

## THE IMAGE OF THE MERCIFUL JESUS

"Write my daughter, you will be the apostle of my Merciful Love. I will bless you. I will shower on you abundant graces and great gifts. I will bless the families who expose my Image. Speak to Me often and invoke Me thus:

> 'Merciful Jesus, we trust in You: have mercy on us and on the whole world.'" Milan, April 20, 1968.

The Merciful Jesus in the excessive goodness of his Heart promises that: "Whoever venerates with love and devotion in his house my Divine Image will be preserved from the chastisement. In the same way as the ancient Hebrews marked their houses with a cross made with the blood of the paschal lamb and were spared by the exterminating Angel, so it will be in these sad times for those who will have honoured and exposed my Image."

Milan, September 5, 1968.

"I have invited you to be apostles of my Divine Face and I have promised you that with that Image I will touch the hearts of sinners and I will draw everyone to Me."

Milan, January 25, 1972.

"My children, you all want mercy for everyone. Well then, become interpreters of our desires. Do so that in every family together with my Divine Face may enter the practice of the Rosary, just as it is, as the holy Virgin wanted it, as the saints, the virgins, the martyrs, the great and the small of every age practiced it."

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The thoughts, the reflections and the meditations in this booklet, were inspired to a soul.

They are, however, addressed to all those souls, who, desirous to love the Lord, seek to put into practice his teachings and to live the Christian life more perfectly.

May Jesus
bless these pages
and those who read them
with the desire
to improve themselves,
granting the help
of his grace.

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#### HE WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD

April 14, 1978

Beloved children, here I am amongst you. I am Jesus risen, desirous of being a part of your life and to live in you to give your life a divine imprint.

Every action done with Me and for love of Me assumes an infinite value. That's how you must render your existence great. If you think that material things can render your life meritorious, I answer you that you are mistaken.

If however, you wish to increase the value of human things to render them worthy of reward, you must of course make a unity of intention, of affections, of will and action with Me.

There are some phrases in the Gospel referring to my person, that I would wish become your plan of action: "Jesus went about doing good (Acts 10:39)." This is one of the phrases that I would wish you'd make your own. To do good: this you must have as aim! To do good means that what you do brings together fruits and spiritual advantages to you and benefits of every kind to those whom your actions are directed.

Is doing good perhaps difficult in this period of history of the world? No, on the contrary, the needy being many, it is very easy for hearts, minds and the wills of those who live according to the law of love, summarized in the Commandments, to feel drawn to the good and the necessity to do it.

It is a true good that which you do when there is no human satisfaction involved. If you seek yourselves in doing those good works that are presented to be done, you have already received your reward in the satisfaction that you feel and after having done it.

I do not exclude that those who do good can enjoy it, but this must not be the reason for the choice, but the result of a duty done.

The world has been created like an immense family, in which all need to receive and to give. The joy of giving exceeds that of receiving, but all must learn to humble themselves and to ask help from others. This occurs as much in the things of the spirit as in the material ones.

A day does not go by in which the supreme Giver does not give men the help of his providence. There is no minute of the day in which I do not give myself to men to benefit them with the Bread of Life, which is my Body and my salutary Blood which reconciles man with God.

There is no instant in the life of the Church and the world in which the Spirit of the Lord does not make souls sharers of his gifts of grace, of sanctity and love.

Men will sanctify their existence by imitating God the Father. They will become providence for others by exercising charity. Men will imitate Me by making themselves witnesses of the faith of which I gave a gift to them, and by making one appreciate and know the precious treasures that faith itself brings. They will become living and gushing fountains that will communicate grace also to others, if they let the Holy Spirit live in themselves. In that way it will be easy for them to translate my programme into practice. Of everyone of them one could say: "He went about doing good (Acts 10:39)."

Moreover, I wish to recall to you also a gesture that was usual for Me and which is often recalled in the Gospel.

I gave thanks to the Father by raising my eyes to Heaven. Children, your life also ought to be a continual thanksgiving. In your life all is a gift, but little is the gratitude that urges men to thank. The deed of the curing of the ten lepers is again verified, of which only one returns to thank.

All is grace, all is gift, but how will men be able to give thanks and reciprocate adequately?

Children, I am the means to give thanks. Your littleness, your misery, are substituted and integrated with my riches.

It is the Son of the King who is presented to Him and renders an infinite and pleasing thanksgiving, to which other gifts continually follow.

Don't be afraid of exaggerating, in transforming your life into a continual act of thanksgiving, in uniting yourselves to those gestures of humility, obedience and gratitude expressed by Me during my life and addressed to the Father.

The Mass, to which you often take part, responds fully to my desires, which ought to be also yours. If you wish for your life to have a universal and continual value, become part of my Mass. You can never say of having failed or having wasted the gifts of God. If the world believes in immortalizing those men of science that have benefited humanity with some discovery, you shall be immortalized in my Heart, because, by uniting with Me, you will be able to overcome and exceed the time scales.

To be eternal is proper to God. To have an eternity of glory is of the saints of Heaven, but to have a name blessed among men, that is handed from generation to generation, is of those who in the name of the Lord have sought to render their existence always an instrument of good everywhere.

Children, I am always near you. Even your country is very dear to my Heart. I desire to help you and offer you a means to overcome those diabolical temptations that, making one believe that the liberation of the

woman is at stake, lead her to homicide and to the heartless behaviour towards the creature she carries in her womb.

In this month, and in the one that will follow, the First Communion children will give their gifts of love to Me. I beg you, do so that, with a preparation made responsibly, the parish priest may consecrate these children to my Heart and to that of my Mother. I promise you that their prayer and their innocence shall have a power and a strength as to make many of those who err to believe again.

I am urged to assure you how much these meetings are pleasing to Me and how much I desire for the religious and the students to take part in them. It is not lost time, and it does not deal with a human thing but a divine thing. To the voice of God one must respond promptly and with trembling. The fear of God, who passes by, must make one grow in love and render one ready and assiduous.

I bless you all. The young shall be helped in the accomplishment of their mission and in passing their studies. The sick shall have comfort and health.

Children, I embrace you and I say to you with all the power I enjoy: be mine! You will overcome the world with all its flatteries.

Goodbye, children, make yourselves holy.

#### HE DID EVERYTHING WELL

April 16, 1978

Beloved children, peace be with you! I am Jesus the Teacher, here amongst you to continue my lessons. There is a phrase in the Gospel referring to Me which summarizes well that perfection, to which you also must tend to. Of Me it is said: "He did everything well (Mk 7:37)."

To do everything well requires reflection, an attention and a love not so common. To be attentive to what one is doing, one needs to love what one does and love the persons to whom one's actions are directed.

To do everything well demands the exclusion of thoughtlessness which leads to lack of precision and is therefore a cause of many errors.

What must one do well? First of all, those duties that concern God, that are the means to express outwardly your love for Him and to preserve those gifts that He gives you generously.

The most important gifts are the Sacraments, which, as channel of graces, communicate my life to you. Doing well, in this case, means drawing profit

from these gifts and increasing that life of grace that is synonymous with sanctity.

These means that I give to Christians, are like double edged knives. In fact, they can be transformed into a harm for the souls that do not use them well.

Has is it not been said to you that "whoever eats and drinks unworthily the Body and Blood of the Lord, eats and drinks his own condemnation (1 Cor 11:27)?"

So it is with the other sacraments: the preparation and the reflection before approaching them are requisites that cannot be lacking without rendering null or evil their effect.

Doing well one's duties towards God means giving to the love of God the first place, remembering that everything comes from Him. The lack of precision implies a lack of gratitude and a negligence that can be a bad example to whoever observes you.

How many Communions, how many Masses, how many pious practices are like pearls thrown to the swine, because those who do them do not appreciate the immensity of the gift and receive them unworthily, with coldness, with negligence, with thoughtlessness.

Moreover your life is comprised also of other duties that require attention and reflection.

Precision in the fulfilment of family duties brings joy to all the members of the family and gives to all a way of being in their turn precise in work and in the fulfilment of their social duties. A lack of attention in family progress can provoke disorder, adversity and discontent.

It has been said to you that order leads to God. I say to you that order comes from God and that every soul that lives in his grace cannot forget that every duty is a part of his will and that it is not possible to do it badly without making oneself unworthy of being in his service.

All authority comes from God, and the obedience, the correctness and the precision in doing the duties of one's state, are loving responses to that God who wants the happiness of his children, through their knowledge of Him, their love and their service.

A service rendered to God, respecting the authority that comes from Him, creates order in society and gives a way of increasing that wellbeing that everyone desires.

Social duties bring peace to nations when they are done with the desire of being useful and of need to all.

Children, if, of each baptised man one could say that, by living out his baptism and corresponding to grace, he committed himself to doing everything well, after two thousand years the Church could sing its victory,

and the example of my followers would have the strength to shake the world and lead it to good.

That's why I turn to you and I say to you: do you want to make a start to this work of transformation that ought to turn the Church into the new earthly paradise?

Many times you complain of the evil that you see and you would like to correct it. A few times you look inside yourselves and are convinced that it is necessary to begin with yourselves, with your way of thinking, of loving, of acting.

If you don't try to enter through the door that is I and don't make the effort to live as I desire, you shall always be mad sheep that go seeking in forbidden pastures the healthy food and water.

Come, children, and learn from Me! Pray as I used to pray. Do good with that love and with that precision with which I gave myself to all, in order to lead everyone to the Father. Harbour thoughts of goodness towards all in your heart, since all have the need of feeling loved in order to accept your words and to understand your faith.

Be my witnesses in the world, and may that good, that all need from you, be done with infinite desires of being useful to souls.

Children, carelessness brings disorder, discontent and ruin in every field. Do so that your life, ordered in everything, your family, governed and led with loving-kindness and with commitment, serve, like beacons diffusers of light, to illuminate whoever is in error and to build a more ordered and healthy society.

Doing good in everything will bring an improvement in all and a lot of joy. May youthful enthusiasm accompany you always in every activity and procure you every good.

Goodbye, children!

#### I WISH TO REIGN OVER YOU

April 20, 1978

Beloved children, I am amongst you. I am Jesus, Son of God.

I want for you to increase your trust in the infinite providence of God, that your life may be more serene.

I said to you one day: "Seek in the first place the Kingdom of God and his justice, all the rest will be given to you as well (Mt 6:33)."

In this, which ought to be for you a warning and a command, there is a whole of programme of faith and trust.

What does seeking the Kingdom of God mean? It signifies doing in a way that God can reign in you, in your families, in the Church and in the world. Seeking the Kingdom of God means permitting Him to have dominion over souls and bodies, that is, striving for his Laws to be observed and loved.

When I reign in a soul, I spread charity in it which is like a loving fire. Then life is transformed and love is translated into practice. The good works, the works of mercy become a consequence and a necessity.

When God reigns in a soul, everything becomes easy, talking then becomes divine, thinking divine. It is no fantasy, it is reality. If you say that the early martyrs went rejoicing to meet their execution, it is because I had taken possession of them, I reigned over their minds, their hearts and over their wills, so as to lead them to that gesture that had already been mine when they presented the cross to Me: to go to meet it with joy.

Give Me your hearts, give Me your life. I wish to reign over you and with you I wish to spread a kingdom of love in the world.

Try and observe the families built on the model of the family of Nazareth and you will see what a contrast with the families where there is no faith, no love, no God.

The Kingdom of God, in families, renders one capable of heroism, of understanding, of patience. The family is ordered and it is an oasis of peace when its members are united by the bond of charity.

God is love and where He governs there cannot be but wellbeing and grace. If sorrow knocks on the door of the house, it is welcomed like a friend and serenity does not lessen.

God, who has created everything for a precise purpose of good for man, preserves all in order and directs all with supreme wisdom for the greater good of souls.

God's providence is a manifestation of the goodness of God and concerns all creatures, even the wicked in fact enjoy it, but the families who wish for Him to reign are benefited with spiritual gifts and superior graces, through which they are guided on the road to sanctity.

I desire to be the guardian of your virtues and arouse, in all the members of your families, thoughts of goodness, humility, activity and good. Only if you give Me full rights over you, I will procure you the true good that gives you wings and makes all light.

Every Christian family is a living cell of the Church. This Church which, founded by Me, must be like the mysterious boat through which Christians can reach the harbour, it needs to be continually reinvigorated by those who

comprise it. Reigning over the Church, I am the Helmsman who guides the boat, even if to represent Me I call the Pontiff.

When you petition the Father for the coming of the Kingdom, you do but strengthen the Church, which from the divine assistance draws its infallibility and its strength.

The divine work however must not be alone. Every member has to be very alive, if he has to give strength to the Church.

If I reign in a soul, it is a living stone. Many living stones comprise the building. Many members who allow Me to reign render the Mystical Body, that is the Church, more solid, more luxuriant, more vital.

These must be your constant desires. Only in this way are you sanctified, while I feel more obliged in all that concerns you. Health, work, wellbeing, home, are secondary goods in respect to the true good, that of rendering Me master over yourselves. Then the dangers, the temptations, the snares and all the evils, that can occur unexpectedly in the world, become trifles which I in you overcome and beat.

If therefore, you feel sorry over something, regret only of having distanced God from your soul by sin.

If something must displease you in others, let it be only this: that they move away from the Law of God. If at times, it happens to you that you complain of the Church itself because she seems to you incapable of responding to your needs, look for the cause in her many members who refuse to have Me as their King at the helm of Peter's boat, that brings to salvation.

In this way, if you see that in you, in your homes, in the world, many things are defective, look for the cause in the refusal that souls, families and the world give to Me, repeating the cry hurled out by the crowd, when Pilate asked for a choice to be made between Me and Barabbas: "We do not want for Him to reign over us (Jn 19:15)."

