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those whom you meet...“ (more on p. 3)*

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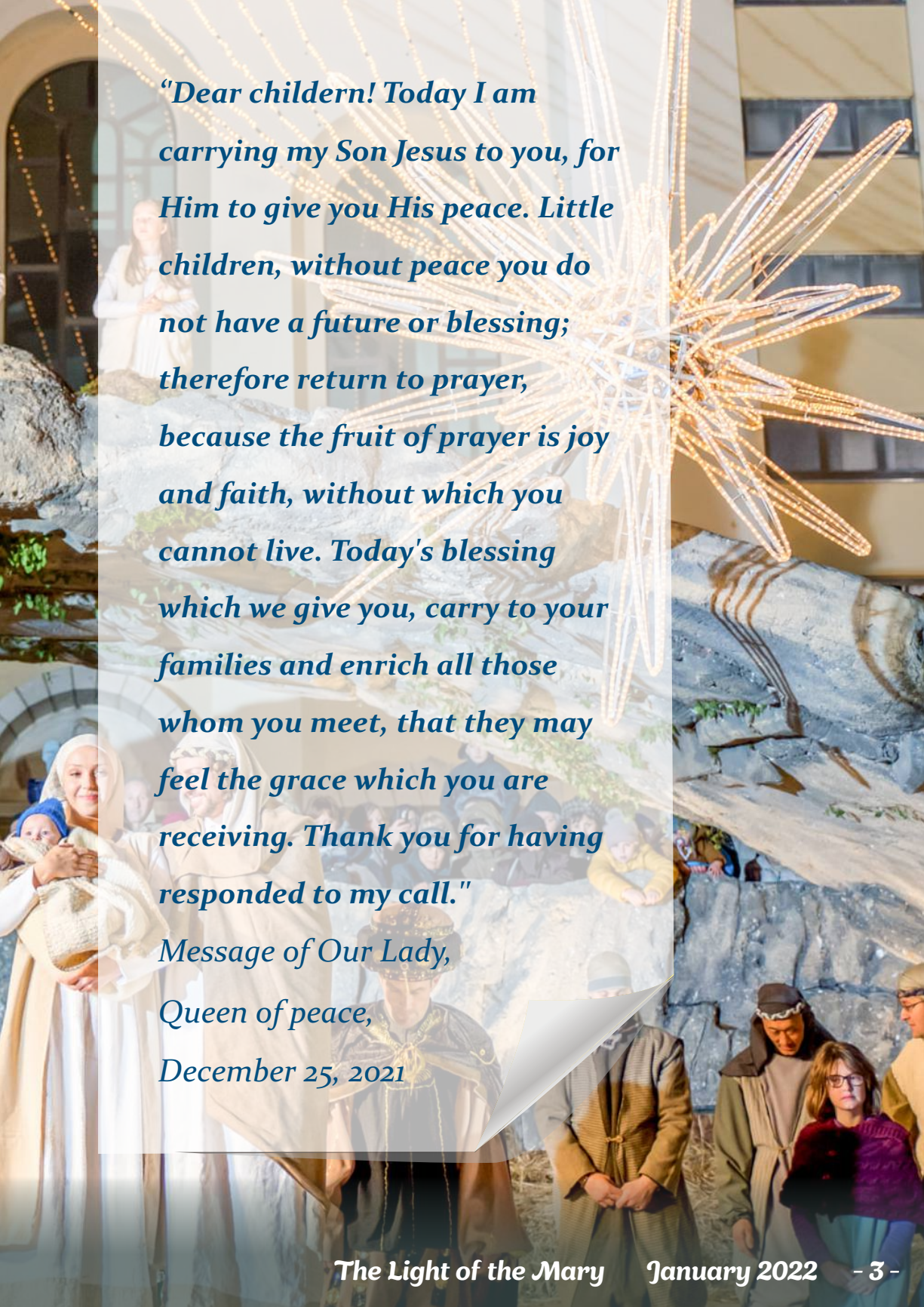
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"Dear children! Today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you, for Him to give you His peace. Little children, without peace you do not have a future or blessing; therefore return to prayer, because the fruit of prayer is joy and faith, without which you cannot live. Today's blessing which we give you, carry to your families and enrich all those whom you meet, that they may feel the grace which you are receiving. Thank you for having responded to my call."

