

PREPARE CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOL OF MARY QUEEN OF PEACE.

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The Latin American movement of Mary Queen of Peace, keeps growing bearing many fruits; we finished this year with 3 National Congresses in Mexico, Colombia and Argentina, and, at this time the International Congress to be held in Nicaragua (January 2015) with the participation of Marija Pavlovic. This Congress is for the members of the Centers and Prayer Groups duly accredited and previously registered to attend. At the end of this Congress, Marija along with her husband and myself, will visit some countries in America, where she has been invited by some Bishops.

The daily presence of the Virgin Mary in Medjugorje, for over 33 years, is the biggest and most extraordinary intervention of God in the history of mankind, after Pentecost. And when the Magisterium recognizes the supernaturalism of this event, these manifestations will enhance the figure of Mary in the Church as it had never happened in history. Keep in mind besides, that also in Medjugorje the Virgin narrated her earthly life during 18 months, and She asked the visionary Vicka Ivankovic to write it to make it known to the faithful when the opportune moment arrives. These 3 notebooks of Vicka, that narrate the life of the Virgin Mary –from her birth to her Assumption- were completed on Pentecost of 1983.

Another interesting fact, is that the visionaries attest that in 1984 the Virgin mentioned to them that the day in which 2000 years of her birth was **august 05**. Meaning that the birth of Mary took place 16 years before the start up of the Christian era. Also on December 25, 1984 Jelena Vasilj had a very interesting vision of Christmas, that we present next, and that was taken from the “**Pray together with a happy heart**” writings of Fr. Slavko Barbaric:

< The virgin had promised me on December 22, that on December 25, She was going to show me how She lived Christmas; and I had the following vision: At the start I saw an angel, who later left. Right away everything turned dark, and from the darkness little by little, appeared a starry sky. In the horizon I saw someone approaching. It was Saint Joseph with a rod on his hand. He was walking on a cobblestone street and in the background, towards where he was heading, I saw several small houses lit. To his side, I saw a donkey, and riding on the donkey, I saw the Virgin who looked very sad, while She told Joseph: “**I am very tired. I so much wish that someone would shelter us for the night**”. And Joseph answered: “**There are some houses. We will ask there**”. When coming to the first house, Joseph knocked. Someone opened, but, the moment he saw Joseph and Mary, he immediately closed the door. This scene repeated itself several times. And, in some cases, just to preclude Mary and Joseph to knock while they were approaching the houses, the house dwellers even turned out the inside lamps. Both, Mary and Joseph were very sad, and Joseph in particular was very hurt, confused and upset for all these rejections. Mary in the midst of her sadness, cheered Joseph up by telling him: “**Joseph: keep the peace! The day of joy has arrived! However, I now wish to pray with you, because there are many people who do not allow Jesus to be born!**”

After having prayed, Mary said: “**Joseph, look: down below there is a stable! Truthfully no one sleeps there. It is surely abandoned**”. And in this way they headed over there. Inside there is a

donkey and, they also lead their donkey before the manger. Then, Joseph gathers some wood to light a fire. The he puts some straw; but, the fire dies immediately. Because both the wood and the straw were very moist. Meanwhile, Mary, looks how to warm herself getting near the donkeys.

To follow, a second scene presented itself. The stable, that up to then was dimly lit, suddenly lit up as if it were daylight. And then , in a moment close to Mary, I saw the newborn Baby Jesus, move His little hands and feet. He has a very sweet face; He seems to be smiling. The sky on the other hand, is filled with many luminous stars. Over the stable, I saw two angels and in their hands was something similar to a large flag, over which it was written **“We glorify You, oh Lord!”**. Above these two angels, there was an enormous heavenly host that sang and glorified God. Then, at some distance from the stable, there was a group of shepherds tending to their flock. They were tired and some of them slept. And an angel comes to them and tells them: **“Shepherds hear the good news: Today, God has been born in your midst! You will find Him, laying in the manger of that stable. Know that what I tell you is true”**. At once, the shepherds headed to the stable and, having found Jesus, they knelt and offered Him simple gifts. Mary thanks them with her sweetness and adds **“I thank you for everything, however, now I wish to pray with you, because many did not want to welcome Jesus who was about to be born”**.