Before those who make their choices and welcome Me as King, I repeat those words which are a poem of love: "When I am lifted up on the cross, I shall draw all to Me (Jn 12:32)."

Children, let yourselves be drawn, and, if human vicissitudes upset you, know that above all I am there, who thinks of you so that no one can harm your soul and you can continue to be mine for all eternity.

Children, I bless you all. I love you infinitely.

#### BE THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE

April 23, 1978

Children so dear to Me, peace be to you.

I am Jesus the Teacher. I desire to continue my lessons, so that you can make your life into a perfect copy of mine.

I said to you one day: "I am the way, the truth and the life (Jn 14:6)", and I intended with these words to point out to you a model.

I indicate to you the road to get to Heaven. No one goes to the Father except through Me.

My human life, lived out in the perfect observance of the Law of God, cannot but be the example for all those who wish to be my followers. To follow in my footsteps means imitating my virtues.

I practiced all the virtues to the highest degree. Your enterprise, which is truly worthwhile undertaking, consists of this: to discover my virtues, trying to realize them in your life. Only in this way are my footsteps followed.

It could seem hard for you, but it is not impossible, since the example that I give you is accompanied by the help that I give to those who walk alongside Me.

I said to you that I am the truth. God is truth per essence. Everything in Him shines with a most brilliant light. Truth is both sublime and simple. In God, in fact, all is simple and pure.

The evil one, who hates God and harasses man, is falsehood, cunning, complication, darkness.

I walked along the streets of the world announcing the truth, announcing a doctrine that was the perfectionment of the beliefs of my people.

I announced the truth with simplicity to all, so that all could accept it and rejoice over it.

The proud rebelled and did not accept, but the simple of heart welcomed my doctrine and translated it into practice. It was for them like the secret of the king revealed to children.

Still in the world the truth is rejected and my doctrine is manipulated by the handiwork of proud spirits who, emulating the demons, would like to be above God.

I am the life. My human and divine life is present under the Eucharistic veils, and whoever feeds himself with Me, by distancing sin, lives by my means. It is an irrefutable truth. True life does not exist if one does not make the soul live spiritually, moreover the life of the soul is God.

I desire to vivify every living soul in the world. The Christians, who, being grafted in the tree of life through Baptism, participate in my life must take cognizance of the extraordinary gift they receive when they are in the grace of God, since truly their life becomes divine.

I give life to all those who desire it, even when sin has broken the bonds that united Me to them; I am always at the door of the heart and I knock because I want to resume that friendship through which souls may be able to live.

I make one live beyond death, since with the Resurrection I overcame death. Whoever wants Me, whoever loves Me, rises up with Me and, after having walked along the streets of the world, captures a life that has no end, an eternal life, a true life.

Children, this time also I wish to attribute to you this triple appellative: you must be, like Me, the way, the truth, the life. The way first of all. You must be so exemplary as to be able to say: "*Do as I do*".

The good example is a very important thing in your life. If scandal generates death and leads souls to evil, your behaviour must draw to good and point out to whoever is near you the path of virtue and good. You should be able to say to yourselves: "I would like for everyone to do what I do and like I do it", such is the certainty of acting conscientiously.

You also must be truth, that is to say you must seek to translate into practice what you believe, making the Commandments your code, the Gospel your book of life.

There are many Christians who think they are such because they go to Church and do their pious practices. They also admit certain Commandments, but only those to their liking and discard the others maintaining that it is impossible to practice them.

If you wish to be truth, you must have a complete and sincere Christian life which embraces all the doctrine and the Law.

And finally, do I need to say to you that you must be also life for others? If a finger aches, the whole person suffers. If the limbs are healthy, the whole body benefits from it. In good and in evil the children of God are joined. That's why I say to you: be living and luxuriant members in order to be able to communicate your vitality also to others.

The Communion of the Saints is a consoling reality for you and for all those souls passed away who were saved by my mercy. But it is likewise consoling that all Christians can count also on the merits of the martyrs, of the living saints who enrich the immense treasure of the Church. It is all a mystery of love, enclosed in the infinite goodness of God, that of making men all brothers, heirs of Paradise.

Whoever has more, gives more. The reward will be given with justice in proportion to the merits, but in the meantime each one can help the others to increase their vitality.

In this way, children, I make this invitation to each one of you: be the way, be the truth, be the life.

Now I bless you one by one.

Whoever offers himself as victim to my merciful love, becomes greatly deserving, because he takes part with greater reality in the merits of my passion.

Goodbye, children!

#### TRUE PEACE

April 25, 1978

Children, may you be welcomed, and peace be with you now and always!

I do not promise you peace like the world gives it. I promise you and give you a true peace, which is the tranquillity of the child that rests in the arms of the father. I give you divine peace, that the angels announced to those who are animated by good will. I give you the peace that derives from a good conscience, that is, from the certainty of having acted and act according to the Law of God.

These things I wish to give you, and I wish to enrich you spiritually so that, of the overabundance of my gifts, you are able to make all my children enjoy.

Your little world, which is constituted by those souls that you know, is nothing but a cell of that greater world on which my Father turns his eyes full of goodness and mercy.

They are an overwhelming number those children who refuse my love, but from you and from your little world fiery rays can depart which, expanding themselves to the far limits of the earth, are capable of attracting errant souls to the heart of the Father.

Your peace, which comes from God, must be the means to draw the world to God.

Children, I am Jesus, your Redeemer, your friend, your brother and your peace.

Don't ask Me for anything else but this precious gift that is worth every other gift: ask Me for peace for yourselves and for others.

I accompany you and, since you love Me, I call the Father and the Holy Spirit that they may be with Me in you and with you.

I bless you all one by one.

#### **COME TO ME**

April 25, 1978

Beloved children, here I am again in conversation with you.

Today I repeat to you an invitation that I desire serve you for your whole life: "Come to Me, all you who are tired and weary and I shall refresh you (Mt 11:28)." My whole life has been a giving of relief, help and refreshment to those who needed it.

If you flick the pages of the Gospel, you will observe, in my words and in my works, an imprint of charity, of which all is imbued with.

Well then, the Gospel is the book of all times, and what I said at the start of my public life stands also today and will stand for all centuries.

"Come to Me", I go on repeating to all those who, suffering in body, desire a cure. "Come to Me", I say to those who suffer spiritually and are incapable of overcoming those difficulties that accompany every spiritual suffering. "Come to Me", I say to the fathers and mothers who weep over their children, whom they would wish to see morally different.

I await everyone, but in a special way I await those who are tired of suffering, those who feel the weight of the cross and would like to throw it far away from them.

I await those who feel the nausea of good and who, after having spent well their life believing and doing those good works which are like the riches of the faith, no longer have the strength to continue.

It is just to these souls that I turn to in a special way, that, by means of my word, they can find comfort and peace in my Heart.

Justly, thinking sometimes back to your elderly parents, you have admired their constancy in faith and good. Perseverance is a gift, since life, with its continual struggles, requires a not inconsiderable heroism.

Your oldies have won because they have prayed a lot and from prayer had help and strength. You must walk on their road to be victorious. Even if moral and physical tiredness, even if continual adversities and the arising of new illnesses weaken the will in you, you must be convinced that my invitation to come to Me is continual.

It is true too that you must exercise faith, but how many proofs I have given you, in your life, of my presence! How many proofs of the divinity of my word have you had in these two thousand years of Church history. There is a living and speaking presence by means of deeds and miracles that ought to be a spur for you to believe.

When I invite souls to approach Me, I do not intend to free them from temptations, from dangers, from weakness and tiredness. How would they be able to capture perfection if they were freed from the cross? I desire, and I can do it, to reinvigorate you and to make you continue to believe, to hope, to love.

I carry you with my cross on my shoulders and I invite you not to fear, not even when everything seems to fall around you, when it seems to you of having prayed for nothing, of having suffered uselessly.

Come, come to my Heart, you all whom the disappointments of life have left discouraged and perplexed. Come to Me, you who believed to be able to show, with your love, your best intentions and your will for peace and harmony and who have not been understood.

I understand you, I confirm every affection and every tear. I repair all and I assure you that nothing will go lost of what you have done with a good intention. I shall be a shield, salvation, life for you and also for your loved ones. Already at other times I have said to you that, when beside a sinner there is a soul that prays, that soul is saved. Have faith, have trust, children.

However, I want also for you to make your own before others the phrase: "Come to Me, you who are weary and tired." On your road, that is in your life, many times it happens that you meet some discouraged ones who perhaps arrive at thinking of suicide as a liberation. It happens that you find persons who do not want to raise their eyes an inch higher than their nose. You find persons that no longer want to believe because there is no one to give them a hand.

Sickness, misery, unemployment, loneliness often become unbearable burdens, if there are no generous souls that will meet halfway whoever is struck by these evils to lift them up.

To you my invitation: be the charitable hand, be the melodious voice that makes one understand the word of faith. Be the good soul who, giving the gift of his friendship, can make my Heart burning with love for all to be felt.

Children, I bless you in the name of the most Holy Trinity and I call you to an apostolate of good more and more intense, that may increase the value of your prayer more and more.

#### I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU

April 27, 1978

Beloved children, once again I turn to you and I desire to tell you all about my love which has no limits or boundaries, but which surpasses time and continues into eternity.

I am Jesus the Saviour. What could my gift of love be? Here, children, I repeat to you what I said one day to the apostles: "I go to prepare a place for you (Jn 14:2)."

Your life does not end in the course of those few years in which you remain on earth, but it continues into a life that will never end.

To this life, which is the only one that merits all your attention and your care, you must tend with an infinite desire of good. There in fact, each one of you has a place prepared by the goodness of the Father and by my suffering. A place that has nothing to share with the riches, the honours and the power of this world.

When a soul reaches the glory to which it had been predestined from all eternity, it has nothing more to desire. Every tear is dried away, every perfection is reached and, in the vision of God, every good is enjoyed in Him, perfect happiness.

I participated in the life of my Father from all eternity, but when I entered victorious into Heaven, after having overcome sin, death and the demon, even my humanity, which I had assumed in order to be able to reconcile man with God, was glorified and I was able to give thanks and glory to the Father who had sent Me into the world.

So it is of every soul that, being born to the life of the body on earth, must do its mission in order to return then to God from whom it had come.

Earthly life is a trial that has its marvellous conclusion in the Heavenly life.

What an immense gift this life, which, spent many times in difficulties of every sort, becomes perpetuated in the existence of God, the only one who can say: I am He who is!

Children, what shall be your ideal, your conquest? To reach that place in the degree of glory assigned to you, which corresponds to the degree of love practiced by you on earth. Certainly love is not only a sentiment and, just as I can tell you of having loved you and of loving you infinitely because I offered my life for you and because I prepared a place for you, so you will be able to tell Me that you love Me by reaching finally that place of beatitude and infinite happiness.

However, there is a detail that deserves your attention.

I, turning my gaze on the apostles, showed to them what had to be their journey. They had to arrive where I was: I would have ascended to Heaven and they too. Moreover I gave them also a command to be translated into practice: "Go throughout the world and preach the Gospel to every creature (Mk 16:15)." What I had promised to the apostles, was in that way promised to all men. I had said in fact: "Whoever believes and will be baptised, shall be saved (Mk 16:16)." In this way, in the Church, the call is repeated and all men are invited to reach, by means of faith and the Church itself, that place that has been assigned to them.

Every Christian has this task and you must feel it as your particular duty and responsibility.

Just as whoever has preceded you into Paradise is capable of telling you that he waits for you in that place which has been assigned also to you, so you, who have been enriched with innumerable graces, can say that you wish to arrive at the destination, but that you do not wish to however, get there alone. Every parent, must travel along his own road, keeping in mind and in heart his own children. Every male and female religious must journey, having alongside his own brethren or sisters. Every priest must, as pastor of souls, be a guide and a strength for the multitudes entrusted to his care. Every Christian must feel being called to give witness, with faith and charity, to the desire to reach, together with his own brethren, that God who is the fixed end of the life of every man. In this way, once again, my words can be for you a programme.

To arrive at the assigned place, remember that one needs to detach oneself from all that is transient. One needs, that is, to detach oneself from one's ego, which is the greatest enemy of Christian perfection. That ego which manifests itself through self love is the first obstacle from continuing the flight.

Everyday that passes by must be a call to give death to those things that your ego goes seeking and desiring. Your ego is in conflict with God, who wants to be the sole master of your life. Your ego goes seeking its will which is in conflict with the will of God.

Having annihilated self love which makes you seek all in yourselves, with greater ease you will live that life of union with Me that is sanctity.

My children, my glory, my predestined ones, be persevering in good, always fear yourselves and trust in Me. Don't let your arms drop before difficulties, but know that beyond the stars there is a Kingdom, whose sublimeness, as much as it is hidden to you today, is however infinite.

Of that life, of that glory, of that happiness, I give you a confirmation and I wait for you to enjoy it.

Goodbye, children! I love you and I bless you. Bring my blessing to your families and tell to all their members that I want families, complete in Heaven.

#### **BE VIGILANT**

April 29, 1978

My children, I am amongst you. I am Jesus, your brother and friend, your teacher and your guide. I come to repeat to you that warning that I already addressed to my disciples during my preaching: be vigilant, because you do not know neither the day nor the hour. You do not know when the bridegroom of your souls will come to receive you to judge you.

You do not know what the future has in store for you. You know that you are combated, internally, by your passions and by the concupiscence of the senses and, externally, by the demon and his satellites and by the world, whose prince he is, and which has a law completely different from mine.

If you consider the vigilance of your house so important as to close with great precaution doors and windows to defend yourself from the thieves, at least with the same preoccupation you must defend your soul from the dangers which, harassing it, threaten to destroy that harmony that keeps it bound to God, who is the sweet guest of the soul.

