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Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary in Heaven

Dear Children of Medjugorje, praised be Jesus and Mary!

1 - On Aug. 2, 2014, Mirjana received her monthly apparition at the Blue Cross surrounded by a large crowd. After the apparition, she gave the following message:

"Dear children, the reason that I am with you, my mission, is to help the 'good' to win, even though this does not seem possible to you now. I know that you do not understand many things as I also did not understand everything, everything that my Son explained to me while He was growing up alongside me - but I believed Him and followed Him. I ask this of you also, to believe me and to follow me. However, my children, to follow me means to love my Son above everything, to love Him in every person without making differences. For you to be able to do this, I call you anew to renunciation, prayer and fasting. I am calling for the Eucharist to be the life of your soul. I am calling you to be my apostles of light who will spread love and mercy

through the world. My children, your life is only a blink in contrast to Eternal Life. And when you come before my Son, in your hearts, He will see how much love you had. In order to spread love in the right way, I am asking my Son, through love, to grant you unity through Him, unity among you, unity between you and your shepherds. Through them my Son always gives Himself to you anew and renews your soul. Do not forget this. Thank you."

2 - The Youth Festival was extremely refreshing!

The new pastor, Fr Marinko, organized it more like a retreat this year, so it was very deep, prayerful, and joyful. All the details are available on Youtube, or other media, but in this newsletter I'd like to share a very powerful story that Fr. Danko told us during his homily on July 30th, the day before the festival started. There were already many youth present to hear it:

"There is an old Christian legend about a rich and famous lady that spent her life seeking entertainment and living in luxury; but as she got older, she began to pray and think about Eternal Life and the Kingdom of God. She sincerely thought that she would have a wonderful place there. She was convinced that a very powerful and rich person on earth would also be powerful and rich in Heaven. So God decided to show her in what way she would truly achieve greater joy in Heaven. He spoke to her in a dream, and her Guardian Angel offered to take her to Heaven to see what is awaiting the blessed ones who go there. Of course, she agreed. When they arrived, they took a walk through a beautiful valley of flowers, and on both sides were immense palaces, each one more beautiful than the next.



"To whom do these homes belong?" She asked the Angel. "To various people who were pleasing to God," he said. And he began to recite their names. Soon the two came to a place that was just being built. Many Angels were working really hard.

"To whom will this palace go?" She asked, as she looked at the beautiful home that was just being finished. "It will be your neighbor's palace," the Angel responded. "What? It will be my neighbor's - that poor woman with so many miserable children?" "Yes," he assured her. "This is the palace for her!"

Then she saw a really modest house, built with very poor materials. "Whose is this?" She asked. "It is yours," said the Angel. "How is that possible?" She was shocked! The Angel said, "You see, here they are building this modest house with the materials that they received from you, and they are very earthly. The one who sends us building materials of Heavenly weight - the gold that comes from prayer, pearls that come from good deeds, marble made of much suffering and penance - the angels build that person a palace made of that! Your neighbor sent us many of these materials with her hard life, which was pleasing to God. That is why she will have such a beautiful palace here. What you sent us was enough for this little plastic house."

After the dream, the lady woke up decided to send more precious materials to Heaven by helping others so that she too would receive a worthy place in the company of all saints!"

Now this story, even though it's just a legend, feels so real! Our Lady said in a message, "Dear Children, do not forget that the goal of your life is Heaven! But you are getting lost in material things, Satan is pushing you astray through modernism." So, let us take advantage of this time of rest during summer to stop, suspend for a while the vicious circle of our activities and think: 'Where do I want to spend my Eternal Life? What direction should I choose now to make sure I am on the right track, the track that leads to Heaven, and not on another way that the world is offering me, that looks easier at first, but which will lead me to the wrong place?' The youth festival was a tremendous time for all of us. We were able to re-focus on the true meaning of our life on earth, and stop losing time in petty things. For many of them, thank God, it was the opportunity of a turning point. Our Lady is indeed preparing her special team of apostles for the new time coming! Beautiful!

3. As we celebrate the Mother of God today, I'd like to ponder with you this magnificent pearl for contemplation called "The Dream of the Lord" that I received from a friend.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate One, is the finest creature that God ever created. She is His masterpiece.

Once, the Archangel Gabriel shared this story with a young shepherd about how God prepared His Mother:

"Many centuries ago, long before the universe was created, Adonai (the Lord) wanted to create the finest of all of His works. It seemed to be such an easy work for God, and indeed it was. Among all creatures, there was one who would be the most perfect; and shaped whenever He desired. He wanted to make her so beautiful that it would not be possible to improve her at all. Even He himself would not be capable of making His "work" better.

That is how when the Father, Son and Holy Spirit met (as they always did) they decided unanimously to complete her creation by resolving that she would always be intimately related to all three Divine Persons, and she would receive from Them all of Adonai's beauty and perfection. She would express all of Their traits at the same time, like the most pure mirror.

'I will be her Spouse,' said the Holy Spirit. 'I will make her holy from the beginning of her being. I will conceive in her womb with My presence and she will always be filled with Me and my gifts. She will be Immaculate and full of grace, as only the Spouse of God could be.'

'I will be her Son,' added the Word. 'I will receive her flesh, blood, gestures, and gentleness. I will mold her kisses in a divine way, her gaze and hands will nurture me. Everything of hers will be Divine, for it will be mine.'

'She will be My dearest Daughter,' said the Father. 'She will stand before My eyes and with My gaze I will make her beautiful and I will not be able to stop looking at her, all out of the great love I will have for her.'

That is what the Three of them said. We, angels, who are before God all the time, were listening in amazement, not realizing what kind of angels Adonai would want to create, as He was describing such a wonderful creature. Finally, when Adonai started to dream about the one who was to become His Mother, His Daughter, and His Spouse, we all understood. When He thought about her eyes, He created the sea; thinking about her smile, he filled the flowers with petals; when He missed her gentleness, the doves were born. Since the beginning of the world, He made something of Mary in every woman. (It is a pity that some of them destroy that!)

You already know that jealousy does not exist in Heaven. After the Lord questioned us, and Satan fell from above, we never had that strange problem. We were all very happy. And, do you know what He called Mary? He called her "the Lord's dream". Until the day when the Holy Virgin was born, God told us her name: Full of Grace. That is her name from eternity; that is how I greeted her in her house of Nazareth."

Dearest Mother, carried by the angels into Heaven in the most glorious way, please remember us, sinners, who are striving so hard to follow in your footsteps! Please help us keep our hand in your hand! Lead us surely to Heaven where the Blessed ones constantly praise your beauty!

Sister Emmanuel +

PS 1. Check out my new FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/sisteremmanuel.maillard> and don't forget about our twitter account:

@ChildrenofMedj. Or, add us to your circles on Google+ Sr.emmanuelmaillard@gmail.com
(We're becoming so "social"!!)

PS 2. Why not write a letter to Our Lady? She loves letters and she'll bless you for it! Send it to:
"Queen of Peace", BP 2157, F- 06103 Nice cedex, France. We will give it to a visionary.

PS 3. View the Medjugorje celebrations live, at
home! <http://www.medjugorje.hr/en/multimedia/tv-web/>

PS 4. Read and circulate "News from Medjugorje" by Sr. Emmanuel each month!

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