After this, this second scene disappeared, and the third scene came up. I saw the Magi in Jerusalem asking about Jesus, but no one could give them any information; until the Magi saw the star that guided to the stable at Bethlehem, rise again. Ecstatic and deeply moved , they see the Child Jesus , they bow before Him to deeply adore Him and then they offer Him precious gifts. Mary thanks them, and then tells them: **“Now, I wish to pray with you, because many men did not want to adore Jesus”**.

This is where the narration of the Nativity as per Jelena Vasilj ends. We add to all that has been said, that on December 15, 1984, the Virgin proposed the following themes for the mediation of the Christmas Novena.

Day 1, December 16: **“Open your hearts, because Jesus wants to dwell in them after Christmas”**.

Day 2, December 17: **“Welcome Christmas with joy”**.

Day 3, December 18: **“Purify yourselves for Christmas”**.

Day 4, December 19: **“From now on, allow Jesus to have the first place in your hearts”**.

Day 5, December 20: **“Allow that only Jesus, is the one filling you with happiness”**.

Day 6, December 21: **“Let love be present in every one of your words”**.

Day 7, December 22: **“The Man-God is born, He wishes the world united with Him”**.

Day 8, December 23: **“Live in Jesus”**.

Day 9, December 24: **“Do not stray away from Christmas”**.

Messages of the Virgin Mary at Medjugorje in preparation for Christmas

December 1984

December 16: “My dear children: please strive so that from the Church, the fragrance of Christmas emanates! And that Christmas is already at your doorstep! Purify your hearts, so that your hearts are ready to receive Jesus in Christmas. Do not let material things go before the Nativity of Jesus! Dear children, Jesus is born: welcome Him with a joyful heart!”

December 18: “My dear children: I wish that everyone of you prepares in your hearts the manger for Jesus”.

December 21: “My dear children: I wish that all of you be like a flower that blooms for Jesus in Christmas, a flower that will not wilt, and that will never cease to bloom even when Christmas has passed. I wish that your hearts be like the hearts of the shepherds of Bethlehem, before the manger of Jesus”

December 25: “I wish that this Christmas will be for you a Luminous Christmas!”.

REFLEXION

With these messages and the suggestive vision of Jelena Vasilj, we count with sufficient elements to prepare every year, a beautiful Christmas. However, it must not be overlooked, that the first point of reference is that of spiritual preparation, presented by the Divine Liturgy and the Sacred Scriptures. Before these two horizons, the **themes** that the Mother proposes for the Christmas Novena, will also deepen the sense that the same Liturgy proposes each year. Therefore, the best preparation for Christmas will always be to attend the Novena each day, to the Holy Mass, , to meditate the biblical readings of the day, to make a good Confession and to pray the Holy Rosary each day with the heart. Also, we must keep and preserve in every country, the beautiful traditions that adorn with special colors the memorable feast of the Birth of the Redeemer, among them: the processions, the Christmas Carols, the theatrical enactments of Christmas, the decorations mainly those of the Nativity scene so as to pray as a family before the Nativity scene in our households or Churches.

MEDITATION

To open the heart is a difficult task for those who do not have a life of prayer, because the opening of the heart is a fruit of the love of God experienced when we pray. When a man and a woman are truly in love, it is not difficult to open the heart, because love makes the commitment to giving possible. The same occurs between God and us; prayer makes us to be enamored of Him, and when we truly love Him, the heart not only opens to Him, but God remains in our hearts. Therefore to open the heart to Jesus, we must begin to pray. Prayer is that key that opens the heart. Christmas is a time of prayer. When Mary tells us that **Jesus wants to dwell in the heart even after Christmas**, is because She wants for us to make of Christmas, through prayer, a true inner transformation. It is if like someone were to say: “beginning this Christmas your hearts must belong totally to Jesus, do not be afraid to give your hearts to Him”.

When we begin to pray with the heart, the barriers between Jesus and us disappear. The Israelites made 7 turns around the walls of Jericho to take over the city. Jesus wants to do the same: to take possession of our hearts on Christmas. But if we do not pray, He cannot come in. Keep in mind that the Mother teaches that when Jesus was to be born, Joseph knocked on the doors of various homes in Bethlehem, but all those doors were closed; they did not want Jesus to be born, and those families in Bethlehem did not know that they were rejecting their Messiah. Let us not be like those families of Bethlehem that closed their doors on Jesus. Lets us start to intensely begin to pray with the heart in this Novena and ask Jesus that from the first day of the Novena, this one reaches our hearts to fill them with His Love, His Peace and His Joy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!!!!!!