Your vigilance supposes an intelligent custody of your senses which, being like the five windows of the soul, can let enter in what for it is harmful.

Custody supposes therefore, a mortification of those senses, through which, on the other hand, man can give praise and glory to God and is put in a position of understanding his voice.

If you shall be vigilant over yourselves, you will not have to lament over having let bad words escape or of having acted thoughtlessly. If vigilance will render you masters of yourselves, there will no longer be those rash gestures and those outbursts of rage that sometimes make you be taken for persons who have lacked the good of the intellect.

Be vigilant, that sin may not make a dwelling in you and that it may not become a necessity and a slavery. From vigilance will come to you the freedom of the children of God, since you will journey on his paths, you will listen willingly to his voice and you will nourish yourselves, in his pastures, with divine food.

Be vigilant, because the last hour is hidden to you and it is the only one that is important to you, since from it depends your happiness. Watch and pray,

also so that your families may be defended from those tremendous dangers that threaten and destroy conjugal fidelity, the harmony based on charity and that peace without which the family becomes an early hell.

To be vigilant means in this case to watch over books, television shows and friendships, because from these things consequences deleterious for the spouses and for the children can be born.

Society is presently like a sick body, because too many families are unhealthy and destroyed by the lack of faith and love. If the family is healed, the world is changed. One needs to have the courage to be able to say no to whoever wants to enter it in a thousand ways to discharge their poison.

Watch, children, that the evil, which today seems to you far away since it does not strike you directly, could strike you tomorrow and find you unprepared. Watch, that no one may be able to corrode those truths of faith that you have received in Baptism and consolidated in Confirmation.

Be jealous of your faith, since heresy is served up many times like poison, in small doses, but capable of killing you.

Watch, that the sense of sin and hatred towards it may remain in you and in others. Let the fear of God guide your mind, that you may be able to look the Lord in the face and understand the moral Law that comes from Him.

I invite you to turn your life into a marvellous story of love in which the fear of offending God in his person is clearly visible and, Him again, in the brethren. Be like those who are on call and who therefore are always present to themselves.

Beside you, watchful and attentive, are your angels, who have a great responsibility over your lives and who have to present you to my judgment straight after your death.

Have recourse with love, trust, intensity, that is often, for their help because they desire to be useful to you.

And why not entrust yourselves to that Mother who enraptures my Heart with her beauty, with her virtue, with her goodness? Do so that, unanimous with this Mother of mine and yours, this month that you are about to commence may bring fruits of holiness in you all.

The watchfulness and the uninterrupted care that Mary has for her children is truly worthy of commendation and she is wonderful since she can do what no mother of this world can do.

Be faithful to her, just as the most faithful Virgin is faithful to God and to you in the fulfilment of her precise duty.

Children, I bless you all one by one. Goodbye! I love you infinitely.

Beloved children, peace be to you. I am Jesus of Nazareth, here with you to instruct you so that, in the practice of my Law, you are able to deserve to be called my followers.

I said one day: "Do not judge and you shall not be judged (Mt 7:1)", and again: "How can you take away the twig from the eye of a friend, if you don't first take away the beam that is in yours (Lk 6:42)?"

On that I invite you to reflect and to decide promptly.

Human creatures are all subject, some on one side some on the other, to some imperfection so that no one can believe himself perfect and present himself as a model to others. Instead, everybody needs to be understood and helped in their weaknesses. It is in this understanding and in this mutual help that one reaches equilibrium and succeeds in establishing peace and harmony. To that end each one must first of all realize one's limits and defects, and commit oneself to a courageous review of oneself that consents him to face up to one's evil inclinations and to avoid those faults that offend God and neighbour. Only then will he be able, with that charity that is required by all, to call back and correct others.

Certainly it is hard to see one's own faults, since truly, as certain ancient wise men said, the knapsack of one's own faults man keeps behind his shoulders, while those faults of others he carries them before his eyes. You, however, measure yourselves with Him who is your perfect model, aim to resemble Me and to do what I would do in your place. In a dispassionate and humble comparison it will be easy for you to recognize yourselves for what you are.

The Christian virtues are many and each one, according to the inclinations, the graces received, the education received, feels more or less led towards one or the other. That is so that some may distinguish themselves in what others are lacking in. These different inclinations and ways of understanding and living must not create antagonisms but stimulate charity.

The desire to improve oneself and to walk on the road to sanctity must be more alive and felt in you than that of calling back and correcting others; otherwise, it would be a pretending from others what you yourself cannot neither give nor do. On this line of humility and charity it will be a lot easier to achieve also that family peace, which, if it is always desirable, it is often only in patience that it is built.

There is however, a duty which concerns above all parents, educators and superiors, by force of the particular responsibilities of their state. If the duty of one's perfectionment is equal for all, those who are called to superintend others have the moral obligation of intervening when the situation requires it. Woe if the parents were to always keep quiet and let slide what is not good, expecting it to be perfect. It will be necessary to dialogue and tell and point out the point of the neglected law, and there ought to be together the commitment of all to improve. In this way the educators will have to correct themselves in order to correct, but it will be a work done in tune, if one does not want to run the risk of failing in one's duties and not succeeding in educating.

Children, the Christians that follow my school must become teachers of others by word, but above all by example. They must learn to see and value in the neighbour those virtues which no one is bereft of, to help him to improve himself and discover instead in themselves, at the cost of making self love suffer, all the defects present so as to eliminate them.

I have told you about not judging and I say to you still to be merciful. By the same measure with which you measure, you will be measured. It is therefore in your interest that you always moderate yourselves in formulating your judgments: an analogous judgement will be pronounced over you by the Father. Take care that it is not at your expense.

To understand, to forgive, to use mercy with others, are a part therefore, also of your personal and eternal interests whereby you cannot neglect them.

I put myself at your side, so that you may be able to fight the holy battle that gives death to every egoism, to every lack of love and so that you may truly be able to let Me reign in your hearts, in your family and in the world.

May the peace that I give be guarded and truly loved as a divine gift. I bless you all.

#### SAVE THE CHILDREN

May 8, 1978

My children, I am amongst you! I am Jesus the Teacher. I desire to hinge my lesson on those words that in the Gospel sounded one day like a warning for my apostles.

I was carrying out my mission and there were many children that were thronging and sneaking about amongst the crowd to come to see and touch Me. The apostles moved them away with rather abrupt manners. But I said to them: "Let the little ones come to Me (Mt 19:14)."

These words I go on repeating as an invitation and as a warning to all the faithful. I would like that the Churches be always regurgitating with children and that the first places be given to them.

Know that the presence of children serves to strengthen the prayer and that the innocence of their souls is a melodious voice that speaks to God in your favour.

Blessed those families in which the presence of children acts as a lightning rod.

If you look at the world and you see it full of scandals, if you are mothers or fathers comprehending of your responsibility and dignity, the thought of keeping secure those children that are a part of your life will come to you spontaneously. But how can you keep them secure, if even in your houses the demon enters so often, by means of the press, the radio, the television?

Children, woe to those through whom scandals come! It is better to put a millstone around one's neck and throw oneself into the sea rather than give scandal.

I turn to you because I know you as apostles of good and because I know that your word will be confirmed by mine, and I beg you: save the children!

The respect due to the presence of angels that stand at their side and who see my Father, ought to give rise in your hearts to an affection more and more intense for all the children of the world, needy of the work of adults.

I refer to the children who, in many countries of the world, suffer hunger and the discomforts of the greatest poverty, but also for those to whom, in the so-called civilized countries, the knowledge of God is left lacking and the importance of religion that binds man to God is ignored.

Religion represents the anchor of salvation, the force that saves. And how will these little ones be able to face the dangers and overcome the battles of life without that extraordinary and supernatural help that is so necessary and indispensable?

Children, I do not speak to you only of peoples educated in atheism, I speak to you of the children brought up in families that say they are Catholic and have received the sacraments, who neglect that religious instruction which makes one feel God as a good and provident Father and also judge.

Stand beside my Mother, and learn from her to be always desirous of imparting to children those maternal lessons made with simplicity and love.

Your prayer groups also ought to be a school for your children. Don't fear that they may be disturbed, or be bored. If they will learn to pray, if you will have educated them to the faith and love of God, they will be tomorrow persons who will practice charity towards all neighbours, besides their parents.

Pray for the children, consecrate them to my Heart and to that of my Mother: they will be your consolation and you will make them secure.

I bless you all! Goodbye! May peace reign in your hearts today and always.

#### PRAYER AND RECOLLECTION

11 May, 1978

Beloved children, this prayer meeting must take on a very special importance for you.

Only a few days separate you from the feast of Pentecost, a solemnity in which the birth of my Church is celebrated, and I desire that you prepare for it with that fervour which animated my Mother, Mary, and the apostles gathered in the Cenacle, where in prayer and recollection they waited for the fulfilment of my promise: "When I shall have ascended to Heaven, I will send you the Holy Spirit."

You also predispose yourselves to receive the Holy Spirit by acting like them. Imitate them in interior recollection, in that silence which, excluding what disturbs the mind and the heart and moves the will away from good, becomes a conversation with Him who leads souls into the desert to speak to them of his infinite love and of his goodness. Then it will be easy for you to meditate on my words and draw those benefits and that light which lights up the journey. That silence, which is never mutism, but peace and serenity, does not exempt you from the duties that your social and family relationships impose on you, but it permits you to avoid useless distractions in order for you to stay back by preference with the sweet Guest of your soul.

How many times, children, you receive Me in the morning and then straight away you forget Me, without thinking of the reality of my words: "Whoever loves Me, the Father will love him and we shall come to him and we shall establish our abode in him (Jn 14:23)." The sweet attraction of the soul that loves are the three divine Persons! In this preparation of silence and love, the bonds that unite you to Me and to the Father will be tightened very strongly so that the work of the Holy Spirit may be carried out without obstacles of any sort, in full liberty and great solicitude.

Let prayer not be lacking in these days of waiting. The world then had to be transformed by the evangelical announcement and the divine fire had to therefore destroy what was still of the imperfect in the disciples, so that they would be able to communicate my Word to men. In prayer, done with faith

and humility, in company with the Mother of the nascent Church, they predisposed their souls to welcome the divine fire.

Even now we are living through crucial and grave times. It is urgent to renew consciences, transform society, families and individuals, that all may welcome my Gospel and live it. How then can prayer be lacking? And if in order to communicate my Gospel to the world you first of all have to live it, how will you be able to live it without the help of God? Children, the lever that lifts up the world is prayer. These days shall be a strength for you, if you will learn to fill them up not so much with prayers but with prayer, which is the raising of the mind and heart to God. Learn to join work and prayer, making these two human things into two divine things.

Mary and the apostles spent nine days singing psalms and loving, waiting for the Holy Spirit: let your psalms be your work and your usual occupations, which the love of God and neighbour will transform into prayer. Vocal prayer then will be only the music with which you will enrich everything, your petitions will be sparks capable of giving light in darkness to you and to others. The offering of your day will be in this way a part of the one which, in every place of the earth and in every time, I go on renewing on the altars. Even you shall be announcers of my Word and bringers of my Spirit.

May the love that binds Me to the Father and to you, bind you to Me and amongst you too. In mutual concord, in mutual affection and help let that unity so useful to make the good that I desire to flourish, not be lacking. Divisions are fomented by the evil one and are the fruit of pride.

Be faithful to my teaching and turn your mind often to the Heavenly Mother, who has as the only desire that of holding you close to her heart, to bring you one day in her lap to that homeland in which every good thing will have its reward and eternal glory will crown this passing life.

I help you, I am with you and I bless the groups that, in unity with yours, work in humility and charity for the same end. Be always instruments of unity, obedient and faithful to the religious authority, a guarantee of belonging to my true Church, in which is all good.

Children, I bless you one by one. Goodbye!

#### INFINITE PROVIDENCE

May 16, 1978

Beloved children, peace be to you and every good. I am Jesus the Teacher. I desire to stay on with you as in a brotherly dialogue and I desire to speak to your souls, so as to obtain from you those serious intentions that must be the beginning of a true conversion.

Don't ask Me why I insist on this invitation. Ask Me, rather, from what point must your change, your transformation start from.

When one wishes to change course and does not know how to do it and where to go, one needs to choose a guide and entrust oneself to him. I wish to be your guide. Therefore, you must make Me a gift of your liberty. Too many people say they want to follow Me, but then they choose their own convenience. Even during my mortal life, some amongst those who desired to follow Me, when they heard the renunciations that I presented to them, did not accept and turned their backs on Me. I continue my calls and my invitations and I say: do you wish to renounce your way of seeing, your conveniences, your habits and your ego, your liberty?

Don't think that this is an invitation addressed only to those who choose the convent and the religious life. No, it is directed to all, because to everyone is made the invitation to convert and to sanctify oneself. What do I ask you, when I say to you to renounce your liberty and all that has up to now been a part of your life? I ask you to accept my Law, the Commandments. I ask you to observe them. I ask you to seek first of all the Kingdom of God and to raise your affections up to sanctifying them in the Lord.

Children, the moment for truly making your choices has arrived, and even if the separation of the wheat from the chaff is reserved for the other life, it is necessary that from now on you distinguish yourselves through that correctness, through that commitment and through that perfection capable of bearing witness and demonstrating your love to Me.

How many useless worries make up a part of your life! Am I not the infinite Providence that thinks of the birds of the air and that clothes the lilies of the field? And if I concern myself with these things, how will I be able to neglect you and the souls of those who are dear to you? The persons whom you love humanly, I love them infinitely because I am God.

