man, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself” (Ez. 33:9)

“Peace will rule in your hearts as will the blessing of God”

From here on we start to live a sort of advance of a piece of heaven, as, just as Saint Paul we will be transforming into Christ and we can say in truth: “I live, but it is not I who lives, but rather Christ Himself, who lives in me.”

And the most gratifying of all of this message is, that the Blessed Virgin encourages us, when She tells us we are not alone, but rather that She is with us and intercedes before Her Son for us. What more could we wish for? What does a son or a daughter have to fear when their Mother is with them? And, besides, in this case, she asks Her Son who is God, who is Omnipotent, to help us in this hard battle against the Evil One?

The Queen of Peace hopes, that during this time of Lent, we turn our lives around, and that shedding the rags of the old man (as St. Paul says), we dress ourselves as the new man and woman. That in dying with Christ and like Christ, we rise to never die again. Amen

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