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## Message from Our Lady - 25th July

Dear children! At this time when you are thinking of physical rest, I call you to conversion.

Pray and work so that your heart yearns for God the Creator who is the true rest of your soul and your body.

May He reveal His face to you and may He give you His peace.

I am with you and intercede before God for each of you.

Thank you for having responded to my call.

## Notes.

1. Between this edition of Notes and the next there are several feastdays of Our Mother. On August 5th is the real **birthday of Our Lady**, as she told the visionaries in 1984. On 15th of August, it is the feast of the **Assumption of Our Lady**, and on 22nd of August is the feast of the **Queenship of Our Lady**.

2. I have been asked to add these details of the

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE & NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER at WALSINGHAM** (in the grounds of the National Catholic Shrine) **Monday 25th August 2008**

led by **Fr Mario Knezovic OFM** (Director of Youth in the Franciscan Parish of Posuje, Editor of Radio Mir in Medjugorje and formerly writer of the commentary on messages from Our Lady)

12.45pm Gathering

1.00pm Praise, Rosary, Litany of Our Lady

1.45pm Talk by Fr Mario

2.45pm Break (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

3.30pm Holy Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

## Thoughts on the Message

Dear children! At this time when you are thinking of physical rest, I call you to conversion.

At this time of the year, when the villagers of the parish of medjugorje would be very busy in the fields, it would have been quite easy to forget the gentle call to convert, with all that was going on around them.

Similarly, in our world of school holidays, things closing for the summer (how many activities in your parish close for the summer ?), when the days do not have the same rhythm as they do at other times, it is easy to forget this gentle call ourselves. We are invited to convert, to change, in spite of the changes around us.

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your body. May He reveal His face to you and may He give you His peace.

Are you busier at this time than you normally are ? Is the summer a time of travel, visits, meeting family, and so many other things ? In these circumstances it is so easy to forget a prayer programme, but we are asked to try to remember that only in God can we find peace.

I am with you and intercede before God for each of you

Finally, we are reminded that Our Mother is beside us, with us, and praying for us, even though we may not be making much progress in our conversion.

Dear Mother, pray for me, be with me.

### **From the Archives**

Some Thoughts - July 1990 - No. 17

14/7/89 - *"Dear children, you know that Youth Year came to an end on 15th of August. I your Mother, wish to consecrate yet another year to youth, but not only to youth: this year is also to be the year of the family. So, dear children, prepare yourselves and your families in the time remaining before 15 August for the new year, which is to be the year of the family."*

... Many times Our Lady had asked for prayer in the family. One of the many important features in the spiritual life of Medjugorje is the way that families pray together. Why this emphasis ? there are so many reasons for this; the family is where spirituality grows, where love of one another as well as love of God grows. But there are other reasons for this as this extract from a message to Mirjana shows.

14/4/82 - *"..... When the secrets I have confided to you come about, his (Satan's) power will be destroyed. Satan has become aggressive because he is losing his power. He is breaking up marriages, causing quarrels amongst priests, obsessing people, even killing them. Therefore, protect yourselves by prayer, fasting and, above all, community prayer. Renew the use of holy water,*

*wear blessed and holy objects and put them in your homes."*

13/12/84 - *Dear children, ..... without love you will attain nothing. Therefore first of all start loving your family,... Let this week be the week of learning to love.*

We are asked to love in our families, and it is so HARD ; It is hard when children are so keen to break away from the ways of their childhood, when they find friends who we know will lead them away from God, when they adopt habits which injure their souls. All we can do is to pray, to wait for them, and to welcome them when they return from the mistakes they make. Above all, we must love them, in spite of their mistakes, because they need us, although it may not always be evident.

This sounds rather open - ended doesn't it ? But it is. Love is unconditional ; we cannot place limits on our love for others; how many mothers only love their young children within limits ? They cannot do this, for love has no boundaries if it is allowed to flourish. If we look at our spiritual lives this is also true on another level - we are children of God - isn't this the way we treat Him ? We grumble, try to go our own way, to adopt things which we know will take us away from Him ? Our Lord's response ? He forgives, forgives and keeps on forgiving as often as we come back to Him.

"Then Peter came up and said 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him ? As many as seven times ?' Jesus said to him ' I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven "(Matt. 18 v. 21)

We must love in our families as we are loved, with time and with prayer.

31/7/89 - *Dear children, today I wish especially to invite parents throughout the world to find time for their children, for their families. Parents should give their children love. This love should be a mother's love, a parent's love. Dear children, once again I invite you to family prayer. Some time ago I emphasized that you*

should renew family prayer. I wish to repeat that this evening. Let us pray together these days for all young people in the world.