Live by faith and trust. Are you not perhaps mine, my conquest, my inheritance? And shall you not therefore be my crown, my trophy, my glory? I want you abandoned to my will in all the things of life. I want you big hearted, so that you may be able to love in the manner of God. I want you

concerned of saving not only your soul, but all souls, just as the worldly are concerned about heaping up riches.

Your anxieties to have health, strength and consolations, resemble those of the apostles who, in the boat with Me, complained about have only one loaf. And while I went about suggesting to them to watch out against the yeast of the Pharisees, that is from pride, and from the yeast of Herod, that is from the desire to be first, they thought of that only loaf which was too little to satisfy their hunger. And they did not remember the multiplication of the loaves performed by Me! They did not remember that with a few loaves I had satisfied the hunger of four thousand people once and five thousand another time and that many bags of fragments were left over.

This I want to tell you, and I want to repeat to you, that I am the living Bread descended from Heaven, and that whoever feeds on Me, becomes one with Me so much as to then be able to give himself to others. It's in this way the left over fragments of bread become the image of your works with which you can benefit all humanity.

My children, I give myself to whoever desires Me with a love without measure. It is only in this communion of my soul with yours that you can find the strength to overcome the temptations that continually threaten you and with which the demon attempts to make you succumb. Time passes quickly. Don't take half measures. Do everything well.

Do not delay in thinking whether it suits you to do that good or that other one, or where your work will be easier and more appreciated.

The most pleasing gift is represented by your liberty and your trust in Me, by leaving to Me every power over what concerns you. Your choices in my favour ought to bring you great serenity and peace.

Now I bless you all, children. I want for the Holy Spirit to fill you up with apostolic zeal and desires of goodness.

Goodbye!

#### WATER THAT QUENCHES

May 18, 1978

Beloved children, I desire that your faith become more and more robust and that you be like those pioneers who, collaborating with Me, attain a strength that draws even others to good.

I said to you that you must not use half measures and now I say to you: whoever thirsts let him come to Me and drink. Whoever quenches his thirst

at my fount, shall thirst no more, he shall be therefore, capable of working tirelessly.

You have heard related of how the Hebrews in the desert were dying of thirst and how the Father gave the order to Moses to strike the rock with a rod so that from it would gush out that water which would have quenched everyone's thirst.

I am the eternal rock of the Father and whoever comes to Me thirsts no more.

You have also heard that those Hebrews who did not stoop to drink that water, did not have their thirst taken away and died.

I am the rock from which gushes forth the healthy water that gives eternal life, but whoever does not humble himself and does not ask for this water, does not receive it and dies dried up by his pride.

Children, how thirsty I am of your souls and your love, thirsty of prayer and virtue, I am equally ready to meet halfway anyone who is thirsting for God, for justice, for goodness, to satisfy his thirst, to make him blessed.

I lay out my chalice to you, so that you may be able to drink at the same fount, and so that what is of my taste may form for you too a reason for joy and pleasure.

It is true that I am not understood by the many that seek those prohibited drinks which distance good thoughts and the taste for divine things, but you, whom I consider friends, certainly you understand Me.

To the Samaritan woman, who sought the water of the well, I offered the water of grace. To all those who learn to renounce the things of the world, in order to welcome Me, I offer the joys of the spirit and infinite desires of good.

If from above the Cross I had not cried out my "Sitio", "I thirst", many would not have understood my desire for immolation and that of having beside Me victim souls or friendly souls, desirous of sharing my thirst.

This thirst which devoured Me on the Cross is uninterrupted in the Tabernacle. I still go about expressing in many ways the desire to be received in Communion. And it is not to have my thirst taken away, but to give that miraculous water, the drinking of which, you too can become living water.

I want you close to Me to communicate to you rivers of living water, which the world needs.

Every tree left without water is destined to die. Every soul who refuses my food and my drink will not be able to attain eternal life, because that strength and that warmth which is life will be lacking to it.

Children, it seems incredible, and nevertheless you also can verify the truth of my words. There are souls which the fire of the passions makes parched, and yet they do not accept the help I wish to give. They refuse my Body, my Blood, my pardon and my grace and prefer to renounce that beatitude which I promised to those who will want to make communion with Me. The warmth with which I wish to surround their heart, in order to make souls live my life, is rejected through those affections not blessed and not commanded that smell of sin.

Come to Me, all you, and tell Me if the sweetness of prayer and my word have any comparison to what the world and the demon go offering to everyone.

They are children poisoned by putrid fountains. They are young people attracted to false mirages. They are adults and even elderly, who do not realize being in the autumn and in the winter of life and who do not think that evening is coming and that the day ends at sunset.

Come to Me, all you, and speak to Me about them, tell Me that you cannot live without Me and that I must be the sun of your life.

I want to give you everything, children! Do you thirst for my word? I give it to you and I enlighten you, so that you may understand it and taste it. I am the living Word. If you receive the word and put it into practice, you too become a living word, the Word is made flesh and lives in you.

Do you thirst for my love? I do not desire but this, and, while I show you my love with open arms and with a pierced Heart, I want yours, transmuted into some daily sacrifice, and I gather from your heart not only your beatings, but also the desires that coincide with mine.

Children, do you desire to see Me? Well then, my most ardent desire is that of seeing you in Heaven, in that place of infinite happiness, to sing the mercy of God eternally.

If however you thirst for Me, discover Me in every poor man, in every sick man, in my ministers, in children and in every soul whom you approach.

Make yourselves into water that quenches and give, by you word, by your help, by your example, that healthy water which I give you.

Believe in my love today and always!

I bless you, children, and I help you.

My children, this meeting of yours in prayer with my Mother is dear to Me and the assiduity to this religious instruction which helps you to grow in your interior life. I give you a Mother as a model and as a guide, so that you are able to walk very quickly.

Your Christian vocation in this way matures, which leads you to be in the world true witnesses of that doctrine which I brought to men as means of salvation.

Learn to imitate my Mother in those virtues which are the basis of all holiness: her abandonment to the will of God and her readiness to pronounce her yes which gave the go ahead for the Redemption.

Yes to the will of God in the acceptance of sorrow, of humiliation and of collaboration to the work of salvation, with the offering of Me, his Son, to the Father for the redemption of all my brethren, children of God of every time and place.

Children, to accept the will of God supposes a faith all proof. Of this faith my Mother was an example during all her existence.

Faith is a divine virtue, since it is God who makes a gift of it. It becomes heroic if it is corresponded to in difficulties, in persecution and when suffering becomes more acute. Of this heroism my Mother was a teacher to you. I desire to recall to you an episode of my life, in which her faith had that merited reward and which marked the start of many miracles that I would have accomplished in my public life.

We had been invited with the apostles and some disciples to a wedding dinner. Towards the end of the dinner my Mother noticed that wine was lacking and approached Me letting Me know the thing. I gave her an answer a bit strongly, since I felt that the hour of beginning the miracles had not come. She however, trusting in the goodness of my Heart, with faith turned to the servants saying: "Do what He will tell you (Jn 2:5)." It was in this way that I changed the water into wine, and the head of the table marvelled that the best wine had been served last of all.

Children, I would like that on the example of my Mother you would place in your requests this faith and this assuredness of being heard. However, it's necessary that you always submit yourselves to my will, since I alone know what is good for you. You do not imagine how harmful it can be sometimes if the Lord were to grant your requests! Your yes to the will of God is a commitment on his part to grant your desires, as much those which concern

the soul and the good you want to do, as those that concern the health and the interests dear to you.

Trust in my Mother and act like her. Those blessings which you receive from Me and from her, will be God's approval to your doings and will make everything that you do a hundred per cent fruitful.

I have said to you that my Mother must be your model and your strength, which is like saying your help. She is the Help of the Christian people. That world which the artists, in modelling the statue, wished to put in her hands or under her feet expresses a reality, since infinite is the power given to her by God. She commands the hostile forces and annihilates its influence. She directs souls and leads them to holiness.

What miracle of love and grace encloses the poem which every soul arrived in Paradise could describe to you! Love and grace, which Mary has lavished with maternal delicacy and with the strength that comes from God.

The help of the mother, indispensable to every child and not to be despised even in middle age, is that anchor of salvation which in the spiritual life cannot be lacking.

The Church has in her, by the will of the Holy Spirit, its Mother. Every soul that desires to be a living rock of the Church, a member of my Mystical Body, must entrust himself to her whom from the Father has received this mission of universal maternity.

It is said that whoever does not love one's own mother is evil or cruel. So, among Christians, whoever does not love Mary is an idiot who wants to climb the ladder of perfection without using the means prepared for it.

In the ordinary battles of life, in the temptations of the demon, in uncertainties, in doubts, in the weaknesses to which the fragile human nature is subjected, your strength, your shield, your light and your support shall always be my Mother and yours, who was chosen by the Father as Ark of the Covenant and Gate of Heaven.

Children, I bless you all one by one.

#### THE SOUL IN GRACE

May 31, 1978

Beloved children, every moment has a resonance in time and a resonance in eternity.

Incorporated in my Body of Son of God, you acquire some extraordinary powers to enhance your life to the most.

Grace is enough to communicate to you that vital breath which, just as it gave life to creation, can make you participants of the work of creation. Grace is enough to give you the possibility of collaborating to the work of redemption and sanctification, and, since whatever happens in the light of the Trinity is divine, everything assumes universal and eternal proportions, just as God is universal and eternal.

Don't ask yourselves, therefore, how much good you do, and do not measure it with human standards. When you wish to know if your works are worth anything and valued, ask yourselves if you are in the grace of God and if you live with Him in intentions and desires. It is a mystery of love, this, and it is also a truth which all men ought to know and appreciate.

The life of man is worth for the degree of grace that it possesses, for which he will receive an eternal glory.

Predestination is the call to live out this gift of God, which is freely given without any merit on the part of man.

It is therefore, a gratuitous gift on the part of God, to which one must correspond, by accepting it and acting consistently in the observance of the Law.

The Hebrew people, chosen to give Me birth, were not always faithful to my call, and from then on, along the centuries, the calls continue. I desire to find some hearts that lodge Me and love Me. But, often, a refusal is given Me, just as I related to you in the parable of the rich lord, who wished to prepare a wedding feast. The invited found many excuses to turn down the invitation. The invitation, then, was extended to others, and still the second ones called weren't enough. The rich lord invited the lame and the crippled, all those who stood along the roads and finally the hall was full.

Amongst all however there was discovered an invited one without the nuptial garment.

You are the invited and predestined ones called from every side. You have understood that the nuptial garment is indispensable to you.

Invite my Mother to sew it up for you in a perfect way, so that no stain and no tear may render it unworthy in the sight of God. The more this garment is appreciated by you, the more you can present yourselves before the throne of the King.

Children, look at the marvellous works of God disseminated on the earth, but know that no work is so great and valued as the soul in grace, since the omnipotence and the splendour of God cover it and God acts in it.

Know that the greatness of my Mother depends above all on being the one full of grace.

May the love of God give you wings in prayer and in action, so that your life may be like an inexhaustible mine of the most pure gold. I bless you, children.

#### THERE IS MORE FEASTING IN HEAVEN

June 2, 1978

My children, I am with you and I desire to make present to you a deepest desire of mine, to press for your collaboration. I am Jesus of Nazareth. I repeat to you what I said one day: "There is more feasting in Heaven for a sinner who returns to the house of the Father, than for ninety nine just ones who have never abandoned it (Lk 15:7)."

I come, therefore, to urgently request your help so that sinners may be converted.

A proverb is often repeated which smells of egoism, and which, therefore, cannot be to my liking. It is said: "Whoever lives well, does nothing."

I understand that peace and tranquillity are precious things that come from God, but in spite of my desire that you enjoy these gifts I do not hide from you that you too must worry over doing much for those souls who do not walk according to the Law of God and who in that way put their eternal salvation at risk.

What should you do for sinners?

You are all sinners, because of that inclination to evil which is the consequence of original sin, and because of that weakness which easily leads you to give in to sin.

But when I speak to you of sinners, I intend to allude to those who have a morbid attachment to vice, to that evil which they do not intend to leave, even if they know that the Law of God prohibits it.

What will you do for those who in number, unfortunately, are almost without measure?

I solicit your prayers, which, however, cannot be sporadic, but must be continuous, intense, made with the greatest love.

To such an end I solicit, as one day to Sister Consolata, the act of love, which has an extraordinary power over the heart of the Father, over the heart of my Mother and mine.

And why ever, you will say, does it have power over the heart of the Father? Because the Father enjoys seeing his Son loved, to whom He has given full powers on earth and in Heaven.

"Jesus, Mary, I love you", you say, and a loving arrow reaches up to my Heart, as if to call the Father into my sweet company, who invites souls to realize a perfect unity with Him by means of the Son.

And my Mother? You can well think how delighted she is when she hears that the protests of love unite her to her Son, who from her received that Body which was immolated on the Cross, and which continues to love infinitely and to immolate itself for all and for each one.

Repeat this invocation often: it shall be like a precious magnet that will call back the lapsed.

Children, I must tell you however, that no true love exists without sacrifice.

Here I present myself to you like a brother of yours who desires to be saved by your merciful hand.

Are not the lapsed, your brothers and mine?

And, if in order to save them, you have to go up amongst precipices and thorns and to go down in humiliation, which is the greatest of sufferings, who will want to deny Me his help?

Know, children, that many times prayer becomes inefficacious when one does not accept the sacrifice or when one does not want to be humbled before God or does not accept those daily humiliations that are a part of human life.

Do as you wish, but try making a personal experience. You will see many conversions in the way desired by you, with the means willed by Me.

It is true then, that you also have to work for souls.

Your apostolate of action is blessed by Me and I render it efficacious. Continue it with those means that you know, accompanying your gestures, your gifts, your words, with that faith, with that kindness and goodness which render your works pleasing.

