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FATHER JOZO COMMENTARY from June via Ana Shawl anabonana@comcast.net October 07, 2004

"Dear children! Also today, I call you to be love where there is hatred and food where there is hunger. Open your hearts, little children, and let your hands be extended and generous so that, through you, every creature may thank God the Creator. Pray, little children, and open your heart to God's love, but you cannot if you do not pray. Therefore, pray, pray, pray. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Message of September 25, 2004

Saint Francis of Assisi has prayed: "Lord, let me be the medium of your peace. To be love where there is hatred, . . ." And the Lord granted him that. He became the apostle and missionary of love and reconciliation between people, towns, peacemaker between the wolf and Gubija.

If with open heart, we listen to the words of the Queen of Peace when she calls us to be love where there is hatred we can see how nowadays selfishness and arrogance destroy our souls, our families, our Sundays and Holy Mass.

Many are overwhelmed with the tiredness that comes from the hatred. Many families are empty and dry like deserts. That curse has fallen onto so many. We come across Christians who don't speak to each other, who argue with each and hate each other. So many broken families resemble destroyed towns. They are like demolished bridges that no longer connect two sides and thus terminate the way because there is a canyon between them. Those drowned people are like little boats in a storm, full of water that is turning them over and pulling them down. People with no love in their hearts are like dead trees with no fruit. Political parties, societies, nations, religions, and ideologies all live in such frightening animosity. And what about the hungry and deprived ones! Those exhausted faces without their Samaritan are like deafened echo towards those who preach the Gospel of peace and justice. Only if with fully open heart we can notice that 'picture' of the hungry, thirsty, sick, persecuted and jailed Lord in those people around us. In that 'picture' are all the drug addicts, alcoholics, homeless and those who are victims of the underground and unacceptable life in night clubs. So many are abandoned. Because they grew up in families with no Christian love and religious education, like colored liquid they have spoilt the clear waters of the clean spring. Nowadays, to be able to open one's heart and readily extend one's hands to the near and dear ones is the biggest courage of all.

Those hands have so much to give! They are full because they are there for the others'. "You give them to eat"- said Lord in the desert. And 5000 people were fed. Do we know how to give what we have received from Our Lord and Our Mother?!

It is our duty to give to other people what they don't have. Only in that way should people discover the Lord and join us in our thanks to Him.

Without prayer we are unable to accept God's love. Those who are able to follow Jesus with open hearts full of love are the ones who have received a very special grace. Through their altruistic behavior those who pray are the only ones' that can reach and move other people.

Hence Our Lady concludes: *"You can not if you don't pray"*. Only those who are humble and persevere in their prayer can open their hearts to God's love and consequently be able to do what He asks from us. This is why She reminds us to *"pray, pray, pray"*.

Dear Mother and Queen of Peace, we are your prayer family. We know that you need us. We know that you send us to be love where there is hatred and bread where there is hunger. Inspire us to pray with more enthusiasm and to show more compassion.

This month we will pray for the following intentions:

- a) For all the ill people who have recommended themselves to our prayers and believe in our prayers. They believe that the Lord is almighty.
- b) For all the young people, especially those who are tempted with drugs and other vices. May they find the light and strength for everyday life.
- c) For all the families and parishes. May they answer Our Lady's call and together pray the rosary every day.

My dear brothers and sisters! I am so grateful for this message that is sent to all of us at this time that is so hard for many. Some are unable to send their children to school because they can not buy books for them; some leave school because they do not have enough money to pay their accommodation and tuition fees; some can not afford necessary medication; some can not buy shoes for their children or wood for the fire. We are face to face with a big challenge. Let's do as much as we can today. Heaven and Earth are both waiting for us and expecting from us.

My dear friends, you are all in my daily prayers.

Faithfully yours,
Your Brother Father Jozo.