



MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY "QUEEN OF PEACE" MEDJUGORJE, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

"Dear children! Also today I call you to also be like the stars, which by their light give light and beauty to others so they may rejoice. Little children, also you be the radiance, beauty, joy and peace – and especially prayer – for all those who are far from my love and the love of my Son Jesus. Little children, witness your faith and prayer in joy, in the joy of faith that is in your hearts; and pray for peace, which is a precious gift from God. Thank you for having responded to my call."

R E F L E X I O N

"The night is almost over. The day approaches. Let us then get rid of the works of darkness, and clothe ourselves with the deeds of light (Rom. 13, 12)

When night and day come to mind, o better yet when we are living one of these two realities, we affirm that night is synonym of darkness, obscurity, silence, sadness, inactivity, (and at times), even of fear, terror, death, even the sick get worse, it is like if we were lacking life or our operative capacity diminishes. The day on the other hand, makes us happy, fill us with illusion, it allows to contemplate the wonders of creation, the variety of colors, a bright sky with clouds toying in it. What Saint Paul wants to tell us is, that we transfer this comparison with another night and another sun, these being sin and grace. God and the absence of God. The Apostle of the peoples and his calling, urges to resist for the little time we have left, since it is past midnight, dawn is near. The same is told to us by Saint Peter, "that we resist, firm in faith." Comparing darkness with the demon, and the day with God.

In her message of this month the Virgin reminds us, that just as Jesus our model, we are to be light, that not only shines on us, but at the same time we light the way to others. That in the midst of this darkness, we let ourselves be illuminated by the Sun of justice that has no setting; that by the grace of God transforms us into other Christs, so that there will never be darkness on our souls. That we are like stars to those who look at us and they are temporarily blinded just as Moses was after spending forty days and nights, in contact with God at Mount Sinai. That way we will pass that joy onto others, a joy that does not belong to us, because we are of God, we are "divine." And, we go back to Saint Paul, who insistently reiterates that we live the happiness. "Be happy {joyful} in the Lord. I tell you, be glad" (Phi. 4, 4-9).

Thus, filled with joy, of happiness, filled with God, illuminated and illuminating, we will be in constant contact with God, in perpetual dialogue, and this spontaneous attitude is

contagious, it influences and transmits that light, it transform the dead man into a live man, man resurrects and the divine affiliation is recovered, we go from the desert to the meadows, we repeat, from night into day. "Let us abandon the deeds of those who walk in the night, and clothe ourselves of the man that has his feet planted on earth, but his heart in the heavens.

Everything commented so far, has a name: "Testimony" (bear witness). "Let them see your good deeds and give glory to the Heavenly Father." Things would be so different if our Christian Life, was in fact truly Christian. That would be true if we believed in everything that is revealed, if we kept the Commandments, if we were praying souls, and, above all, if we received the Sacraments duly prepared. Nowadays the same person who says he/she does not believe in the Eucharist, yet are seeing taking Holy Communion. Persons who do not forgive and yet you see them praying the Our Father, reciting Christian novenas, Holy Rosaries, carry medals, and are not capable of giving part of their wealth or goods, to help those who starve to death. Testimony of faith, and that is that no one is saved if there is no love. The devils have faith and so those who are condemned, and their dwelling is in hell. Many people say they believe, but their lives, their behaviors are those of atheists, of non-believers. Our Mother in Heaven promises us that we are coherent with our faith, her Son will give us that precious gift of peace.

I close, not before mentioning our beloved Pope Francis, who with great and strong courage is willing to renew the Church. When I say Church, I say it in a broad sense, of a society made by all of us who are baptized. The Vicar of Christ has put the cards on the table face up, he wants a humble, poor, praying, closer to the needy Church. He wants a clergy that are shepherds close to their sheep, to know their faithful, to share their existence with the souls entrusted to him, to come out of the sacristies, that the churches cease to be service stations, shepherds that do not leave their flock without the spiritual nourishment of the Eucharist, not to let the confessionals be empty. Clergymen are entitled to take vacations, but the faithful have also the right to the daily Holy Mass, to temples with open doors where the Blessed Sacrament can be visited. He asks the laity to smell their shepherds, but for that to happen according to the Code of Canon Law, the clergy must wear the shepherds clothes and be identified as such. May God give our dear Pope many long years of life, so that with his words but above all with his example as the example of Jesus, we can say with the Gospel: " He began to say and do" (Act. 1).

I embrace you all.

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