*Message of Our Lady,
Queen of peace,
December 25, 2021*

Bring blessing to others

There are many of Our Lady's messages in which She speaks of blessing and emphasizes the power of blessing. Also, in the message of July 18, 1985, Our Lady tells us: „Today I call you to place more blessed objects in your homes and that everyone put some blessed objects on their person. Bless all the objects and thus Satan will attack you less because you will have armor against him.“ On the feast of the Assumption in 1985, She said: „Today I am blessing you and I wish to tell you that I love you and that I urge you to live my messages. Today I am blessing you with the solemn blessing that the Almighty grants me.“



Father Ljubo Kurtovič, OFM

The Church teaches us how "God, from whom every blessing comes," allows us to bless people in His name and to shower God's blessings on creatures. When you bless others, you become able to receive blessings yourself. In Peter's first letter we read: „Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing.“ (1 Peter 3:9)

Out of human nature, we envy, speak ill of, even curse those who have successful lives and wealth. People are envious and find it difficult to bless those who have achieved something in life, who have been successful.

Instead, they bow down to criticize and speak ill of them. If God has bestowed visible good on someone, be generous and give thanks for God's goodness, for your brother, so that your eye may not envy. If you see someone who is blessed by God's

power, bless him and the blessing will come into your life as well. This is God's promise.

Bless your life circumstances even when they are totally different from your plans and desires. Bless them to change for the good, because it is by what you think, say and expect about people that you change them.

How many gifts, unfortunately, have remained undiscovered because there has been nobody to support and encourage them. How many talents have not been realized because perhaps the parents, with their negative prognoses, have killed in the child the will to live.

We often hear the expressions "you will never become anything" or "you don't know anything" or "you are good for nothing". These words begin to act as a curse that kills the will to live and to realize



all that is good and noble that is hidden in children as a treasure.

If we nourish people with hope, faith, love, trust, they will thrive. Let us expect and encourage the best, and the best will happen in our lives. To nourish ourselves and others with blessings and positive thoughts and words is to bring to life the treasure that we are and that we carry within us.

From the Gospel of Luke we know the blessing of Zechariah: „Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people...“ St. Paul begins his magnificent hymn in the letter to the Ephesians with the words: „Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens“ (Ephesians 1:3). Jesus teaches us how to bless: „Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you“ (Luke 6:28). If we want good for ourselves, then let us listen to these words of Jesus. The

blessing protects us from every attack of evil forces that are powerless before God's blessing and will retreat. The important thing is not to allow them to enter, and in this the power of the blessing protects us.

Let us pray: Blessed Mother of Jesus, when you met Elizabeth, a hymn of praise burst from your heart in which you glorified and praised the Lord God. You yourself felt loved and blessed, therefore you were able to speak in this way, because your words came from a heart touched by the Lord's grace. I beseech you in a special way, Blessed Mother, to grant us the experience of blessing and love so that we ourselves may bless other people, circumstances and life situations. Bless us with your motherly blessing so that all negative words, thoughts, desires and pessimism may disappear from our hearts. Through our pure speech and words, may God come into our hearts and our families and fill us with the fullness of His blessing and peace. Amen.

Be an Expression of Heaven on Earth

Peace is a Person - Jesus Christ. It was at Christmas in 2012 when, according to the testimony of the visionary Maria Lunetti, the Child Jesus spoke for the first time during an apparition from the arms of the Virgin Mary. He said: "I am your peace, live my commandments".



Terezia Gaziouva

Jesus' peace is not of this world. He tells us that we can obtain it by keeping the commandments. He laid down His life for the greatest commandment He gave us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)

Jesus and his friends, the saints, die out of love for this commandment. This is Jesus' way of peace.

