

Reflection of Our Lady's Message 25th June 2011

“Dear Children! Give thanks with me to the Most High for my presence with you. My heart is joyful watching the love and joy in the living of my messages. Many of you have responded, but I wait for, and seek, all the hearts that have fallen asleep to awaken from the sleep of unbelief. Little children draw closer to my Immaculate Heart so that I can lead all of you toward eternity. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Our Blessed Mother, full of grace invites us to give thanks to the Most High for her presence with us. Just as Mary shared the gift of her presence with the early church Mary continues to make her presence felt in every generation especially where she is loved and honoured by the people of God.

In this month's message Mary shares with us her joyful watching of the love and joy that arises, grows and spreads among those who live her messages, who become 'Doer's of the word, of what her Son tells us to do.'

AWAKE FROM THE SLEEP OF UNBELIEF

In the Old Testament we have the experience of the prophet Elijah who fled from Jezebel into the wilderness. (A priest once said, that every parish priest night mare is to find one or two Jezebel's in his parish) However, tired by the journey sat down and fell asleep but an angel twice touched him and told him to get up and eat or the journey would be too long for him. He did eat and drink and was able to continue his journey to Horeb, the mountain of God.

In our world today many have not yet even begun their journey in faith to God. They still remain asleep in unbelief and need the touch of God's grace to come to faith in the Lord. Pray that the Lord will use you maybe during this month to be an angel that will touch the lives of others and awaken faith in their hearts.

There are also those who may have begun their journey sometime ago but have fallen away again from the practise of the faith especially from the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist. Its as if they have gone back into a spiritual coma and need a second touch of grace or what we call a renewed and lasting conversion.

GREAT IS THE NEED FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING TODAY

The Psalmist cry's out "awake my soul," The need for spiritual awakening is so great today.

Even we ourselves need to be reminded of the message to the church in Sardis. "Wake up; revive what little you have left." Rev 3:2

The need for spiritual awakening is so great if people are to see and understand certain great truths.

The wonder of your love is before our eyes O Lord. How lovely is your dwelling place and, this is not the time for sleeping but to be awake and sober. 1Thes:5:6

If we must sleep- sleep but keep our hearts awake. I slept but my heart was awake.”
Sg 5:2

DRAW CLOSE TO MY IMMACULATE HEART

Mary desires to lead us to eternity and so invites us to draw close to her Immaculate Heart. The eternity Mary desires to lead us to is an eternity whereby we become like God. The Beloved disciple said the same thing, “We shall become like you.” All light, all love, all goodness, all that God is.

What a grace of transformation awaits us. The Psalmist too said, “To finish I must be eternal like you. As long as we are still on this earth an ongoing purification is a necessary condition for living in communion with God for seeing God face to face. Once we have made that final journey home to God then we will truly appreciate the peace and holiness that comes to all who see God face to face in Eternal Life. Then we will know fully the love and joy Mary speaks of in her messages.

Grace and peace be with you all. Fr Ciaran