

“Dear children! Today, I and my Son desire to give you an abundance of joy and peace so that each of you may be a joyful carrier and witness of peace and joy in the places where you live. Little children, be a blessing and be peace. Thank you for having responded to my call.” *Our Lady’s monthly message to the world on 25th December 2010 through visionary Marija.*

(Annual) message to Jacov Colo on 25th December 2010

“The apparition began at 2:25 pm and lasted 7 minutes. Jakov said: **“Our Lady spoke to me about the secrets and at the end said: ‘Pray, pray, pray.’”**

Message to Mirjana, 2nd January 2011. *The second of the month is a day to pray for unbelievers.*

[Please note the words in parenthesis were added by the translator to help us better understand Our Lady’s meaning.] **“Dear children; Today I call you to unity (communion) in Jesus, my Son. My motherly heart prays that you may comprehend that you are God’s family. Through the spiritual freedom of will, which the Heavenly Father has given you, you are called to become cognisant (to come to the knowledge) of the truth, the good or the evil. May prayer and fasting open your hearts and help you to discover the Heavenly Father through my Son. In discovering the Father, your life will be directed to carrying out of God’s will and the realisation of God’s family, in the way that my Son desires (wishes). I will not leave you alone on this path. Thank you.”** Mirjana felt that she could say to Our Lady: ‘ We have all come to you with our sufferings and crosses. Help us, we implore you.’ Our Lady extended her hands towards us and said: **‘Open your hearts to me. Give your sufferings to me. The Mother will help.’** Mirjana also stated, after the apparition, that Our Lady emphasised the importance of the priest’s blessing.

‘Mirjana arrived at the Blue Cross at 8:55 a.m. Our Lady came in the apparition at 9:02 a.m. and stayed for approximately seven minutes. It was very cold, but despite the cold, the thousands who had gathered were very joyful. Having just been to the mountain the night before, with Ivan, during a special prayer group apparition, most only had a few hours sleep before waking, dressing and heading back to Apparition Mountain for Mirjana’s second of the month apparition—a beautiful grace.’

Apparition to Ivan on top of Apparition Mountain a little after 10:00 p.m. on January 1, 2011.

The apparition lasted about 10 minutes. There were thousands of pilgrims present for this apparition. The following is Ivan’s description of the apparition: ‘Tonight, as after every day after every encounter with Our Lady, I want to describe also to you what was the most important from this meeting tonight. Tonight Our Lady came to us very joyful and happy and greeted all of us at the beginning with Her usual Motherly greeting: **“Praised be Jesus, my dear children”**. Afterwards Our Lady said:

“Dear children also today the Mother calls you with joy – pray, pray, pray. Pray, dear children, and help me realize my plans which I desire to realize with the world and with this parish. Dear children, in a special way today I call you to pray for vocations in the Church, for a firm faith of my priests. Know, dear children, that I always pray with you when it is the most difficult for you, therefore, persevere in prayer. Pray together with me. Also today I want to say thank you to you for having responded, for having accepted my messages and for living my messages.”

Afterwards Our Lady prayed for a longer time over all of us here with Her arms extended. She blessed us all with Her Motherly blessing and blessed everything you brought to be blessed. After that, She prayed especially over you the sick who are present here. I recommended all of you, all your needs, your intentions, your families and in a special way, as always, I recommended the sick. Afterwards a conversation followed, I spoke to Our Lady and She spoke to me. After that conversation, Our Lady continued to pray over all of us and in that prayer She left in an illuminated Sign of the Cross with the greeting: **“Go in peace, my dear children”**.

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“Hold on tight to God during times of trouble, temptation, Pope says”

Article (*edited*) from - www.PilotCatholicNews.com - via IIPG www.iipg.org - **“In times of trouble, doubt or deep spiritual crisis, never let go of believing in God, because he will help lead people out of darkness”**, Pope Benedict XVI said in his weekly general audience at the Vatican on Dec. 29th 2010.

“Let us always be led by God, carry out his will every day even if often it doesn’t correspond to our plans, and trust in his providence that he never leaves us on our own.”

In his catechesis, the Pope described the life of St. Catherine of Bologna, an abbess of the Poor Clares and **“a woman of great wisdom and culture”** who lived in the 15th century. Despite the many centuries that separate her time and today, St. Catherine still speaks to modern men and women, said the pope. **“Like us, she suffered from many temptations -- the temptations of disbelief and sensuality, she suffered from a difficult spiritual battle, she felt abandoned by God and she found herself in the darkness”** of doubting her faith. However, throughout all of her struggles, St. Catherine **“always held onto the Lord’s hand,”** he said.

Because she never let go of trusting in God’s will and let herself always be guided by him, **“she went along the right path and found the road leading to the light. In this way, she is also telling us ‘Have courage’ even when struggling with one’s faith or when feeling doubt”** or uncertainty, he added. **“Don’t let go of the Lord’s hand, believe in God’s goodness and that way we will go along the right road,”** said the pope.

St. Catherine of Bologna wrote the **“Treatise on the Seven Spiritual Weapons”** in which she describes **“the many graces she received and lists the most effective means of resisting the temptations of the devil.”** The pope said her treatise showed how to fight temptations and deceptions, which cause doubt and uncertainty about one’s faith and vocation; her writing represents **“a beautiful spiritual program for every one of us even today.”** He listed the seven spiritual weapons as:

Take great care to always work for the good.

Know that nothing truly good can ever be done by oneself.

Trust in God and never be afraid of the battle against evil either in the world or inside oneself.

Reflect often on the words and life of Jesus, especially on his passion and death.

Remember that everyone must die.

Keep firmly in mind the rewards of paradise.

Be familiar with sacred Scripture so that it can guide all thoughts and actions.

The pope praised the way St. Catherine led a life of humility and obedience to God. **“She saw all disobedience as a sign of that spiritual pride which destroys all virtue,”** he said. Her humility showed she preferred a life of service over power. **“She wanted to serve, carry out God’s will, be at the service of others and for that reason she was credible in her position of authority. You could see that, for her, authority was serving others.”** [also www.catholic.net/index.php?option=zenit&id=31434]

n.b. St. Catherine of Bologna is patron saint of artists and against temptations.

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Past messages: December 25, 1993 “Dear children! Today I rejoice with the little Jesus and I desire that Jesus’ joy may enter into every heart. Little children, with the message I give you a blessing with my son Jesus, so that in every heart peace may reign. I love you, little children, and I invite all of you to come closer to me by means of prayer. You talk and talk but do not pray. Therefore, little children, decide for prayer. Only in this way will you be happy and God will give you what you seek from Him. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

January 25, 1999 “Dear children! I again invite you to prayer. You have no excuse to work more because nature still lies in deep sleep. Open yourselves in prayer. Renew prayer in your families. Put Holy Scripture in a visible place in your families, read it, reflect on it and learn how God loves His people. His love shows itself also in present times because He sends me to call you upon the path of salvation. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

January 25, 2007 “Dear children! Put Sacred Scripture in a visible place in your family and read it. In this way, you will come to know prayer with the heart and your thoughts will be on God. Do not forget that you are passing like a flower in a field, which is visible from afar but disappears in a moment. Little children, leave a sign of goodness and love wherever you pass and God will bless you with an abundance of His blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

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Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions January 2011

General Intention: That the riches of creation be preserved, valued and made available to all, as a precious gifts from God to mankind. **Missionary Intention:** That Christians may achieve full unity, bearing witness of the universal fatherhood of God to the entire human race.

see separate sheet on Saint Faustina / Companion Saint etc.