

Message from our Blessed Mother of June 02/2014 and reflection by Fr. Verar

“Dear children, I, your mother, am with you for the sake of your well-being, for the sake of your needs and for the sake of your personal cognition. The Heavenly Father gave you the freedom to decide on your own and to become cognisant on your own. I desire to help you. I desire to be a mother to you, a teacher of the truth – so that in the simplicity of an open heart, you may become cognisant of the immeasurable purity and of the light which comes from it and shatters darkness, the light which brings hope. I, my children, understand your pain and suffering. Who could understand you better than a mother? And you, my children? Small is the number of those who understand and follow me. Great is the number of those who are lost – of those who have not yet become cognisant of the truth in my Son. Therefore, my apostles, pray and act. Bring the light and do not lose hope. I am with you. In a special way I am with your shepherds. With a motherly heart I love and protect them, because they lead you to Heaven that was promised to you by my Son. Thank you.”

Keep in mind that the message of the 2nd of every month, the Blessed Virgin give it, particularly for the pilgrims that are in Medjugorje for the apparition, and for the faithful that next to Her, pray on the 2nd of every month for **<for those who do not experience the love of God in their hearts>**

In the first part of the message, the Mother speaks about her close relationship with her children: **<I call you, I take you all....I have joined you to my Heart, I have come amongst you and bless you. I know that you wish for my comfort and hope. Because I love you and intercede for you>**, Perhaps in no other message had she been so explicit about this relationship. But that relationship, regrettably, many children do not understand it and thus she must remind them. So, these first phrases are to be meditated in silence and discern as to why she tells us such a thing, as in the everyday practice, in many Christians, something else happens with the Virgin: they do not listen to her voice, do not accept it, do not learn to walk with Her....In fact, many people experiment and frequently look for the love of a spouse, of the parents, of the children, of friends....and yet, they do not experiment and look for with the same interest for the love of Mary. It is not that the love of Mary must be the first, because the first one is the love of God, but be reminded that if you do not experience the love of God, you will not experience the love of the Mother either. Everything in its place. First love the Blessed Trinity, then the Virgin and then the family.

The Virgin when she speaks with these words, it is with the wish of helping her children. However, the reality is that many do not want to receive her help, or they do not look for it properly, and that is why the Mother has to speak to us this way: **<I call you and take you all as my sons and daughters....I have gathered you all in my Heart, I have come amongst you and I bless you. I know that you wish for my comfort and hope, because I love you and intercede for you>**. To follow, here comes the exhortation of the message, the new call to her children: **<I ask that you join me in my Son and be my apostles>** and in our judgment that phrase is the heart of the message; that is: Mary asks her children, this time, to join Her in her Son and to be her apostles. I think that the first thing to join Mary, with Jesus, is to accept Her as Mother and Educator. It all begins with this act of the will, that it could also be translated to open our hearts and learn how to walk with Her. It could help, for those who have not yet done it, to consecrate themselves to our Blessed Mother as told by Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort in the **Treaty of the True Devotion to the Virgin Mary**. However, the “yes” to the Virgin, must be done each day, as it was done by Saint John Paul II “totus tuus”. It is also important to pray each day, with the heart, the Holy Rosary, as it

is through the Holy Rosary that the Mother guides her children. The Rosary is a sweet chain of love that joins us to Mary. Without the Rosary it is impossible to live joined to Her. On the other hand, we must keep in mind, that through the frequent praying of the Holy Rosary. We also join Jesus, who is the center of the meditations while we pray the Hail Mary's. Remember that the Rosary is, fundamentally, a Christological prayer. It is also very important to mediate each day **the messages** that the Mother gives us. When a person is in love with another, in his or her heart, he or she feels the need to listen, to receive his or her words; he or she feels that the words, in a certain way, fill the heart. The same must happen with the messages for the Virgin every month, we must feel that the messages are part of our daily life, that through the messages the Mother fills our hearts, she nurtures us.

Also in the message the Virgin has said: **"Be my apostles"**. What does this mean? It is not to go out and say everywhere: "the Virgin appears in Medjugorje". No, that would be a serious mistake. It is rather the contrary: be more silent, learn to stay quiet so it can be God speaking to the hearts of others, Nowadays people talk too much, generally more than what they should and that is why they get into problems. Therefore, we must learn to be silent and to speak only in the opportune moments. And wait for the Mother and Jesus to tell us when. Then, to be apostles of the Virgin, also means to be silent, so She can speak through our lips and not our sinful humanity. The apostle is the person of silence, as Saint Joseph, as Mary in the Gospel, and like Jesus Himself who spoke little; only in the opportune moments, so much so, that in 33 years of His life, the Gospels collect basically the same words.