While the dark descends to take away from you the sight of things, think of the darkness that obscures the human minds who reject light, grace, God.

If you know that your loved ones are in danger, because lacking in those means that could render the journey easy for them, you go to a lot of bother to get it for them.

Well then, know that your act of love, your sacrifices and, in particular, the humiliations accepted and your apostolic action, understood as spreading of the truth, will give to your erring brethren what they need.

Goodnight, children.

#### IN SEARCH OF GENEROUS SOULS

June 8, 1978

My children, so dear to my Heart, be blessed! I am Jesus your Teacher, present amongst you.

In my Heart there is like a fire of love which flares up and which would like to communicate itself to all souls, so that all may burn with the love of God.

Unfortunately, this devouring fire is not welcomed by many, since in order to accept it one needs, firstly, to hate and abandon sin, with all those sorrowful situations that accompany it. But whoever makes himself available and accepts my fire of love, becomes a fervent apostle, capable of beating and overcoming every difficulty.

I go looking for these generous souls who, hating sin, offer Me their hearts as a thurible in which the incense of prayer burns in continual communication with my divine fire.

Do you wish to be amongst these?

Don't ask yourselves what has been your life up to now. If you have been mediocre, it is the moment to decide for a generous change that gives you wings.

If you have been, till now, on the road of sin, break those diabolical bonds that prevent you from living a truly Christian life.

If you were already well on the way of good, don't think that you have arrived at the summit, but humble yourselves and thank God who has helped you up to here, and continue with a more renewed enthusiasm, since the holiness of God, which you must reach, is still very far from you.

Whatever may be the point you are at, come beside Me, offer yourselves to Me through the hands of my Mother, and let Me take the reins of your life.

The only hindrance, that can render my action useless, is the attachment to sin.

Were you to know how much evil is derived to your life, soul and body, through that sin which you enclose in your heart like a venomous snake. It seems to you that sometimes everything is going badly for you. It seems that people rage against you, while it is the thief that you shut in the house who harms you and who brings into your life what can induce you to commit more evil.

Sometimes you feel that you cannot continue, life becomes an unbearable burden, and yet know that the Lord never gives the cross superior to your strength.

Who would it be who takes away your joy, serenity, strength? It is him, it is the demon, to whom whoever sins gives full powers.

Break these absurd and diabolical bonds: you will feel free like birds, to which the cage has opened and which can finally fly breathing pure air, which for you is purity and grace.

Children, I am a brother and a father to you, I look at each one of you as at a predestined one.

Heaven, with all its marvels, awaits you, but from now on I wish to pour the marvels of my graces and my love into your hearts.

But why to you? Because I wish to use you to call back those who do not understand my language.

When, purified and free, I have you filled with love, you shall be capable of making Me known and loved.

Be available and be sincere with yourselves and with God. Through your means I wish to accomplish great things: there is no place on earth irretrievable, there is no perverted soul that can resist Me.

Keep your aim on the burning furnace of my Heart, inside which I wish to burn every iniquity. Destroy, with a determined will, sin inside yourselves: then, get to work.

A more intense prayer, a more loved sacrifice, a better action, and one walks with Me in the light of God.

Children, I bless you all. For those who are in the hospitals, the task can be much harder, but the intensity of love facilitates the action. To the daughters that know how to battle on, I counsel the weapon of prayer more than talk. To all those whose mission is to communicate with souls, my invitation becomes more urgent: fill yourselves with Me, and you shall become efficacious instruments of my grace.

I clasp you to my Heart, children. Goodbye!

#### LIVING TABERNACLES

June 22, 1978

Beloved children, may peace and grace be constantly in your hearts and make you into perfect Christians.

I am Jesus the Teacher, and I desire, in this encounter, to help you to grow in that spiritual stature that can enable you to bring Me into the world.

I lived on earth and many were able to hear my words, many saw my works, many followed Me and enjoyed my gifts. But, in the most crucial

moment of my mortal life, they all abandoned Me. I however, could not abandon those children for whom I had assumed human nature and for whom I had to die on the Cross.

The Eucharist was instituted by Me, which was to perpetuate my presence through the centuries and in the whole world. But how would I have spoken to men, how would I have acted before them? With what means would I have continued to work those works of mercy, from which sufferers would have had comfort, the needy would have been helped and all would have had light and strength?

Behold, children, the great mystery of love which, while it makes Me present in the Tabernacle, by communicating itself to you joins Me with you, permitting you to be my living word, a living Gospel and an extension of my arm.

This is how everyone of you, in the field in which you live, can make Me live and bear witness, with your works, my greatness, my goodness, my mercy and my wisdom.

Children, the Tabernacles, where I really live, soul and body, humanity and divinity, are many times abandoned and neglected. The Lord of the House, for whom were built sumptuous temples, is often relegated to a corner. Sometimes the disused decorations of churches keep Me company. That grieves Me. But, if the souls, whom I love so much and who love Me, come to receive Me and make Me become the life of their life, I rejoice, since it's not the walls of the temple that limit my presence and my work.

By your means I enter into hearts with the truth, and I become for all the way and the life.

Here in this moment I make communion with you and I say to you: rejoice in possessing Me and do so that your faith may become more and more joyful. Rejoice and nourish your joy with that charity which is the centre of Christian life.

From faith and from charity, may that hope be born which is not based on fantasy, but on my promises, confirmed by miracles.

So, whoever leaves and whoever stays, whoever goes away from home and whoever dwells in it, you shall all have marvellous tasks which will draw the pleasing gaze of the Father and my good pleasure.

Twelves apostles, ignorant and fearful, were the pioneers of a new civilization, they brought to men a fire of love until then unknown, and they made known that God who merits every honour and praise.

Each one of you, even if little and inept, must have the conviction that, in bringing Me into his heart acquires that capability which makes angels and saints marvel.

Children, let every Tabernacle of the world have the homage of your faith, since it encloses the Holy of holies.

Let every heart of yours be a living tabernacle, in which the sweet Guest can find comfort and from which He can act for the conversion of men.

I bless you all. I enjoy the presence of the little children, on behalf of all the little children of the world. I write your names on my Heart; they shall never be erased.

Love Me, repair and honour my presence in the most Holy Sacrament. I am with you always.

## THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

June 29, 1978

Beloved children, I am Jesus the Teacher and I desire to linger on with you, to speak to you about those who were the pioneers of Christianity.

I enjoy pointing out to the brethren the champions, who, having responded to the call, were capable of calling others and to bear witness to their faith, offering up their lives as a holocaust.

I mean to talk to you about Peter and Paul. The first gave a beginning to the Church amongst the Israelite people, the second was the first apostle amongst the pagans and he called, first by desire and heart, then by word and martyrdom, all the nations to the true faith, so as to be called the Apostle of the Gentiles.

Uninterruptedly the successors of Peter succeed each other, preserving my doctrine intact, even if there were some, in the past, poor examples in moral conduct.

The faith is a sacrosanct patrimony that is to be guarded, and the Holy Spirit watches over him who is called to this high duty and this responsibility, and He watches over the Church, that not one syllable of what I have taught may ever fail.

Peter was chosen for his promptness in welcoming the will of God, for the simplicity of his heart and for his burning love. He denied Me, it is true, but it was a moment of weakness which I permitted, so that along the centuries, all could realize that I don't seek perfection in individuals, but the quick acknowledgement of one's weakness and the loving leap with which, embracing sacrifice as a witness of love and as reparation, one is ready to assume any responsibility.

Children, Peter and Paul activated in their life that command that sounded like this: "Whoever is first among you, let him be last and servant of all (Mk 9:35)."

This is the position of the Pope, who qualifies himself as the servant of the servants of God, of the Bishops and also of the priests who are in direct contact with you. Theirs is not a position of command, even if Holy Orders received by them puts them in a special situation.

They are called to serve the brethren, procuring for them those spiritual helps which they need, to be able to keep the faith and to better serve the Lord.

It is this their call to the service of the people of God which must arouse, on your part, understanding, gratitude and affection, which you will demonstrate with your collaboration.

They do not change their nature, though having accepted a divine task. They remain however, with their weaknesses and imperfections, which in part are erased by love and which, on the other part, they commit themselves with a determined will to take away.

But how will I be able to tell you and make you comprehend the delicacy of their service, which exceeds the duties of the angels themselves?

Know that my presence on earth under the Eucharistic species, with all the spiritual goods that are derived from it, is entrusted to the priestly action, whereby the priest becomes like a lightning rod for the salvation of souls.

I have spoken to you about personal weaknesses, but how can I not point out to you those diabolical struggles and many times bloody, with which the Pope, the bishops and the priests are combated, in order to combat the Church?

When you think of Peter who, locked up in prison and kept watched on by numerous guards, the angel of the Lord frees from his chains and leads back to freedom, you must think of all the Christians who, with long prayers and with penances, asked God for this liberation.

Moreover how does one pray today for the head of the Church?

How does one pray for the bishops and for those priests who are victims of the most vile slanders, or for those who are dragged into the vortex of evil, who deny the supreme authority and who manipulate or put into doubt the eternal truths?

How does one help these beloved ones who, overcome by pride or attracted to earthly vanities, place their own glory before that of God?

A grave responsibility is yours, and that of all Christians, who, in making you avoid criticisms, ought to urge you to raise incessant supplications so

that the Holy of Holies of the Temple not be an object of profanation and the Tabernacle of souls not be outraged.

One is not born a saint, but one becomes one, and you have a proof of it in Paul, who had been a persecutor of Christians.

When however, it has been given to you to see unpleasant things, redouble your efforts, and help everyone heal those wounds which could become very serious.

Nothing is impossible to God, who can act on the will and has many means in his power. God, however, has need of you and wishes to act through the awareness of your nothingness, which makes you address your cry by invoking help to Him, who is the absolute Master of the whole universe.

Children, may today's festivity obtain for you to grow in the love for the Church, who is a good and wise mother, always ready to welcome in her arms all those who wish to receive grace and light from her. Your daily prayer for the Church is the most valid, because it immediately returns to your benefit. The prayer for the Church is like the cement which unites between them the stones of a building.

Be constant in faith and do so that the religious instruction may render it more and more luminous and pleasing.

I bless you all, children.

## A WASTE OF BLOOD

July 1, 1978

Beloved children, I am amongst you. I am Jesus the Teacher. I desire to make you know some truths, so that you may be able to appreciate them and assimilate them and so that they may be an object of reflection for you and for others.

The Church celebrates in this month the feast of my Precious Blood, and good souls go enumerating the moments in which I gave this Blood as a gift to humanity, which had and has the power to erase sin and to restore the bonds of affection and kinship with God.

I shed my Blood to the last drop on the Cross and I shed it in every Holy Mass, in every sacrament that is administered and, in a special way, in the sacrament of Confession, but what wastage and what abuse of this Blood!

The soldiery that struck Me, the executioners who crucified Me, Longinus who pierced my Heart, did not give Me as much pain as the Christians do who, approaching without faith and without love my altar or receiving the

sacraments unworthily, repeat those same outrages in a more painful and unworthy way.

But I wish to remind you of another wastage of blood, that equally ought to make you reflect.

You know that I still live in the world and that my Mystical Body is that beautiful unity which makes the Church a marvellous divine work and human at the same time. The sufferings of all humanity are not hidden to Me, rather, incorporated in the mystery of love of the redemption, they become a divine means, which completes for each one and in all the passion.

One only is the condition: to live, by the grace of God, united to Me like the branches of the same tree, like the members of the one body.

Unfortunately the great majority of men reject this way of living, they reject the faith and the morals, they live in sin, rendering in this way useless their suffering.

What's the benefit of the shedding of this blood, which too ought to be a part of my life and the redemption?

Children, the suffering in the world is enormous and, often, not being valued, becomes useless; it's like not giving a soul to a lifeless body, not giving an ideal to a mind that remains obtuse, not giving strength to a body bled dry.

Humanity struggles amidst its woes and does not want to turn to above, does not want to heal its wounds, does not want those transfusions that would allow it to find again its vitality and render its existence serene.

But there is another wastage of blood, which not only does not bring advantage, but cries to Heaven for vengeance.

It is the blood of innocent babies which inhuman mothers do not want in their wombs, and it is so much innocent blood which cities and nations are being reddened with.

What's the benefit in this shedding of blood? None. Only a cry of pity from the earth is raised, to which Heaven responds asking: "Cain, what have you done to your brother (Gn 4:10)?"

To those mothers, to murderers of every kind, to those who with drugs, with the abuse of pleasure and with vice, which disfigures the soul and the body, ruin their own existence, is directed the question: "What are you doing with the gifts of the Lord? What right have you to destroy what is not your property?"

Children, know that certain sins leave in individuals, in families and in society an indelible imprint which only the Blood of the Man-God can erase.

Ask unceasingly for mercy. Offer up that Blood, which my most pure Mother gave Me by generating Me, to the Father so that where iniquity abounds, grace may overabound. You also offer up to the Father the slaughter of the innocent souls, which human wickedness suppresses, and unite your sufferings which, accepted with love, take on an exceptional value.

Learn to be intermediaries, intercessors, generous souls, who give value to life, with that prerogative without which it would remain pale and colourless: faith, love. It is this prerogative which many would like to have and which many reject, without realizing the great loss that they undergo.

Children, I bless you! May my Blood cover you, purify you, strengthen you and save you.

I bless your groups and the priests who with so much love conduct them. It shall be a flowering of graces for all.

Sometimes it will seem to you that you are not promptly heard, but it is not but to give more splendour to what you ask for with prayer.

I work with you and I offer up, with mine, your sacrifice, so that everyday my Mass may be your Mass.

I'll take care of your loved ones. I will support your initiatives and bring them to completion.

## **MARTYR OF PURITY**

July 6, 1978

My children, peace be with you, now and always. I am Jesus the Teacher.

