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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: February 25, 2014

“Dear children! You see, hear and feel that in the hearts of many people there is no God. They do not want Him, because they are far from prayer and do not have peace. You, little children, pray—live God’s commandments. You be prayer, you who from the very beginning said ‘yes’ to my call. Witness God and my presence and do not forget, little children: I am with you and I love you. From day to day I present you all to my Son Jesus. 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.

Ash Wednesday has passed and **Lent** has begun. Does this great opportunity to change our lives ring in our hearts yet? Our Lady tells us “Dear children! In this Lenten time of grace, I call you to open your hearts to the gifts that God desires to give you.” (**Medjugorje 2-25-2006**)

Lets take a check on how we are doing with the “**Three Pillars of Lent.**”

1) **Penance:** “Jesus’ call to conversion and penance is like the prophets before Him. A conversion to **God** with all our heart and an end to sin turning away from evil with hatred for the sin we have committed. (**CCC 1430-32**) Daily conversion and penance find their source and nourishment in the Eucharist.

Reading Sacred Scripture and praying revives the spirit of conversion and repentance within us and contributes to the forgiveness of our sins.

Have we received the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** yet in this Lenten season? Make it a priority now! The secret of a good confession is “Honesty” with ourselves. **The Father in Heaven** already knows our sins.

Stations of the Cross? Pray the Stations in your churches on Fridays and receive the indulgence the church gives us during Lent.

Pray the **Rosary** nightly with your family? Offer it up for the conversion of sinners and remission of sins, especially our own and your own family intentions. Pray special prayers, read **Holy Scripture** and meditate on the Passion. Pray for the graces to carry our own crosses as we follow our **Savior to Calvary**. I think we begin to see more clearly the meaning of “conversion” that **Jesus** calls us to.

2) **Pillar of Fasting.** The practice of fasting was very present in the first Christian community (**cf. Acts 13,3; 14,22: 27,21; 2 Cor 6,5**). The Church Fathers, too, speak of the force of fasting to bridle sin, and open in the heart of the believer a path to God. Fasting is a practice by the saints of every age. Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others.

3) **Almsgiving:** the third traditional pillar, is linked to our baptismal commitment in the same way. It is a sign of our care and an expression of our gratitude for all that **God**

has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized.

As we think about giving something up for lent, there is no greater gift then the “Giving of Ourselves.” Let’s take a look at our families and parishes. Is there anyone in our families in need; out of work? Maybe they could use some extra food, a ride to a medical appointment or company. Make that special cake, pie or cookies and pay them a visit. Do your parishes pantries have the food they need to give out? Have we sent a check in the mail to needy missions? Have we given time to a hospital, nursing home or senior citizens? Let’s take the opportunity of this Lent to truly perform the “**Corporal and spiritual works of Mercy.**” It is truly in selfless giving that we gain great graces and the remission of our sins!!!

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 Sign of the Cross

By early recognition of Christians in the fish symbol, we move forward after the crucifixion to the sign of the Cross.

The cross is recognizable in the symbol of the fish to assure that Christians would never forget what Jesus did for us.

In the earliest days of the Church, there were many symbols used for Christ. A popular symbol was the **fish**; another was the **chi rho**, a monogram consisting of the first two letters of the Greek word **Xp̄istos (Christos)**, which means "the anointed one." There were also visual depictions of **Jesus**, most often as the Good Shepherd. During this time, **Jesus** was never depicted as crucified because crucifixion was still an everyday fact of life in the Roman Empire. It was gruesome, shameful and certainly not an apt symbol that would set a group apart.

Eventually the Christian community came to grips with the cross, but initially only as a symbol of triumph. In this form the cross had no **corpus** (figure of Christ) but was elaborately decorated and often even jeweled to represent Christ's victory over death that made and object of shame into a beautiful thing. This type of cross is called a **crux gemmate**, and it was the first widespread form of the cross in Christianity. The ancient Armenian cross is of this style, representing the cross as a living vine.

After the practice of crucifixion was abandoned in Western societies, the first images of **Jesus** crucified began to appear, mostly in the West; the East still viewed the cross primarily as a symbol of victory. Thus began a tradition in the West of meditating on the **Passion of Christ**, and depictions of **Christ crucified** became increasingly common.

In recent times it became more common for a **crucifix** to be the focal point of newly built Roman Catholic church buildings, and in 20th-Century United States it became almost universal.

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

At this, Mother Mariana returned to her senses. Looking at the statue, she saw it radiant and finished in a marvelous way!

Home. At three o'clock on the morning of February 2, 1634, Mother Mariana had just finished her prayer in the upper choir when she noticed that the sanctuary lamp had gone out. Instinctively she prepared to descend to the church in order to re-light it, but an unknown force immobilized her so that she could not take a single step. At this moment Our Lady of Good Success appeared carrying the Divine Infant in her left hand the other crosier in her right. Calmly approaching, she said: *My beloved daughter, today I bring*



you the pleasant notice of your death, which shall occur in eleven months. Your eyes will then close to the material light of this world in order to open to the brilliance of eternal light. Prepare your soul so that, purified ever more, it may fully enter into the enjoyment of your Lord."

And so it happened. Mother Mariana's health began to fail, but she still went about her duties in the convent for as long as possible. Yet, a time came when she had to be confined to bed.

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Knowing the day and hour of her death, she prepared her aggrieved daughters for her final voyage to eternity. She was to go to her Lord at 3 p.m. on January 16, 1635. She was then seventy- two years of age.