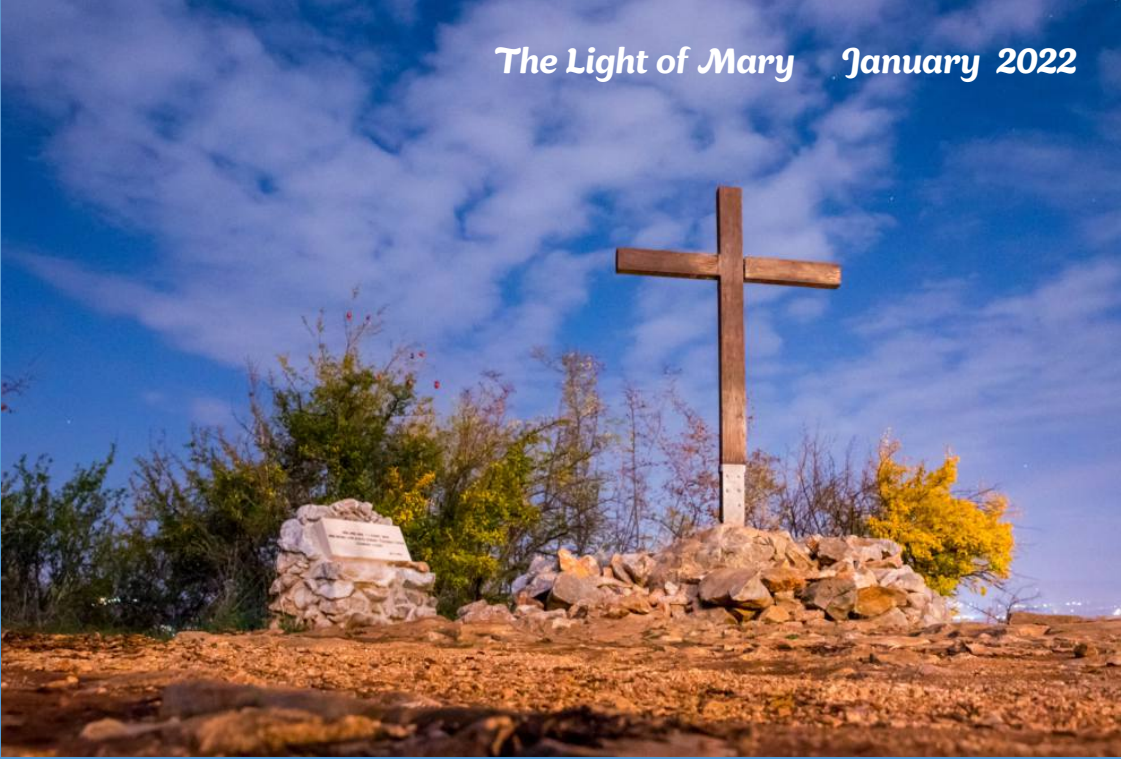
We all long for peace and seek it. In fact, everything a person does, he does in order to be well, to be content. But the peace that this world offers is short-lived, it will quickly fade away. The powerful of this world want others to die for them, to be well and have peace. Jesus shows us another way, in human terms it looks like He loses, but in the end, it is always He who is the only winner. Love has the last

word. Restlessness arises when we are unable to die for others, to accept them as they are, the situation as it is. From small disturbances, conflicts, big ones arise and can escalate to war. Mary gives us a simple advice - return to prayer.

Jesus was constantly in prayer with the Father; when things were difficult He prayed more. You are who you are with - it is said and also that everyone prays as he or she lives, because everyone lives as he or she prays.

"The fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, and the fruit of service is peace", said Mother Teresa.

There is one well-known incident from her life. Her fellow sisters were increasingly busy caring for the poor on the streets of Calcutta. It required more and more time until it interfered with the daily schedule the sisters had at the convent. They were thinking how to



adjust the schedule to leave more time for the poor. They wanted to shorten the time of daily adoration. But instead of shortening the prayer time, Mother Teresa lengthened it by an hour. Again, peace returned, and there was enough time for everything. Mother Teresa knew that when the demands of the service increased, it was necessary to pray more. The fruit of faith is a specific love that brings peace.

The Queen of Peace is calling us: "Return to prayer", and this is the answer to the solution to the turmoil. She said: "My children, there is no peace where there is no prayer and there is no love where there is no faith; In prayer you will receive the answer to all our whys and every pain, cross, darkness will be transformed into light; My motherly heart longs for your heart to be open to say to it: "Believe!"; My children, faith is

the only thing that will give you strength in the trials of life. It will renew your soul and open the paths of hope. I am with you. I gather you around me because I want to help you so that you can help your neighbors in discovering faith, the only joy and happiness of life."