I desire to submit to your gaze the example of a simple creature who, in the brief turn of a few years, reached an elevated sanctity that culminated in martyrdom, meriting in this way to be proposed as a model to all Christians.

I mean to talk to you about Maria Goretti, martyr of purity, who preferred to renounce to life, rather than lose that innocence that rendered her similar to the angels. But where did this girl find such strength?

From the Eucharist, which she approached with particular fervour, and from the faith and the example of Christian life of her mother.

I have said to you at other times that a Communion made well would be enough to begin a life of sanctity. And this daughter knew how to render her first Communion, prepared with so much love, and yet in her inability and with much desire, a continual and constant Communion, never broken by a single mortal sin or by a perceived venial sin.

I wish to remind all, and in particular mothers and educators, of the very great importance of preparation for the First Communion, which must mark the point of departure for a Christianity lived out.

The ugliness of sin must give birth in those young people such a fear of falling into it and making them so prudent as to lead them to avoid even the least dangers.

The love of God shall be then, the means to render them lovers of virtue and sacrifice, capable of great ideals and to give them the necessary will to reach them.

Every saint, generally, has with him the face of a woman, who has contributed and helped this soul to reach sanctity.

So it was also for Maria Goretti, who was not separated from Assunta, a strong mother, laborious and trusting, who in life never forgot to reflect on her needs, but always looked above, awaiting everything from Providence, to whom she learnt to make a gift of her untiring arms so that they would be more resistant to toil.

The task of the mother is great and the example she gives to her creatures remains indelible.

In the moment of need, at the opportune moment, this example becomes light and strength for the children, who remember and follow the same road.

When a pure and strong soul leaves the earth, even tragically, to go to Heaven, a canticle of hope is raised by the whole Church and there is a great feast in Heaven.

These souls shine in Heaven like stars and indicate the way to those who walk in darkness.

It was in this way that he who, with a passionate gesture had killed Maria, found again the way of faith and holiness.

Address to this creature, who has a great task of protection for the young, your petition.

Too many are the young who, forgetful of the sanctity of their own body, render it an instrument of sin and evil

Pray also to Assunta, the good mother, that she may obtain for you the practicing of those virtues which adorned her soul.

And may all those whom vice disfigures, find the light of truth and peace of heart.

These saints intercede for you!

I bless you all, children.

# PEACE, FRUIT OF GRACE

July 13, 1978

Beloved children, peace and grace be constantly in you!

These are the most valuable gifts of your life, to which in comparison all the things of the world lose their value.

Peace is a marvellous gift that permits you to taste the things of God and makes them be tasted by your neighbour. And grace gives you God himself and makes Him dwell in you as a sweet guest, whereby you can sincerely say that whoever lives in the grace of God, enjoys Paradise on earth.

Children, all that I tell you, the deeds of my earthly life demonstrate it, the words that I went about telling to the apostles, to the disciples and which form the patrimony of the Church, teacher of truth; moreover you can verify the truth of my words, even by only looking at your life.

When have you been capable of appreciating greatly what was taught to you in the midst of persons who had the authority? When in the innocence of soul and in the simplicity of life you received with joy those instructions; peace, then, was in you. Peace, that was a desire to know God and to communicate with Him.

Children, the world often becomes restless uselessly and thinks it can reach great milestones with science, with technology and with human productivity. Scientists, technicians, workers, aim at then, with such means, to achieve results only in terms of power, wealth, superiority of every type.

They do nothing but distance themselves more and more from peace, since they detach themselves from God, faith in them falters and they seek only themselves in their works. In this way, many persons of great intelligence not only do not give value to the things of God, but become disinterested in what can truly be useful for man, so much so as not to be capable of giving to their fellow man those gifts that are the source of peace.

It is difficult to be able to establish to what point one can enjoy peace, a gift of God. It is a fact that, the more a soul loves the Lord, the more is established in it like a most sweet climate of serenity, like a perennial spring, which no event succeeds in disturbing. It is like seeing a calm sea in which the sun is mirrored brightly or in which the moon is reflected like silver, even in the darkness of human events.

How desirable this permanent interior peace is, which makes a person a means of the spreading of serenity, equilibrium and joy. One needs to be master of oneself and keep in check one's character, one's sensitivity, to

maintain that peace which could vanish through a word, an act of anger or a rash gesture.

Children, peace is the fruit of grace. It is like the littlest most delicate child of a generous mother. Grace is everything. Through it your life is valued, death rendered happy. Your name, your greatness in eternity will be measured by the degree of grace that you possess.

A life without grace is wasted. Your holiness is proportioned to the love that you carry for God and neighbour. Without grace there is no love.

If you think, children, of the honour that is done to a man who welcomes into his house a high personage who deigns him with his friendship, with an infinitely superior comparison, you must think of the soul that enjoys the confidences and friendship of God. It is your Lord, the Eternal, the Almighty, the Immense, who takes up residence in you. It is Him who has given life to all, who is infinite happiness, who asks his creatures to be loved and to share with Him all that life presents: joys and sorrows, difficulties and successes.

Grace is the easiest success of the Christian, who has the Sacraments within reach, the mysterious channels that produce grace. It's enough only that the will does not defect. One needs to want to live according to the Law of God. One needs to turn to Him, when weakness attempts to break those precious bonds from which all good comes.

Children, I am Jesus, and I speak to you with an abundance of love. I speak to you as a brother, as a friend, as the bridegroom of your souls. I speak to you as God. I want to live in you. I want for you to possess peace and for all to able to draw, also by your means, those precious gifts that I can give to those who are desirous of them.

Remember that no one turns to my Heart and remains disappointed.

I am grace, I am peace; whoever comes to Me remains in Me, lives with Me, and produces also for others these precious gifts, leading in this way souls to good.

Children, I bless you all, one by one.

# PRUDENCE AND EQUILIBRIUM

July 27, 1978

Beloved children, peace be to you! Your gatherings are pleasing to Me because they carry that imprint of love which renders prayer efficacious.

I am Jesus, Son of God, and I take advantage of your love and your prayer to make rain down from Heaven those divine favours that men ask for and which they need.

I would like for these meetings to multiply and become everywhere that flame which lights a fire of great dimensions. I would like for the parish priests to commit themselves so that in every parish there would be a nucleus of fervent souls who, by prayer and by example, call back others to the faith, to fraternal charity, to honesty of life.

You, however, will recall how few I was able to evangelize in my city of Nazareth. Perhaps also for you it will be hard to be able to act in your parishes. Don't let yourselves get disheartened for this, but spread good where it is possible for you.

The whole world is God's: it is his temple. You can bring everywhere that enthusiasm and that desire of good that ought to be the beginning of every apostolate. In fact, if you do not feel a desire of doing and enthusiasm for what you possess, how will you be able to communicate to others these gifts?

Be prudent and balanced in everything in order not to annoy anyone, but do not confuse prudence with fear and with human respect, nor equilibrium with a quiet life and with egoism, which leads you to think only of yourselves and your needs and does not make you compromise an instant in order to help whoever is in need.

The world is full of the blind and the needy. Your prudence must not permit the blind to fall in the hole of error, and your equilibrium must not prevent you to bend over to help the miseries of others.

It is however, very important that you don't think that you have a monopoly on truth and wisdom, but that instead you seek, with charity and humility, dialogue with all those who are disposed to listen to you, and which from that friendship of yours may issue forth that loving help through which everyone feels himself debtor towards the other.

My children, it is pride that has ruined the rebel angels, that has brought ruin into the world and which continues to sow evil. It is human pride that prevents good, that annihilates it and which renders every human cohabitation troubled.

I desire that my friends be friends with all, but, so that this marvellous union of hearts be realized, humility is necessary. It acts so that each one recognizes one's limits, one's incapacity and one's mistakes and does not accuse others, but rather oneself for what happens in the family and in society.

But instead, tell Me, who thinks of accusing himself before God and neighbour of all the evil which proliferates in society? And yet each one contributes, sometimes alone even with one's pettiness to damage that harmony which ought to be a reflection of the harmony of Heaven.

In humility, which is sincerity, one can find the strength to build again; in charity and in mutual agreement the ruins are repaired.

He who does not recognize his own mistakes, will not find neither the will nor the strength to turn back, to acknowledge what there is of the defective and to put a hand to rebuild over the ruins that spiritual edifice which leads to salvation.

I bless you, children, and I tell you all my desire regarding your sanctity.

It is an invitation and a command that you must follow up, since whoever is not holy cannot enter into Heaven.

I help you and I urge you to practice those virtues that are indispensable.

Today I spoke to you about prudence, about equilibrium in doing good, but I said to you also that one needs to be humble, so that all good may flourish to the glory of God.

#### BRINGING ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

August 3, 1978

Beloved children, I am with you and I give you my peace! I am Jesus, life of your souls.

I want to increase in you trust in God, since it is from an unlimited trust in Him that your serenity and your joy depends.

The teachings that I give you are the same that I gave my disciples, but they are still and always will be relevant, since my word is eternal and men always have the same needs.

What I say to you can sometimes arouse good desires in you, sometimes leave you perplexed, sometimes indifferent. However, my words are always life, and good for calling you back to those thoughts of faith, to those indispensable actions that aim at the formation and the consolidation of the Kingdom of God in you, in the Church and in the world.

Children, the Kingdom of God in you is brought about through the practice of my word.

There are however, those who do not make good use of this word and neglect it or forget it.

In that way the Kingdom of God is not built in the soul and it remains with its imperfections and miseries, rather, it aggravates its situation, since it adds misery to misery.

The Kingdom of God undergoes violence, that is to say that every time that you commit yourselves to erect in your heart a temple of God, there will be the evil one who will attempt to overthrow your good intentions and will want to erect a chapel in his honour.

One needs to pray a lot and to be determined and constant in your intentions.

To bring about the Kingdom of God in the world, I make use of men, I make use of the Church. I make use also of you, and the call to be a part of these prayer groups is an invitation to work.

Not all however, have holy desires; some often mix good things to superstitions and to useless things.

I am the Fisherman that ought to make the choices, but I do not do them, since whoever does not have the right intentions turns away by himself. You have seen how many times fervent persons, so much benefited by Me, have become indifferent and have let themselves be convinced of leaving in order to dedicate themselves to things of little value. They made the choice themselves. Even in the Church it happens like so. You see souls, who were enriched with innumerable graces, leave the faith, the Christian practice and end up entangled in those vines in which it is not possible for the life to grow and flourish.

My definitive choice between the good and the bad shall be made at the end of the world by means of the angels, who will separate them, throwing down the bad there where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

You will not be amongst the bad; docile and trusting, you are in my hands like clay in the hands of the potter. If it happens that you make a mistake, you let yourselves be helped and worked, so that my work may turn out refined and perfect.

I have called you by means of Mary, Mother of the Church. Your response has been conscious. Your will is determined. The trust that you place in Me is straight away validated by that which I place in you. Do you want to turn your backs on Me? Do you want to go on your own? Do you want to deny Me your sacrifices, your gift of love?

I remain in waiting for generous souls.

The Kingdom of God needs generous souls who knowingly and simply equip themselves with those means that are indispensable for a good outcome.

Whoever goes seeking butterflies, tastes bitter disappointments, because what seemed multicoloured and so valuable reveals itself a worthless thing once attained.

The wise and the generous do not know half measures, they do not appreciate but the real treasures. Be amongst these, children!

I bless you in the name of the most Holy Trinity. I bless your husbands and children; I will bring them back to Me according to the measure in which you learn to make Me your Fisherman and let yourselves be drawn to Me. I do not wish to put any limit on my goodness and mercy, but I want to make use of you as means. Goodbye, children.

Remember that the Kingdom of God has need of wise, simple and generous workers.

#### ONE WITH THE FATHER

August 10, 1978

My children, I am amongst you living and real. I pray with you to enhance your prayer. I am your Jesus, whom you wish to choose as guide, as teacher and as bridegroom of your souls. I wish to impart to you a little lesson that may be useful to you for your whole life.

Who is the Christian? It is he who, imitating Me, becomes a witness of mine in the world so as to attract other souls to my following. Mary, my mother, was the first who imitated Me perfectly and her example now and always leads souls to follow Me. Who is the Christian? It is he who behaves like Me in his relations with the Father. "I and the Father are one (Jn 10:30)", I was able to say. Mary accomplished this unity perfectly, since in her life she did not seek but the fulfilment of the Father's will, even when doing it required heroism. I lived this union with the Father moment by moment, asking in every action his good pleasure, doing every action in Him and through Him and thanking Him continually for all that I did.

The Gospel, with the account of the most salient deeds of my life, ought to constitute also the lined pages on which are called to walk all those who love Me. When one wishes to photograph my way of behaviour, two phrases may be said which summarize everything: "He passed by doing good. He did everything well (Acts 10:38)." Here, the Christian ought to imitate Me in my relations with the Father and with men. Doing good and doing it well. This, children, is my invitation. Let this be your programme.

Now, if you seek the will of the Father in every action of yours you wish to give Him glory, you cannot do his will in a neglectful way: every action must transmute itself into gift and must be done with that care and with that love which is the imitation of my perfection.

What is said of Me, you can say of my Mother. I would like to show her to you in every occupation of hers, serene, composed, attentive, loving, precise, to say to you: be like her and you will sanctify your days, you shall be perfect like the Father wants you and you will make the whole of humanity sharers of your good.

One could say that every Christian, truly such, acquires infinite powers over all the creatures, since he becomes master of the heart of God. By seeking his will, in fact, one accomplishes in the world all that has value, all that is good, holy, worthy of admiration.

