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Promoting The Gospel Through the Marian Messages

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Currently we are blest to be celebrating our 23rd year!

The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: January 25, 2014

“Dear children! Pray, pray, pray for the radiance of your prayer to have an influence on those whom you meet. Put the Sacred Scripture in a visible place in your families and read it, so that the words of peace may begin to flow in your hearts. I am praying with you and for you, little children, that from day to day you may become still more open to God’s will. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Volunteers Needed

If the CNY Marian Center is locked, you are allowed to obtain a key upstairs at the doctor’s office M- F 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM The CNY Marian Center is available to hold group Meetings. For a reservation, call the Center and leave a message. Current Prayer groups meet Mon. 7:30 PM, Tues. 7 PM , 2nd Wed of the month 6:45pm, & Fri. @ 11:00 AM.

HEAVEN CALLS— IS YOUR RINGER ON ?

Blessing and prayers to all our friends, supporters and newsletter subscribers of the Central NY Marian Center.

Do our hearts ring out at the opportunity of obtaining great graces in a time to experience the love of God, and our opportunity to be reconciled with Him in the areas He desires to purge in us?

The season of Lent is the time the church gives us to re-examine our lives in the light of the word and the call of **Jesus**: “Be converted and believe in the Gospel” and in the light of **Our Lady’s** message given to us for many years.

Lent (the word “Lent” comes from the Old English “**lencten**”, Meaning “springtime”) lasts from Ash Wednesday to the Vespers of Holy Saturday – forty days + six Sundays which don’t count as “Lent” liturgically. The Latin name for Lent, **Quadragesima**, means forty and refers to the forty days **Christ** spent in the desert which is the origin of the Season. The last two weeks of Lent are known as “**Passiontide**,” made up of Passion Week and Holy Week. The last three days of

Holy Week – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday – are known as the “**Sacred Tridium**.”

The three pillars of Lent are Penance, Fasting, and Alms giving. The focus is the cross and penance, penance, penance as we imitate **Christ’s** forty days of fasting, (like **Moses and Elijah’s** before Him), and await the triumph of Easter. We fast, abstain, mortify the flesh, give alms, and think more of charitable works. We awake each morning with the thought, “How might I make amends for my sins? How can I serve **God** in a reparative way? How can I serve others today?” is the attitude to have.

We also practice mortifications by “giving up something” that would be a sacrifice to do without. The sacrifice could be anything from desserts to television to the marital embrace. It can also entail taking on something unpleasant that we’d normally avoid; for example, going out of one’s way to do another’s chores, performing “random acts of kindness,” etc. A practice that might help some, especially small children, to think sacrificially is to

make use of “Sacrifice Beads” in the same way that **St. Therese of Lisieux** did as a child.

Because of the focus on penance and reparation, it is traditional to make sure we go to Confession at least once during this Season to fulfill the precept of the Church that we go to Confession at least once a year and receive the Eucharist at least once a year during Eastertide.

Lent is a time to renew our spiritual life, closely reflecting on where we stand with **God** now. **Our Lady** has stated so many times in Her messages to us through Medjugorje, don’t wait for any “secrets” before deciding to change and follow God. Do it now. Make this Lent the time to begin that change!!!

We would welcome and encourage all to send in your comments and questions to the Center. Please contact us by phone or email, or at the mailing address listed above Our Lady’s Message on page 1.

I will personally answer all requests.

Bud O’Brien Chairman of the Board



History of the Cross

Fish Symbol continued

The use of the fish symbol might also have been partly a protest against the Pagan Emperors of the time, who named themselves **Theou Yios (God's sons)**, which appears on an Alexandrian coin minted during the reign of Domitian.

Possibly around the 16th century Christians began using the Greek word **ichthys** for "fish." **Ichthys** is the most commonly used word in the New Testament for fish.

Ichthys consists of five letters from the Greek alphabet: **I-ch-th-y-s**. When these five letters are used as initials for five words, we obtain this Christian Declaration: **I**esous **C**hristos **T**heo **Y**ios **S**oter. This is an acrostic for 'Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior.'

IXQUS — Ichthys

Iesous **C**hristos **T**heos **Y**ios **S**oter

I Iota—Greek word **I**esous - *Jesus*

X Chi—Greek word **C**hristos - *Christ*

Q Theta Greek word **T**heos - *Of God*

U Upsilon—Greek word **Y**ios (Huiois) - *Son*

S Sigma—Greek word **S**oter - *Savior*

The Greek symbol for Alpha, the first letter of the Greek alphabet, looks very much like the fish symbol. **Rev 22:13** "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." **Rev 1:8** "I am the Alpha and Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."



