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Message from Our Lady - 25th August 2009

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Little children, you are not holy enough and you do not radiate holiness to others, therefore pray, pray, pray and work on your personal conversion, so that you may be a sign of God's love to others.

I am with you and am leading you towards eternity, for which every heart must yearn.

Thank you for having responded to my call.

Notes

1. Between this edition of Notes and the next there are feastdays of Our Mother. On September 8th is the Feast of the **Birthday of Our Lady**, and on September 14th is the Feast of **Our Lady of Sorrows**.

2. Notices. - I have two notices to include. The first is about the Day of Prayer at Walsingham in August. **Our Lady Queen of Peace Walsingham Pilgrimage 2009**

The Medjugorje Apostolate for England and Wales Annual Pilgrimage to the **National Shrine of Our**

Lady at Walsingham in Norfolk takes place on **Monday 31st August 2009**. The programme will commence at 1.00pm and finish at 5.30pm. **Father Danko Perutina OFM** from the Parish of St James Medjugorje will be leading the Pilgrimage.

The second is about the **Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux**, which will be in England and Wales in September and October this year, visiting a number of churches. Here are the details of places and dates.

WEDS 16 Sept. Portsmouth Cathedral

THURS 17 Sept. Plymouth Cathedral

FRI 18 Sept. St. Teresa of Lisieux Taunton, Somerset

SAT. 19 Sept. Birmingham Cathedral

MON 21 Sept. Sacred Heart and St. Teresa Coleshill, Birmingham

TUES 22 Sept. Cardiff Cathedral

WEDS. 23 Sept. St Teresa's North Filton Bristol

THURS 24 Sept. Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King Liverpool

FRI 25 Sept. Salford Cathedral Manchester

SUN 27 Sept. Manchester University Chaplaincy

MON 28 Sept. Lancaster Cathedral

WEDS 30 Sept. St. Andrew's Newcastle-upon-Tyne

THURS 1 Oct. York Minster

FRI 2 Oct. Middlesbrough Cathedral

SAT 3 Oct. Leeds Cathedral

MON 5 Oct. Nottingham Cathedral

TUES 6 Oct. National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

WEDS 7 Oct. Oxford Oratory

THURS 8 Oct. St. Joseph's Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

FRI 9 Oct. Aylesford Priory

SUN 11 Oct. Carmelite Church Kensington

MON 12 Oct. Westminster Cathedral London

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Thoughts on the Message

Dear children! Today I call you anew to conversion.

In this message Our Mother reminds us again what her many, many apparitions are for: She is inviting all of her children to convert, change, follow her Son through prayer, fasting, confession, reading the Bible, and by living our faith. In some ways this is a sad start

for us - we are reminded that she is still inviting us to renew our lives, and this is taken a step further in the next part of the message.

Little children, you are not holy enough and you do not radiate holiness to others, therefore pray, pray, pray and work on your personal conversion, so that you may be a sign of God's love to others.

We are not holy enough: if I look at myself I know how true this is. There is so much more I could do, so much more I should do, to become more like the child she is inviting me to be. This could be a discouraging message, but I do not think that this is what is intended; we are being asked to reflect on our progress, and how much more could be achieved if only we were to let God into our lives, to let go and say 'Lord, take my life and lead me'. (The messages about prayer are continuing at the end in the section Previous messages from Medjugorje)

We cannot expect others to believe that we are on the road to conversion if we do not show this in our lives. One of the remarkable things about the visionaries is how they live the messages, and how this touches others lives. I found this message some time ago, and I keep coming back to it.

19/9/85 - Dear children, today I ask you to live in humility all the messages I give you.

Dear children, do not become proud living the messages, saying in your hearts "I live the messages ". If you bear the messages in your heart and if you live them, then everyone will feel it and there will be no need for words; words are used only by those who do not listen. It is not necessary for you to speak with words.

For you, dear children, it is necessary only to live the messages and to witness with your lives.

If we live the messages, others will know far better than if we try to talk about it. Our lives will be a much better sign to others, and in this message it is others Our Mother is concerned about. She is the Mother of all, and so many do not listen, do not follow, or do not know.

I am with you and am leading you towards eternity, for which every heart must yearn.

We are on a journey, and the end is eternity with Our Mother and her Son. Let us pray that we

continue on this journey, and through our lives we bring others with us.

Dear Mother, my conversion journey is not as good as it ought to be, not as consistent as you would want. Please pray for me, so that I can come closer to Your Son.

Previous messages from Medjugorje - Prayer

20/3/86 - Dear children ! I am calling you to an active approach to prayer. You wish to live everything I am telling you, but you do not have results from your efforts because you do not pray.

Dear children, I beg you, open yourselves and begin to pray. Prayer will be a joy. If you begin, it will not be boring because you will pray out of pure joy.

24/4/86 - Dear children ! Today I am calling you to prayer.

Dear children, you are forgetting that everyone is important, especially the elderly in the family. Incite them to prayer. Let all young people be an example by their lives and testify for Jesus.

Dear children, I beg you to start transforming yourselves through prayer and then you will know what you have to do.

3/7/86 - Dear children, today I am calling you to prayer. Without prayer, dear children, you cannot feel either God or me or the graces I am giving you.

Therefore, I ask that at the beginning and end of every day there always be prayer.

Dear children, I wish to lead you in prayer from day to day, but you cannot grow because you do not want to: I am calling you, dear children, that prayer be in first place.....

28/8/86 - Dear children, I call you to be a picture to everyone in everything, especially in prayer and witnessing.

Dear children, I cannot help the world without you. I want you to co-operate with me in everything, even in the smallest things.

Therefore, dear children, help me by your prayer from your heart and by surrendering to me completely. In that way I will be able to teach you and lead you on this road which I began with you.....

25/9/86 - Dear children ! I call upon you to help others, through the peace within yourselves, to recognise what peace is and to begin seeking it for themselves.

You, dear children, are in peace and cannot conceive what it must mean to be without it. For this reason I appeal to you, through your prayers and example, to help everybody destroy all that is evil in their lives and to unmask Satan's deceptions.

Pray that truth may be victorious in every heart.....

From the Archives ...

Some Reflections - April 1989

Several times we are asked to "open our hearts" to God.

31/1/85 - "Dear children, today I wish to tell you to open your hearts to God like flowers in spring yearning for the sun. I am your Mother and I always want you to be closer to the Father and that He will always give abundant gifts to your hearts. Thank you for your response to my call."

What does this mean ? How does this complement the requests for prayer, fasting, etc ? I believe that the important message of Medjugorje is that we have lost our relationship with God, and these messages with requests for prayer, etc. are ways to re-establish or strengthen that relationship.

Let us take prayer first. We cannot understand or love a person if we do not talk to them, but also we must listen to them. The messages do not say "You must say so many Hail Mary's, or so many Rosarys, and then that is all ". The reason why we are recommended to say these prayers is so that we can relate to God in a more special way - all I can say is that we need to feel that there is a personal relationship with God; by reading Gospels we can find out more about the life of Jesus and the way we are asked to live; by meditating on the

events in the Gospel through the Rosary; by local young people in Medjugorje in that way we can truly be praying quite spontaneously, to think about the "without ceasing", as we will always find odd moments in our busy lives when we can just talk to God as a friend; you will all know occasions when it is possible to do this. PRAYER IS NOT JUST FOR CHURCH OR ON OUR KNEES. The important part of prayer is our finding that prayer is an important part of our everyday lives, and that we feel that need to talk to God, be with God, listen to God. Then we can more easily know what God wishes to do with and through our lives.

Prayer can develop from the individual to the family then the group and the parish. Prayer groups have been started