By uniting your life to mine, you reproduce my works, my prayers are yours, the redemption is worked also by your means and the successes of the Spirit become easy. One only is the condition so that all that may come about: being humble. I repeat to you the Gospel invitation: "Come to Me for I am meek and humble of Heart (Mt 11:28-29)." No one arrives at the Father except through Me. No one arrives at my Heart except through humility. When, annihilating one's ego, one elevates oneself to God, they understand each other, because He reveals them, the secrets that He makes known only to the little ones, and the meaning and value of one's life is discovered.

Children, learn and impress well in your minds these simple but profound things.

Guard them in your heart just as my Mother guarded them and relive them out, if you wish your action to be truly exemplary and be seed that produces a hundredfold everywhere.

### PERSEVERANCE IN FAITH

August 13, 1978

My children, peace be to you! I am Jesus the Teacher, desirous of communicating with you who love Me and who desire to follow my teachings.

I desire to recall the Gospel passage that was read to you this morning, so that you can draw those consequences useful for your soul.

Know that I never ceased praying during my whole life, and that, when tiredness or sufferings, caused to Me by the misunderstandings of the

disciples and friends, became greater, I turned to solitary prayer with more strength and with more intensity.

If, in fact, as God, I was always united to the Father, as man I had to receive from Him encouragement and help.

It is a mystery, I know, but from it you must learn to have recourse to God in all your necessities, even and above all when the crosses weigh heavily on your heart, and when you would be tempted to think that your many occupations might dissuade you from prayer.

I, therefore, after having cured the sick and instructed the crowds, retired onto the mountain and there I stayed the whole night in fervent prayer. Know, children, that night-time prayer has great strength to obtain graces and great value for your sanctification.

Having come down from the mountain, I caught sight of the boat on which were Peter and the others, at about a two kilometre distance. Peter, in his turn, caught sight of Me first, but they all thought I was a ghost; at which I encouraged them making myself recognized. But they were still unsure, the light of the day was dim. Peter made Me a request: "If you are really the Teacher, command me to come to You on the water (Mt 14:28)."

One does always so with the Lord: one asks for miracles in order to believe; but faith is not increased, is not consolidated and is not rendered efficacious with miracles. Peter is a proof of it, since, while with a first leap he had directed himself to Me, at a certain point he was taken by doubt that not even my presence was able to eliminate, so that what was to give him strength came to be lacking in its power, and he began to sink.

Children, do you know what miracle it is that you must incessantly ask for in your life? Perseverance in faith.

It is faith that will make you beat the difficulties, overcome obstacles and that makes you resist in those daily struggles which many times seem to you overwhelming storms. If you shall have faith, even when it seems to you that all is lost, that all goes badly for you, you shall always be victorious.

Faith makes you feel the presence of God and makes you turn to Him like a son turns to the father. His providence shall never be lacking to you, since his infinite goodness cannot fail.

Faith is the anchor of salvation and, as in a tempestuous sea whoever invokes help receives it, not only for himself but for all the shipwrecked that are with him, in this way your faith becomes a means of salvation for the brethren who, in the world, get agitated without knowing who to turn to in order to get help.

To Peter, who was about to drown, I gave out my help and I brought him back to the surface.

The extension of my arm are you, children, who, living in my grace, form like a true unity with Me. There are many who are about to drown in the world, people of every category, of every social class. There are souls who have enjoyed my favours, apostles and disciples of my doctrine, who let themselves be beaten by doubt, attracted by worldliness and submerged by the unhealthy waters of impurity and riches. To those you must put out your hand by prayer and by penance. There are young ones who the love for freedom and for enjoyment drag into whirling waves of evil. Also to those you must put out your hand. It shall be your good suggestions and your continual assistance, made up of example and goodness, joined to the firmness of your faith that will help them recognize their errors and to appreciate the true values.

It is necessary that, you first, do not yield to the flatteries of the world, in order to be constantly the extension of my arm.

It shall be your work which will make your brothers come out in that expression of faith which crowned my meeting with the apostles, who from Peter's boat had observed all that had happened: "*Teacher, truly you are the Son of God* (Mt 14:33)!"

Yes, children, if your constancy in faith and in good is truly like I want it, all men will acknowledge my divinity. Doesn't it seem to you that from the acceptance of this truth depends all that is good?

If I am recognized as God, my word shall be accepted, not like that of a simple prophet or a philosopher. Truth is identified with the divinity and by the knowledge of truth and by its acceptance is derived holiness and happiness on earth and in Heaven.

Happiness that is not to be confused with absence of sorrow, since one can also be immersed in sufferings and have nevertheless deep in the heart that joy that no one can take away: the one which comes from God himself.

Children, I bless you all.

May your fervent prayer obtain for the Church a holy Pontiff.

Never despair and be trustful.

I give relief to your dear departed ones and I give help to those who make you suffer so that they may return to my Heart and yours. May a fervent and long prayer prepare you for the solemnity of my Mother, and may she be propitious to you with numerous heavenly favours.

Goodbye!

#### TO ENTER INTO THE TRUE LIFE

August 14, 1978

Children so dear to Me, peace be to you and grace and every good!

You have come here to honour my Mother and to hear again from her that which was her last will. Remember, children, that her spiritual testament is the same as mine. Run through my words pronounced upon the Cross and you will see the same thirst, the same mercy, the same love and abandonment in the arms of the Father, are also in her, and that these desires of hers are being expressed not only in her life and in her fiery departure of love, but continually in the course of the centuries. You don't have to but go along with her and imitate her, to live holily and hope in a glorious and eternal life, the same one that she already enjoys in Heaven.

Do you remember the Gospel deed? It was wanted that I should pay tribute for the Temple, the tax from which I could have been exempted, and I sent Peter, so that, with the silver piece that he would have found in the mouth of the first fish caught, he would pay for himself and for Me.

So it is, children. Everyone must give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and also to the earth one needs to pay one's tribute: the body, taken from the earth, to the earth must return.

My Mother was exempt from this tribute through the will of the Creator and returned as a privileged creature into the arms of the Father. But everyone of you are journeying inexorably towards that crucial moment in which the soul will have to be separated from the body and death will be necessary to enter into the true life.

Children, commend yourselves to her, so that she may help you to do in your life her testament and to pay decently and with justice your tributes to God and to men.

You have also come to this place to ask that the new Pontiff be according to the heart of God. You shall be heard. But as of now know that whoever the Holy Spirit may choose for the chair of Peter, even if defective as man, will always bring to men the best charism which a human creature can be equipped, that charism of infallibility that gives you surety and trust.

Young men, have great ideals in your life. Adults, whoever you may be, believe in my love for you. Love Me and make Me loved.

I bless you, children. Goodbye!

## FORGIVENESS IS AN ACT OF JUSTICE

August 17, 1978

Beloved children, how pleasing your prayer is to Me! It is a marvellous gift which compels God to intervene in your earthly and spiritual fortunes to help you resolve your problems.

It is true that God is never absent and that He regulates every human event in such a way that everything may turn to the benefit of the soul of his children, but your prayer, made with simplicity of faith and with love, is an insistent call to which the Lord cannot resist.

Continue therefore, to render glory to the Father, uniting your prayer to that of the blessed comprehensors of Heaven. Give together, your tribute of gratitude to Me and, drawing from prayer those teachings which help you to correct your life, manifest the efficacy of my redemptive action in you. And give, with your prayer, praise to the Holy Spirit and make it become a means to unite you all as brothers in my Church.

Today, I would like to invite you to make prayer the means to demonstrate, to all those who could have offended you, your forgiveness.

My children, the Christians are many who do not know how to forgive.

One day a disciple approached Me and said to Me: "Teacher, how many times must I forgive whoever offends Me, perhaps seven times (Mt 18:21)?" I replied to him that one must forgive "seventy times seven", that is always.

And I say to you that this is indispensable, if you want for the Father also to forgive you. I assure you that the only thing that will give you serenity and peace, when you are on the point of leaving the earth, will be the thought of having used mercy with everyone and of not having not only pardoned the offences, but returned evil with good, always.

Forgiveness at times seems an act of generosity, but it is but an act of justice, and speaking of which it is possible to say: "He who is without sin let him throw the first stone (Jn 8:7)." Who, in fact, can affirm of never having offended his neighbour? Aware of it or not, how many times is one a reason of suffering for those to whom one lives next to?

Every human being is a creature of God, made in his image and likeness; it is therefore true that, in the offence committed to anyone, it is God himself who is offended.

Also the Church expresses then a perfect unity with Me at its head. All Christians and all who live in the grace of God are living members of my Body. Doesn't it seem to you then, that whoever is a cause of suffering for anyone of these members tears my own Body?

And yet, whoever commits an offence to my living Body in the world, does not want to recognise his own guilt, he refuses to ask for pardon from God and neighbour. Whoever then, considers himself offended, often insists on denying his forgiveness to his brother. It is in this way that many close the gate of Heaven by themselves.

When the apostles asked Me how they should pray, I taught them the "Our Father". With what daring would one who is incapable of forgiveness say to the Father: "Forgive me as I forgive my debtors"? Won't it happen what is related in the parable of the servant debtor who, having had a great debt remitted and not having learnt in his turn to cancel the debt of he who owed him only a small sum, was thrown into prison until he had paid up to the last penny?

My children, this lesson, given in these days of joy for the festivity of the Assumption and of mourning for the Church, ought to be an invitation for all to review their own positions.

My Mother, on leaving earth for Heaven, pardoned all those who had offended her in the heart, by laying waste to my Body. Now, of my Body one still lays waste, not only by denying my Presence in the Eucharist or approaching it without sorrow for sins, but also by receiving Communion without having first forgiven whoever may have offended you.

This continued martyrdom, this renewed passion, is painful for my Mother. And it's you who must work and pray and live with Mary this dutiful reparation.

I wish to still, remind you of Paul VI. I have said to you that the Church is in mourning. There have been and there are those who, in slandering the Pope, would like to annihilate its work and make the Church perish. The devastating action of the demon will continue by means of his friends, but the triumph of the Pope is already obtained.

Pray, my children, so that the enemies of the Church may change their minds, humble themselves before God and recognize my authority in the authority of the Pope.

May your prayer obtain for minds to be illuminated and for hearts, softened, to be ready to receive and to give that forgiveness which is the source of charity and life. Let not the sun set on your anger. Be always, in humility, emulators of the angels, and know that it is not necessary to make a mistake in order to ask for pardon, and it is always edifying to ask for it, even if others have offended you.

I bless you all, children.

#### THE WORLD NEEDS LOVE

August 24, 1978

Beloved children, apostles of my love, peace be to you. I am Jesus the Teacher and I have called you to make you feel more strongly and more intimately my love.

Have I not chosen you from all parts? Have I not raised up many of you from the mud, to make you understand the beatings of my Heart? Now you must follow Me and accept the cross. You must walk in my footsteps.

I do not promise you riches, honours, pleasures. I assure you rather, that you will be combated, despised, slandered. They will call you fanatics and mad. They will mock you and not understand you, but not for this must you yield, let yourselves be disheartened and taken in by dejection.

The strength that I give you is divine and, as it renders you capable of overcoming the difficulties, it fills you with joy. It is the same strength of the early Christians who went about joyful to their martyrdom. I put in your heart a fire. But what does the fire do, even if hidden? It continues its action: it destroys and propagates itself.

My fire must devour the evil in you and outside you, it must spread itself and lick every environment, every family, every category of persons.

In the fire of love which will develop, if you want it to, all those miseries which presently seem so grave to you will be destroyed.

The things that make you suffer many times originate from self love. The love which I give you will be a powerful antidote that will suffocate that venom which can destroy the good that you do.

Children, after a day's work you could find yourselves empty handed, but if on every action of yours you let pass the vivifying breath of love, you enrich your day with works worthy of an eternal reward.

Don't let your defects frighten you. I know you and I know that perfection is a very hard conquest. Let apathy frighten you. Let indifference frighten you with which you pass from good to evil, always finding a justification for your behaviour.

If your faults make you suffer, if temptations lead you to arm yourselves with prayers, if your love finds however, what reinvigorates it in the daily miseries, thank Me also for your miseries, since these are not what displease Me.

Love must make you vibrate, it must make you admit the goodness of God and must make you recognize your weaknesses and miseries, without making you tremble or despair.

My children, I want you serene and strong, ardent and good. I want you united in the works that you undertake, desirous of giving glory to God. From this strength, from this ardour and from this meekness, which draw their origin from love, the good outcome of your apostolate will be derived. It is not words that convince and convert, although at times I may also use them: it is love, which penetrates, works, transforms. The world needs love.

Hatred, from which the hearts of many are gnawed as by worms, prevents collaboration, sows division, destroys harmony, leads to ruin.

Only love builds and heals, vivifies and conquers.

When you see that divisions are created in the Church, in communities, in families, wherever, strengthen love! If it depends on you, remove the obstacles; if it depends on others, help them; open their eyes!

Life can be a paradise or a hell, and it can be in the measure in which there is or there is not love.

When a soul wishes to follow Me, I open my Heart to it and I bathe it with grace. If it wishes to return my gift, it must love Me. But it cannot say that it loves Me if it does not open its arms to welcome my brethren, redeemed by my Blood, won to life by my death on the cross.

Everything that you do for Me is dear to my Heart, but what you do for the brethren is doubly pleasing to Me, because love for Me is manifested in those who enjoy your goodness and brings them a knowledge of my love.

I would like for Christians never to talk about "enemies", but only of the "needy" or the "sick". Charity should destroy enmity and should create oasis of peace. Today to you I entrust this mandate of mine.

To Nathaniel, who recognized in Me the Son of God, because I had read him in the depth of his heart, I said: "You shall see greater things than these. You shall see one day the angels of the Lord ascending and descending on the Son of Man (Jn 1:50-51)." today I say to you: be the angels that come to draw at my Heart that power of love with which to benefit all the brethren.