Around one o'clock of that day, she asked the Mother Abbess to summon the community. When they arrived she read aloud her magnificent testament, which began by affirming that she died a faithful daughter of the Holy, Roman, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Then, with a voice vibrant with emotion but firm with the strength of faith and sincerity, she echoed Her Master's words: "It is necessary that I go but I will not leave you orphans. I go to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God, and the Divine Consoler will descend to comfort you."

After receiving the Holy Viaticum, she, on fire with love, calmly closed her eyes and ceased breathing. Mariana of Jesus was with God.

A rose at her feet

We cannot refrain from mentioning a most touching and golden episode as an ending to our story.

Several years before, an anxious expectant mother had come to ask Mother Mariana to pray for her condition, which had been diagnosed as precarious.

Cordial and kind as ever, the holy nun gave her some aniseed water -with which she had performed innumerable cures - and allayed her fears by assuring her she would give birth to a beautiful baby girl. The comforted mother then asked her protectress to pray for her baby.

Mariana of Jesus responded: "You do not have to ask for my prayers, for this girl is more mine than yours. She is a soul chosen by God and will perfume this cloister with the aroma of her virtues. Bring her here often, for I wish to see her. She shall dress my body for burial."

As predicted, a beautiful and healthy girl was born, receiving the name Zoila Blanca Rose.

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Announcements

It gives us great pleasure to honor one of our own, Regina Harty! Regina is a board member here at the Center and is responsible for three major programs presented by the Center. Recently she facilitated the "33 Days to Morning Glory" in two parishes. This 6 week program was so successful Regina will facilitate this program again. To be held at St. Stephen's in Phoenix, starting on Thursday March 6 through April 10th at 7-8:30pm. This program will also be presented again at the Marian Center Saturday mornings, 10am-12 noon, starting on May 17th through June 28th. Registration instructions will be available in April. "33 Days of Morning Glory" is the beginning of the All Hearts Afire series written by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. The goal of this retreat is to lead us to formally entrust or consecrate ourselves to Mary, as Christ did at the Annunciation, and as He willed for His disciples at the foot of the Cross. Mary then leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This program has caught fire across the country and Regina is on fire presenting it

throughout the Diocese. We thank Regina for her hard work and the success for this important program!!!

A Lenten Symposium, "Catholic by Conviction: Speaking Truth to Unmask Deception" will be held on Saturday, March 29, from 9am-1pm, at St. Cecilia's Denti Hall, 1001 Woods Rd., Solvay N.Y. Registration at 8:30 AM Free Will Offering accepted. This important symposium is sponsored by the Respect Life coordinator, through St. Cecilia's parish.

Coming in May, the Marian Center will hold a week long celebration of our love and devotion to **Our Blessed Mother**. This exciting week will include daily prayers, talks, history of the devotions and open dialogue to share. Exciting details and registration instructions from Nancy Graziano, will be in the April newsletter!!!



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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Heavenly Father, during this penitential season, we pray that the Blood of Jesus may kindle in the hearts of our priests the divine fire of Your love by their devotion to the Eucharist.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress</p>						<p>1) Rev. W. Mesmer Rev. P. Alciati</p>
2) Bishop T. J. Costello	3) Rev. J. Kehoe Rev. D. Kirby SJ	4) Msgr. C. Eckermann Rev. D. Muscalino	5) All Priests	6) Msgr. W. Donovan Msgr. M. James Lutz	7) Rev. P. Drobin Rev. F. Pompei	8) Rev. G. Peter Worn Rev. A. Morbito
9) Bishop J. M. Moynihan	10) Rev. W. Regan Fr. N. Spano OFM, CV	11) Msgr. T. Elmer Rev. D. Karlen	12) Msgr. J. Flanagan Rev. C. Seibt	13) Rev. J. Comeskey Rev. J. Smith FL	14) Rev. T. Servatius Msgr. J. Madden	15) Msgr. R. Bill Rev. J. Tormey
16) Bishop R. J. Cunningham	17) Rev. J. Fenlon Rev. W. Cahill	18) Rev. M. Brown Rev. T. Kiernan	19) Our Holy Father	20) Rev. F. Daley Rev. E. P. Reddick	21) Msgr. J. O'Brien Rev. R. Sullivan	22) Rev. R. P. Mathis Rev. T. Ward
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30) Rev. E. Reimer Rev. D. Caruso	31) Rev. G. Kreinheder Rev. P. Carey	<p>Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the Living Chalice of the Blood of Jesus.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress</p>				



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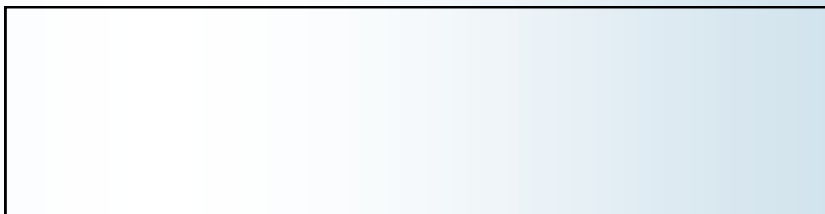
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The CNY Marian Center is pleased to present:

Dr. Patsy Iannolo renowned speaker and founder of the CNY Marian Center and a Medical Dr. in private practice will be presenting **“the Medical Affects 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.

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