Let us pray: *Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)*: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

You cannot live without faith



> *„My children, in your earthly life, be led by my example. My life was pain, silence and immeasurable faith and trust in the Heavenly Father.“ September 02, 2016*

> *„I am looking at you with love, with a motherly love. I know you; I know your pain and sorrows, because I also suffered in silence. My faith gave me love and hope.“ February 2, 2016*

> *„Prayer and faith will fill your heart with love and joy and you will be a sign for those who are far from God.“ September 25, 2015*

> *„Looking at you with tenderness, I feel immeasurable love which strengthens me in my desire to bring you to a firm faith. Firm faith will give you joy and happiness on earth and in the end the encounter with my Son. This is his desire.“ July 2, 2015*



Our Prayer meeting
will take place
on the first Saturday,
January 1, 2022.

In this month
we pray for peace
in the families.

I Have Killed Innocent Life

(In case of long-lasting and serious quarrels)

Father Slavko Barbarič (1946 – 2000)

From the book: "Give Me Your Wounded Heart. Confession Why? and How?"



What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war in your members? You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. Unfaithful creatures! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is in vain that the scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit which He has made to dwell in us"? But He gives more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your

hearts, you men of double mind. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will exalt you. (Jas 4:1-10)

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. (Lk 6:36-37)

Then Peter came up and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven." (Matt 18:21-22)

Prayer

Good and merciful Heavenly Father, Your Son Jesus Christ teaches me to forgive all offences and to ask forgiveness for the offences I



committed against You and against others. He teaches me to forgive wholeheartedly, including my enemies, because if I do not forgive others, if I do not ask forgiveness, You cannot forgive me either.

Father, thank You for the possibility of forgiving and being forgiven, and for the opportunity of making a new start with You and with others. Thank You for not closing the door when we knock and invoke Your mercy. Blessed and praised are You for the mercy that you have shown me so far, and that You are always ready to show me. Jesus, teach me to forgive if I want to receive forgiveness! Strengthen my love, and I will be reconciled with You and with others, and I will be at peace.

Mary, you always call me to peace

and reconciliation. Thus, you call me to forgive and ask forgiveness. Teach me to do what your Son, my Saviour, asks me to do.

Jesus, I admit that I struggle to forgive. That is why I quarrel and live in misunderstanding with You and with others. Because of the refusal of reconciliation, my heart is filled with envy, jealousy, slander, bad words and bad acts. I have offended others and others have offended me. My heart is wounded and I have wounded other people's hearts because I was not ready to forgive. Because of unforgiveness, I spread disorder in my life, in my family, in my community. I suffered a lot and I suffer when a conflict remains. You know how hard it is for me to forgive. That is why, before receiving Your

forgiveness through the priest, I implore You to give me strength to forgive wholeheartedly all those with whom I am not at peace, from whom I am separated by a wall of hatred, envy, jealousy and pride. Give me the strength to approach them and reach out to be reconciled with them.

Forgive me for not taking reconciliation seriously. I found excuses, saying that it was the fault of others, and that they should come to me and seek reconciliation, because they offended me first. I am sorry to see that I was so often led by selfishness and pride, and not by humility and the desire for peace. Please forgive me! Purify my heart from all sinful attachments to people and things. Make me free and I will joyfully and in peace celebrate the power of Your mercy and forgiveness.

I pray for all those whom I have offended. Give them strength to forgive me, so that we can be reconciled. Father, make us similar to You through forgiveness.

I pray for all unreconciled families, where parents do not forgive children, where children are merciless towards their parents. May spouses always have the strength to forgive each other and live together in peace. I pray for all those who are now at risk of divorce because they cannot reconcile. I pray for divorcees, that they may be reconciled. I pray for


children of divorced parents, that they may not remain in hatred and the inability to forgive their parents who hate each other, and by their hatred and inability to forgive each other, they hurt their children.

Look on peoples and systems that are unable to find the path to peace because they do not know You and have no strength to forgive. May they all reach out to make peace in our world.

Queen of Peace, Mother of goodness, love and mercy, by your maternal kindness intercede for us, your children, who are unable to reconcile. Mother of the Church, by the power of forgiveness, obtain peace for the whole Church, to all the communities in the Church. Through your intercession, may all Christian churches and all religions be reconciled!

Good Jesus, You have revealed to us the Father's mercy. You have called us to be merciful and to forgive. Reflecting on Your words, I beg You to grant all necessary graces to all. Let PEACE come, let everyone know how to forgive others their trespasses as You want the Father to forgive us through You.

