

# Central New York Marian Center, Inc.

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: December 25, 2013

“Dear children! I am carrying to you the King of Peace that He may give you His peace. You, little children, pray, pray, pray. The fruit of prayer will be seen on the faces of the people who have decided for God and His Kingdom. I, with my Son Jesus, bless you all with a blessing of peace. 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.

As our hearts ring out with great joy at the birth of Our Savior, we start thinking about our New Year resolutions. Do we share that great joy with our families and neighbors, bringing us closer together in faith, love and grace? Will we make resolutions to imitate the Holy Family bringing us closer to Our Savior and with our own families?

As we think about family life for a moment, we all agree, indeed we are a busy people. Moms and Dads working while juggling their jobs and up keep of their homes. Kids well... will be kids. They seem somehow to be always missing, in school, sports, clubs, out with friends, and some unfortunately are lost in the streets.

I think we can start with some basics. As we resolve to connect with the Holy Family, let's connect with our own families. First, let's spend more time as a family. More family meals together, everyone present. Get back in the habit of saying “grace” before meals. Let's take the time in shar-

ing a meal together along with the events of the day.

Then there are those “special” conversations with mom in the kitchen and those great words of wisdom and common sense with Dad working in the basement or garage. This starts to bring us closer as a family and closer yet to the Holy Family. And what better way to end the day is there then to pray the family rosary together. As our prayers of thanksgiving and petitions are said, they are truly received in Heaven. Remember the Lord said “when two or more of you are gathered in My Name, I am with you.” Remember the words of Fr. Peyton in his rosary crusades – “The family that prays together stays together.” Once again, let's resolve to imitate the Holy Family. And right now! Let's make that most important resolution of praying the Holy Mass together as a family every Sunday and holy day.

Our Blessed Mother, in Her apparitions down through the ages has called us together as Her children, Her family, the Holy Family to increase our prayers, sacrifices and penance.

It's time to get serious in our new year resolutions. Build on the joys of Christmas by imitating the Holy Family. Increase our prayer lives with our families and neighbors. Make those little extra sacrifices for each other, increasing our love for the Holy Family and loved ones. In making those resolutions we, like the Holy Family, will increase in great graces and holiness and gain all that we need to get through the trials and tribulations of our lives. To share the eternal joy with our beloved Savior the Holy Family, our own families and all the Saints in Heaven for all eternity!

May God and the Holy Family bless each and every one of you, now and forever. Happy New Year.

***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

In the years following the Ascension of the resurrected Jesus to Heaven, the Christian church grew rapidly. Christians soon found themselves to be the subjects of persecution by both the Romans and the Jews. In many locals, it became dangerous to be known as a Christian.

As early as the 2nd century Titus Flavius Clemens (St. Clement of Alexandria), suggested that Christians identify themselves with a seal depicting a fish or dove. Thus when two strangers met and thought maybe that they were fellow believers, one of them would draw, on the ground, the upper half of the fish symbol. Recognizing the symbol, the stranger would add a second curved line and complete the drawing of a fish.

It is a very simple shape to draw—just two curved strokes. It could be drawn quickly, and erased just as quickly as if there was no sign of recognition on the part of the stranger.

Even before that time, inscriptions on monuments suggest that the fish symbol was familiar to Christians. In fact, its history goes back even further than the cross as a symbol used by Christians.

As in the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, the fish is a symbol of baptism and as such, an appropriate symbol for Christians to adopt. Fish swim in deep water yet do not drown; indeed, they need to be immersed in water in order to survive. Similarly for us to survive spiritually, we need to be baptized by immersion into the waters of Christ's love; the love he showed by dying on the cross.

The fish was considered important enough to be mentioned many times in the Bible and more recently there have been several additional thoughts about the early use of this symbol.

Next month Fish Symbol continued

Marian Apparitions Explained Further prophecies about the 19th and 20th centuries continued

Mother Mariana still hesitates; Our Lady insists, incredibly, even after these two requests of Our Lady herself, Mother Mariana still hesitated.

A Victim for the 20th Century About Our Lady



She feared that the Bishop would doubt her and pose obstacles to the erection of such an image. She also feared that the Indian population of Quito, only recently catechized and still with inclinations to idolatry, would offer the wrong reverence to such a magnificent representation of God's Mother.