Also to be an apostle of the Virgin means to opt for holiness. A word that not many want to hear, or, they are not interested. Remember that the true apostle is a holy apostle, To be an apostle is not enough to be personally called by Jesus or Mary. No. The we have the case of Judas the Iscariot. Judas was called by Jesus, saw His miracles, was by his side, listened to His catechesis, and yet he was not a saint. To be with Jesus, to know His words, to see His miracles are not synonyms of holiness or apostolate. Nor from those who work much for Him. The biggest scandals of the Church, come from the activism of the consecrated. People that worked so much and at the end they scandalized the Church. The same could happen with Medjugorje: people that work a lot but without advancing in virtue, without putting into practice what the Mother asks. To be an apostle of the Virgin means: to take holiness seriously, as a vocation, as a preferential option in life. Remember that the Virgin does not come to earth to be a tourist; for Her, it is not necessary to appear to know what is going on here below. No. She knows it all and that is why She speaks as She does, telling us what we must do. The apostle of the Virgin is the one who takes the holiness of his or her life seriously. That is the most important. That is why Mary says, for us to be apostles, **< I invite you again to love. There is no love without prayer-there is no prayer without forgiveness, because love is prayer – and forgiveness is love. My dear children, God has created you to love, love so you can forgive. Each prayer comes from the love that joins you to my Son and to the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit enlightens you and makes you my apostles, apostles that everything you do, you will do in the Name of the Lord.>**

Lets us carefully observe the message: **the foundation of the apostolate it is love, and love is holiness**; the most virtuous in the Church, is who love the most. Therefore, the Mother, once more underlines what is the base of Her apostolate are not mere words, but rather a life of love, which is

holiness. Something that seems that many children neglect, and do not give it the importance it has. At this time, many are pending of the soccer tournament that in their own holiness. It is a mistake to let you be manipulated by consumerism. The children of Mary cannot fall into this error. In fact, the Mother has not said “watch the games” but rather She has said: **“I invite you again to love. There is no love without prayer....”**

Then in these days that precede the 33rd anniversary, are to recycle what the call to the Marian Apostolate consists of, essentially, **in love, prayer and forgiveness.**

The Mother has said: **◀My dear children, God has created you to love, love so you can forgive. Each prayer comes from the love that joins you to my Son and to the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit enlightens you and makes you my apostles, apostles that everything you do, you will do in the Name of the Lord.▶** Many distance themselves- we must warn- from the spirituality of Medjugorje because, instead of listening to the Mother, they let themselves be led by pride, to also pray with the heart each time it costs them more to forgive and thus they have difficulty also praying with the heart. In this message the Virgin gives a meaningful clue about the prayer with the heart . She has said: **◀Each prayer comes from the love that joins you to my Son and to the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit enlightens you and makes you my apostles, apostles that everything you do, you will do in the Name of the Lord.▶** To pray with the heart then means, to pray with love, and without forgiveness there cannot be love; we cannot pray with the heart when we do not forgive, when you do not love. Ro sum it up, the apostle of Mary is not the one who is most up to date with what is happening in Medjugorje, or who travels the most to that belled land of Mary **he who loves the most, he forgives the most** and in conclusion , who advances more in virtue. The apostle of Mary is the one that has the most love in his or her heart, and not who speaks the most, who has the most money and has an education, or does more work. Mary says: **◀They will pray with deeds and not just words, because they love my Son, and understand the way of the truth that leads to eternal life.▶**

Also in the message- as it has become habitual- the Mother asks again for the shepherds of the Church: **◀ Pray for your shepherds, so they can always guide you with a pure heart o the way to truth and love, by the way of my Son.▶** Therefore, each time we pray the Rosary, in the Liturgy of the Hours, in the Blessed Sacrament Adoration, in the prayer group...we must place forth the Blessed Trinity and commend the shepherds of the Church. I would say even more, that on the 2nd day of each month, we must this intention present. Do not forget that the lives of the shepherds of the Church are accompanied by our prayers and sacrifices, and the Mother presents the message and the prayers with this purpose: **◀so they can always guide you with a pure heart, on the way to truth and love, by the way of my Son.▶**