Jesus, I want to forgive and reconcile. Send me Your Holy Spirit. Enlighten me and help me. Amen.



Perpetual ROSARY PRAYER and FASTING for PEACE

This activity was launched on October 1, 2014, and, thanks to the Lord and those who have responded, continues to this day.

When we pray and fast for the fulfillment of Our Lady's plans for peace and for her intentions, God works through Our Lady where it is most necessary, in the best possible way!

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The Great Grace of God

On December 8, 2021, we solemnly concluded the 33-day spiritual exercises of Consecration to the Holy Trinity through the Blessed Virgin Mary. We were united in this prayer from Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Israel and other countries. Approximately 8,000 of us surrendered our lives to Jesus through the heart of Our Lady. May these testimonies be an encouragement for us to join the next 33-day spiritual exercises. Invite your neighbors, your family, your community, your parish. You can find the start date of the retreat on our website www.svetlomariino.sk.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank all of you who participated in the spiritual exercises of Consecration to the Holy Trinity. Our Lady unites us in this way. I have had a wonderful 33 days filled with God's love. It was not the first time, but each time it is more powerful. It is impossible to describe what I feel in my heart. I wish you all an abundance of God's blessings and many graces. I bless you.
Anna

Greetings from the Czech Republic from Adamov near Blansko. We are a family with four children. My eldest son will soon be 11 years old and the youngest is 2 years and 8 months old. I prayed the 33 days of consecration prayers alone. My husband knew about it, but he did not want to join. But on December 8, I told all my children about this act of love for God and Our Lady. When I told them that the broadcasting would be directly from Medjugorje, they were all excited. The second oldest son was willing to go buy

Our Lady a bouquet, the others prepared chairs and I (their mother) set up the altar on the table. The whole family prayed the rosary together with the Medjugorje community. Then, we all prayed the prayer of consecration together. As we went one by one to sign the consecration, the youngest ran to do that too, and even though he cannot write, he drew a little car for God and Our Lady. I want to thank you for your love and for the opportunity for to do this consecration. The whole 33 days the time spent with the prayers you sent me in the mail gave me peace and love. With gratitude Lucie Rita

The most beautiful and the most joyful thing for me is that in one moment 8,000 thousand faithful were joined together in one place to pray together with reverence to Our Lady. This gives me great strength to go on through these turbulent times and to know that I am not alone and that we have the greatest protection of Heaven



and need not be afraid. I wish everyone blessed days filled with joy. Jana

I have never been to Medjugorje, but during these 33 days Our Lady “transported” me there every day. The most powerful for me were the messages. I will set them as a motto for my upcoming days and with God’s help I will try to live by them. I am grateful to Our Lady for the consecration. Helena

Thank you very much for the preparation of the spiritual exercises. I have started it with you several times, but I have never been able to complete it until this time. That is what made my joy all the greater. However, I did the consecration on Tuesday at the evening Mass in Our Lady the Help of Christians Church, knowing that I would not be able to make it on Wednesday. I had been to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before that, even though I receive this sacrament regularly. On my walks to the Mass, I was shown the sins that I had never thought to confess and it is safe to say that I hadn’t considered them as sins before. I had a

very beautiful feeling after Mass and I knew in my spirit that Our Lady accepted everything on this day. Many thanks and abundance of God’s blessing to you all. Jarmila

These are moments of grace. I have done this consecration several times and it is always something different and beautiful. I feel the presence of the Heavenly Mother, her guidance. I am happy that I have extended the “chain” to the parish. First, there was one and now I don’t even know the number. I hope to be able to complete the whole consecration in our church one day. I always look forward to every prayer, it is a blessing. Thanks.

Thank you for organizing this. It has been a beautiful 33 day journey that will never end until we meet the Holy Trinity in Heaven. I did my consecration in Germany. After Mass, the priest signed my consecration and wished me great fruits. I wish the same for all of you who have done the consecration. May Our Lady accompany us! Mary





THE LIGHT OF MARY COMMUNITY – it is a Private Association of Believers. By following the life of Our Lady, the desire of the members of the LM Community is to bring the Light – Jesus into the contemporary world, to pray and to bring sacrifice in fulfillment of God's plans of salvation through Our Lady in our times.

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