Abercius, the second century **Bishop**, tells us on the aforesaid monument that in journey from his Asiatic home to Rome, everywhere on the way he received as food "the Fish from the spring, the great, the pure," as well as "wine mixed with water, together with bread." **Pectorius** also speaks of the Fish as a delicious spiritual nurture supplied by the "**Savior of the Saints.**" In the Eucharistic monuments this idea is expressed repeatedly in the pictorial form.

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Miraculous completion

In January, 1611, when the statue was nearly done and lacking only the final touches of paint and varnish, Francisco del Castillo informed Mother Mariana that because this last application was the most important one, he wished to



make sure that he had the very finest materials. He said he would return in two weeks, on January 16, and resume work after receiving Holy Communion.

During those days the community talked of little else but the holy image that was about to be finished, blessed, and installed as Queen and Superior of their convent.

On the morning of January 16, as the sisters approached the high choir to pray the morning office, through partial view of the cloister of the convent they heard a beautiful melody. On entering the choir of the Immaculate Conception they beheld the statue, bathed in a celestial light, while angelic voices sang the "Salve Sancta Parens." They saw that the statue had been exquisitely finished and that its face emitted rays of the brightest light! Francisco del Castillo, arriving and beholding the image, fell to his knees saying, "Mothers, what do I see? This precious statue is not the work of my hands. I do not know how to describe what I feel in my heart. This was made by angelic hands!" In fact, the outer layer of the statue lay on the ground.

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The Bishop, coming and kneeling before it, likewise acknowledged the prodigy as large tears welled in his eyes. He attested that the image had been modified and enriched by other than human hands. Afterwards, calling Mother Mariana, who was abbess once again, he asked her to come into the confessional. He knew that she must know something of what had occurred.

Finished by heavenly hands

Mother Mariana then revealed that a great light had filled the church and the choir while she prayed there in the early hours of January 16. She had beheld the Most Holy Trinity present in the church and understood the infinite love of the three Divine Persons for Mary Most Holy, who was also present, resplendent and queenly.

The nine choirs of angels then praised and offered reverence to her. The three archangels Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael each knelt before her, saying in turn: "Hail Mary, daughter of God the Father," "Hail Mary, Mother of God the Son," "Hail Mary, most chaste Spouse of the Holy Ghost."

Then Saint Francis appeared with his sacred wounds shining like suns. Approaching the unfinished statue and taking his cincture from around his waist, he tied it around her waist, placing his beloved convent of the Immaculate Conception in her hands and asking her to be its defender, teacher, and mother in the difficult times to come.

Mother Mariana also saw her aunt, Mother Maria Taboada, who congratulated her for such graces granted to her and the community and once again showed her all the battles the convent would face, especially in the twentieth century. She also spoke of the holy souls whose names were inscribed in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary and who not only would maintain the community, but would also avert many calamities from the people in those times.

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Announcements

Our very successful Bible study will recess for the Lenten Season, and will resume this spring. Contact Nancy Graziano for details at 315-652-3253.

Next month we celebrate the great feast of **St. Patrick**, the patron saint of Ireland. We would like to invite all our friends and supporters of the Marian Center to come and celebrate the **St. Patrick's Day** parade, supporting the Marian Center's float "**Our Lady of Knock**," try for another 1st prize in the float competition. Please support us in our hymn of **Our Lady of Knock** and enjoy the blessings of the day!!! We will gather on Saturday March 15th at 11am near Clinton Square!!!

The Marian Center is in its third year of a wonderful expansion, offering much needed services to our local parishes.

This year, there is an increased need for help in our religious education and teen programs.

As the Marian Center is a non-profit organization, we are in great need of donations to continue our work.

For our friends receiving our newsletter via mail or email, we suggest a \$20.00 donation for yearly subscriptions. For our friends who do not receive our newsletter, we would ask that you send a donation as your heart dictates. Our heartfelt thanks go to all of you as we keep you in our prayers.