On February 2 of that same year, Mother Mariana knelt before the Blessed Sacrament, finishing her customary nightly prayer, when she felt her heart leap within her in a mixture of joy and no little fright.

In an instant, she found herself before the Queen of Heaven, who stood bathed in glowing lights within an oval frame of glimmering stars. Mariana felt an impulse to escape but something restrained her. She saw the sovereign Queen looking at her with severity and

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without saying a word. Mother Mariana begged Our Lady not to look at her like that and promised to carry out all she commanded even if it cost her her life.

The Heavenly Lady then reprimanded her patiently, asking her why she doubted and feared despite knowing her to be a powerful Queen. She assured Mother Mariana that there would be no danger of idolatry. Much to the contrary, this statue was not only meant for the good of the convent but also that of the people in general throughout the centuries.

Then Mother Mariana begged Our Lady that her own name be hidden so that she, Mary Most Holy be glorified. This Our Lady granted, pleased at her humility, and assured Mariana of Jesus that the facts concerning the making of this statue and of Mother Mariana's life would only come to be known in the twentieth century. The statue is made Word of Our Lady's request profoundly moved the Bishop. He reprimanded Mother Mariana for not having conveyed it to him sooner.

With the Bishop's permission and full support, Francisco del Castillo was contacted. The poor man could scarcely contain his surprise, joy, and gratitude at having been named by the Mother of God herself for this holy project. He refused any payment, considering himself fully compensated solely by this selection. He asked only that his family and descendants always remain in the prayers of the community.

To find material for the statue, he travelled outside Quito and only returned when he was sure he had found the best wood, paints, and finishes the country had to offer.

Mother Mariana described to him as best she could the features of the Heavenly Queen as she had appeared and then gave him the exact measurements. According to these measurements, the Blessed Virgin Mary stood five feet, nine inches tall.

Marian Apparitions Explained Further prophecies about the 19th and 20th centuries to be continued



**A MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR**

There is an old Christian tradition that God sends each person into this world with a special message to deliver, with a special song to sing for others, with a special act of love to bestow.

No one else can speak my message, or sing my song, or offer my act of love. These have been entrusted only to me.

According to this tradition, the message may be spoken, the song sung, the act of love delivered only to a few, or to all the people in a small town, or to all the people in a large city, or even to all the people in the whole world.

It all depends on God's unique plan for each unique person.

So from my heart I want to say this to you:  
Please believe that you have an important message to deliver, you have a

beautiful song to sing, and a unique act of love to warm this world and brighten its darkness.

And when the final history of this world is written, your message, your song, and your love will be recorded gratefully forever.

May you simply sing the song of who you really are!

In this new year may we all step up to the plate and be the people of love and faith that we are called to be!!!



**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

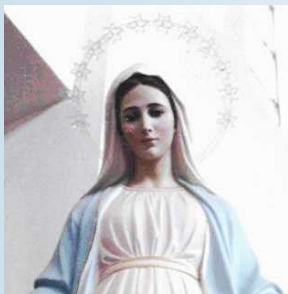
**Designated Hours: (call for times)**

- 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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May each day of this New Year bring out Priests more good to do, more souls to save and more holy influence to spread around them by word and by deed.  Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress			1 Our Holy Father	2 Rev. T. Rudnik Rev. J. Smith SJ	3 Rev. J. Clemente Rev. R. Stephenson	4 Rev. R. Kelly Msgr. J. Kane
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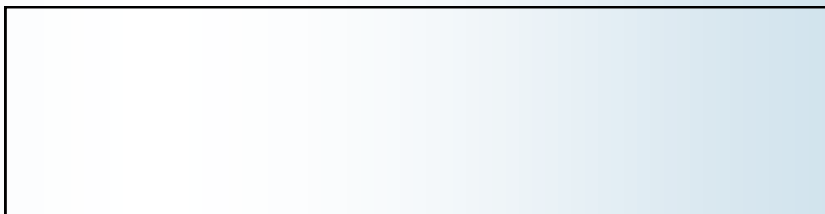
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