Our Lady of Knock
Ireland



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Perpetual:

- St. Daniel's Chapel—Lyncourt
- Most Holy Rosary—Syracuse
- St. Patrick's—Jordan
- St. Joseph / St. Patrick—Utica
- St. Agatha's Chapel—Canastota
- St. Joseph's Chapel—Oneida

Designated Hours: (call for times)

- Holy Family—Fairmount
- Dominican Monastery—Syracuse
- Christ the King—Liverpool
- St. Joseph's—Camillus
- Immaculate Heart of Mary—Liverpool
- St. James Church—Syracuse
- St. Francis of Assisi—Bridgeport
- St. Cecilia's Chapel—Solvay
- St. Joseph The Worker—Liverpool
- St. Michael's Church—Central Square
- St. Agnus Church—Brewerton
- Franciscan Chapel & Religious Gift Shop—Destiny Mall

**February 2014
Apostolate of Prayer for Priests ..Diocese of Syracuse**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Father, may Your priests be esteemed a thousand times, privileged to drink of the Fountain of the Savior each day. Strengthen their souls and grant them confidence and courage to carry out their duties of saving souls.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mother Catherin Aurelia, Foundress</p>						<p>1) Rev. D. Casey SJ Rev. W. Evans</p>
<p>2) All Priests</p>	<p>3) Rev. W. Votraw Rev. P. Machira</p>	<p>4) Rev. V. Hevern SJ Rev. J. Zareski</p>	<p>5) Rev. J. Ahern Rev. R. Morissette</p>	<p>6) Rev. J. Carey Rev. P. Angelicchio</p>	<p>7) Rev. J. Neville SJ Msgr. J. Kennedy</p>	<p>8) Rev. W. Dolan SJ Rev. K. Maloney</p>
<p>9) Bishop T. J. Costello</p>	<p>10) Rev. V. J. Lauducci Rev. D. Orzel</p>	<p>11) Rev. R. Chryst Rev. T. FitzPatrick</p>	<p>12) Rev. P. Hearn Rev. J. Serowik</p>	<p>13) Rev. R. Hyde Rev. D. James</p>	<p>14) Rev. B. Milunski OFM,CV Rev. A. Keeffe</p>	<p>15) Rev. A. Szebenyl SJ Rev. J. Larkin</p>
<p>16) Bishop J. M. Moynihan</p>	<p>17) Rev. J. Werner Rev. R. Dellos</p>	<p>18) Rev. J. Queen Rev. P. C. Pilla</p>	<p>19) Rev. J. Schultz Rev. G. Baccaro</p>	<p>20) Rev. F. Mannara Rev. S. O'Brien</p>	<p>21) Rev. D. Schoenhofen Rev. L. Smith</p>	<p>22) Our Holy Father</p>
<p>23) Bishop R. J. Cunningham</p>	<p>24) Fr. L. Desantis OFM,Cv Msgr. J. R. Yeazel</p>	<p>25) Rev. V. Long Rev. C. Somerville OFM,Cv</p>	<p>26) Rev. W. Jones Msgr. J. Lang</p>	<p>27) Msgr. J. McCloskey Rev. J. O'Connor</p>	<p>28) Msgr. R. Davern Rev. C. Currie</p>	<p>Precious Blood, refresh our priests.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress</p>



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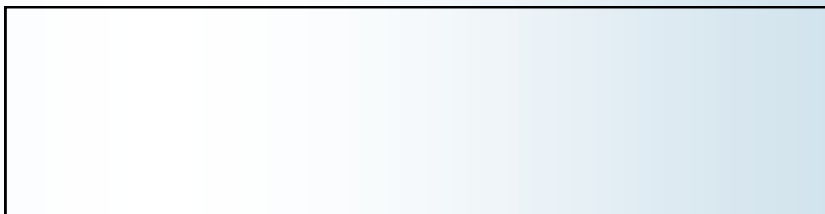
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The CNY Marian Center is pleased to present:

Dr. Patsy Iannolo renowned speaker and founder of the CNY Marian Center and a Medical Dr. in private practice will be presenting **“the Medical Effects of the Crucifixion”** in the Diocesan parishes during the Lenten Season. During the Lenten Season we are called to meditate upon the Passion, Suffering, and Crucifixion of Christ. This presentation will leave you with a deep spiritual revelation of the ultimate sacrifice Christ made on the Cross for the salvation of mankind. You won't want to miss a great opportunity to gain insight and graces!!!

To invite Dr. Patsy to your parish while he still has openings in his schedule, please contact **Dr. Patsy Iannolo** at [315-427-1597](tel:315-427-1597) or email the Marian Center at MarianCenter.CNY@Gmail.com.

Important Notice to Our Readers

We pray for all of you that read our newsletter that are on our mailing list to see the hope that this publication has brought you some knowledge and insight into your faith. We are trying to continue to spread Mary's messages, and need your support too. Anyone who would like to be a regular sponsor, or provide a donation towards the production of this newsletter, & other Marian Center Projects.. Please fill out the form & mail it with your donation to the **CNY Marian Center, 5180 W. Taft Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212**

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