#### UNCONDITIONAL OBEDIENCE

August 31, 1978

Beloved children, here I am amongst you to instruct you, as I once instructed the crowds that followed Me in my earthly pilgrimages.

I am your Saviour, and my word has always the aim of elevation and perfection. I am your Teacher, and my teaching has therefore, the aim of

enriching your mind. I am the food of your spiritual life, and my word must help you to divinize your works.

Your earthly life ought to be conducted in a way as to make the angels envious: this is what you must get out of these simple and profound lessons of mine.

There are those who say that only the Church is the teacher of truth, who teaches by means of her ministers, and I am in agreement with them, but the Lord, who regulates the fate of humanity, cannot be prevented from choosing even other means in order to reawaken and inculcate that faith of which the Church is the depositary.

The charismatics, when the charisms are true and are gifts of God, are but a lifeboat destined to help those souls who would like to live without the Church and who exactly by means of the charisms find again the way of truth.

It is also good to think of the charismatics at work under the specific action of the Holy Spirit, who goes about reawakening the love of God in some souls, so that they become the suitable fuse to accomplish those demolitions that are many times rendered necessary.

How I rejoice, on the other hand, that attachment which your group demonstrates towards the Church, the Pope, the bishops and the priests! How dear to my Heart that all these elect are helped by your prayers and that you never make them an object of criticisms, derisions or confrontations! Perhaps one thinks that a sick man can be cured only by highlighting his illness? That there are spiritual illnesses in the world is a thing known by all, but who can cure these illnesses if not the celestial Doctor?

Have I not made myself everything for everyone and did I not heal Peter himself, who had denied Me, with a penetrating gaze full of love and sorrow?

Yes, I want this from you: a constant fidelity to the Church that is translated into fervent prayer and sacrifices.

When the charismatics are convinced both of the utility of their action and the necessity to support, in unconditional obedience, the action of the Catholic Church, I accomplish miracles without number, and the charism is confirmed.

Look, therefore, always to the Church as the navigator looks to the compass and do not hesitate to renounce your will in order to obey.

Children, I have pointed out to you some truths, but I cannot do without reminding you how vigilance must be a part of your life.

If one is vigilant over oneself, one will be able to guard in one's heart that spiritual life that is made first of all of love.

Whoever, in fact, will learn to flee from sin, except he who loves God? And from the love of God, will not then, that love of neighbour be released which is its necessary consequence? Vigilance, vigilance!

Your thoughts are not hidden to God.

If you are vigilant, it will be difficult for pride to dominate them and for error to penetrate into your minds. Watch, children, over your words. How fewer wickednesses, how fewer dangers of breaking that charity, which many times is forgotten, only because one knows not how to keep a break on one's tongue. Whoever does not sin with the tongue is a perfect man. Remember and watch!

Your house has to be my dwelling. The domestic shrine, which above all the woman ought to consecrate with love, fidelity, sacrifice, respect, is many times sacrilegiously deconsecrated by impure sin, by blasphemy and by many other sins.

Children, once again I say to you: be vigilant, because, having distanced God from your habitation, the demon does not come to take his place with all those consequences that he knows to bring. Watch over your children and do not be "deaf dogs". The dangers that hang over them are serious. Do not fear of offending them. The truth, even if it must said with charity, cannot be silenced.

I beg you, tell your children how great my love is, but also remind them that at the same high degree exists my justice and hell.

Now I turn to the priests, the religious, to those who through their ministry and through divine duty, must announce the truth: be vigilant, I say to you, so that it doesn't happen in the field assigned to you for the evil one to sneak in and sow darnel and bring error. Be those who meet everyone halfway with an open heart, but be also prudent.

Like good servants, watch over those souls that are entrusted to you and guide them on the road to true sanctity and salvation.

Be vigilant, so that the demon and his satellites do not ruin those souls of which you will be called to give an account.

Children, I bless you one by one.

#### IF THE GRAIN OF WHEAT

September 7, 1978

Children, so dear to Me, peace be to you! I am Jesus, your brother and bridegroom of your souls.

I desire to repeat to you in this moment a phrase that I would like for you never to forget in your life. They are words that teach the necessity of a virtue such as humility and together help to gather the meaning of sorrow.

I said: "If the grain of wheat does not die, it does not produce the ear (Jn 12:24)", and I referred to that death which must annihilate your ego, so that it may be God living in you.

The Christian needs to know that this alone is necessary: that the soul, actually, lives of the life of God, this even if the body, subject to the vicissitudes of life, is lacking that vitality which to man seems indispensable. It is therefore necessary to die morally to oneself, to overcome pride, which as a consequence brings every other vice, and to keep the body at bay under the dominion of the soul.

There is no harder struggle in human life than the one against one's own evil inclinations, but the most bitter is certainly the one against one's self love, which causes every evil on earth, distances the soul from God and closes the door of Paradise.

Children, if you were to ask Me what to fear most in the world, I do not hesitate to answer that you must fear pride, since, if you can overcome the demon even with a simple sign of the cross done well, if you can overcome the world also with an effort of your will which makes you go against the current, pride clouds the eyes of the spirit so much as not to permit you to see anymore, so that like blind men you are led into the chasm.

I speak to you of pride as a bad weed which, unfortunately, sowed by the demon, continues to cast deep roots and to spread itself even amongst those who call themselves Christians, threatening in this way to suffocate the good seed. It is like a darnel that gives birth to disobedience, lies, lust and all the most dangerous things that can be in the Church, in communities, in families and in individuals.

To extirpate this bad plant must be your special task, even if that means spiritual suffering for you and, sometimes, physical. Certainly the work of knocking down pride will be useful because its place will be taken up immediately by that humility which attracts the gaze of God and which will permit you to enter into my Heart and to take up abode in it.

Let the humble not fear my justice. The same mercy that he will have shown with others, will be shown to him. The gates of Heaven shall open up with great festivity to those who, by practicing humility, shall have rendered themselves little seeds, from whose death has come that choice wheat worthy of inhabiting the eternal granaries.

Let not the humble fear of not having comfort in suffering, since, in making him a sharer of my sorrows and my merits, I will fill him with spiritual sweetness and I will raise up beside him generous souls who will give him help.

Let not the humble fear of not having peace and of not knowing how to spread it, since that peace, that was announced to the shepherds for their humility and which I gave to the apostles after my resurrection, shall be his inheritance.

Oh, if the world were to be populated with humble people, how it would change its aspect and how the Lord would come with joy to dwell with men! Listen to Me, children, and do not desire other than to possess and practice the virtue of humility, which renders you similar to the most humble and perfect of creatures: my Mother, the one full of grace, who, in the sublimeness of her beauty and her virtues, did not but exalt God, whose dwelling she became.

Children, sorrow is also necessary for you: suffering is to die a little, and from the martyrdom that suffering produces life is born. Is it not perhaps from ground grains that comes to you that precious gift which is flour? And is it not from squeezed grapes that wine comes to you, the precious drink which I transmute into my Blood for the salvation of the world?

Children, let yourselves be ground, let yourselves be squeezed out of love and make your life a generous offering.

I bless you all. Goodbye, children, and have a good September month.

# WITHOUT HUMILITY THERE IS NO HOLINESS

September 9, 1978

My children, I bless you. I am Jesus the Teacher. See Me pierced on the Cross, see my Mother at my feet. I am not saying new words to you, I am repeating what I said from the top of the Cross: children, here is your Mother! I give her to you as a model, as a mother, as a teacher. What do you see in her? The one full of grace, the Mother of Love, the most humble

amongst all creatures. As the one full of grace, you can imitate her by fleeing sin. If you look at Me crucified, you can say: "Such has sin devastated." If you see her, the one full of grace, you can say: "Such is one without sin."

Children, a day passed in sin is a day lost. You are not in the love of God, you are not in the love of the Mother, you are not in the love of the brethren, when you sin. Here is the model: your Mother, Mary, the one full of grace.

But you must learn to love as she loved. She has loved crucified in the heart, just as I was crucified in the limbs. You must love by denying in yourselves all that grieves your neighbour and your God. Learn to love, children, from Mary, the Mother of divine Love.

That's why I wanted you here: to show you where my love has led Me and where love has led Mary, and to tell you where you must arrive in order to love truly. But, children, one cannot flee sin and one cannot love without asking with humility help from God and from your Mother.

You are here at the feet of a great saint, St. Charles Borromeo who made humility his programme. Place at his feet your promise of wanting to be humble: of that true humility which makes you appreciate the gifts of God, which makes you recognize in you the greatness of God, but which at the same time makes you see your nothingness and in your incapacity.

Let the humble come to my Heart, let the humble come to Mary's school, let the humble come to draw from the example of the saints that virtue that makes the saints: without humility there is no sanctity!

Children, my spirit is over you; I fill your soul with ardour, zeal, goodness, but above all with humility. Be little, children; be little, if you wish to love each other; be little, if you wish to have Mary as model, as mother, as teacher; if you wish to rest between her arms and draw all the other virtues from her heart.

Children, may the most Holy Trinity bless you and my Mother accompany you today and always. Do not abandon her: I have given her to you as teacher, as mother, as guide. Do not abandon her, since she loves you as I love you.

# **CRUCIFIED OUT OF LOVE**

September 14, 1978

Children redeemed by my Blood, be blessed.

Do not forget the sacrifice of your God, do not forget that the Cross is your salvation!

Children, you have heard in the reading of the Gospel the phrase pronounced by Me: "When I am lifted up between earth and sky, I shall draw all to Me (Jn 12:32)." Have you let yourselves be drawn to my love? If you still have not done it, do it now: let yourselves be drawn, since only in this way can you be instruments, in my hands, for the salvation of the world.

The ancient Hebrews, looking at the serpent lifted up on a pole, were cured of the bite of the serpents, and were saved.

The world needs to look at the Crucified one to be saved; and, if it does not look at the Crucified one, it looks however at the crucified.

The world looks at you, children! It looks at the way in which you suffer, it looks at the way in which you are patient, it looks at the way in which you love. The world forgets the Crucified one, but it looks at the Christians who have to bring forward a witness, a faith, a discourse, a doctrine; it looks at you, children!

I draw to Me all those who let themselves be drawn, so that they can become means of attraction for all the world. I draw you and I say to you the same words that I said from the top of the Cross: "I thirst! (Jn 19:28)". Children, I thirst for your love, love Me! I thirst for you, for your mortifications, for your goodness, for your good works. I thirst for a Christian life lived out as I desire it. I thirst for you, every day. I thirst for you, and, as a thirsty dying man, I approach you and I say to you: children, do not deny Me a sip of water! Your goodness shall be for Me the sip of water. Your charity shall be for Me the sip of water. At every moment you can give it to Me.

Be good with everyone, with everybody I say to you, because you must draw all to my Heart; you, crucified out of love for the Crucified one, shall be the means to draw men to the Crucified one.

I draw you to Me and I say to you: "This very day you shall be with Me in Paradise (Lk 23:43)", as I said to the good thief; I say it to you to increase your hope, to increase your faith, so that in approaching the sick and sinners, you have for all a word of comfort. Never let yourselves be beaten by incredulity or by desperation. What an offence to my Heart, children! I came to save, and you doubt the salvation of souls, you put in doubt the strength of my mission, the power of my love, the greatness of my mercy. You deny Me then, the sip of water; you do not believe in Paradise.

Be bringers of hope, be bringers of trust! Always, in all places: in hospitals, in the streets, in public places, bring trust, bring hope! "Jesus, wants to save us", you must say; "Jesus wants your souls, Jesus wants you in Paradise with Him. You must be his glory, his conquest!" You be the first to have this

trust! Do not embitter Me with your scruples. Do not embitter Me with doubt. Believe, children, believe, since my love is infinite.

I draw you to my Heart and I give you my Mother: the Sorrowful Mother, that Mother who suffered all the sorrows possible and who suffers for every sorrow of yours. I gave her to you so that you could console her and confide in her. Have recourse to my Mother!

Is not the first word of the newborn the invocation to the mother? And is it not the last word of the dying? Have recourse, then, to her in your necessities. She is the sorrowful Mother, who understands every sorrow, who can console every misfortune.

She is a sublime mother, who learnt to elevate suffering and sorrow up to making it one with mine. Go to her! Make her help you! I gave her to you as mother. Be to her devoted children, always, every day, for your whole life.

Children, I draw you to Me and I say to you the words that I said before expiring: "Consummatum est (Jn 19:30)." I invite you to approach Me to enhance your life. Spend it for the Lord! It is not worth the while to live for the things of the world. Many times the betrayals, the deceptions, the evil things, happen to you without seeking them; do so that your life may be consumed for the Lord. He is faithful, He gives back to the last part everything that you do. Learn to offer up, learn to offer moment by moment! Every moment of your life is worth an eternity. Every day of your life is a treasure to be placed in the eternal granaries. Learn to live it like so, with Me crucified, drawn by Me crucified, in the consummation of your days for him who is the Master of life.

I draw you to Me, saying to you the words that I addressed to the Father: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit (Lk 23:46)." Children, your soul must always be in the hands of God, since around you, as around all men of earth stands the menacing evil one, to take away from you that precious gift that you have: grace. Learn to distinguish good from evil, learn to recognize the temptations of the demon, which lead to self love, to division, to hatred, which lead to sin. Children, in the hands of God, in the hands of the Father, put your souls in this moment and say with Me: "Father, into your hands we commend our souls. That not one of us may be lost and that not one of those whom in this moment we wish to commend to You be able to be attracted by the flatteries of the world and the clutches of the evil one."

Children, let yourselves be drawn by Me on the Cross. Moreover, exalt God and exult when I unite you to Me and I crucify you with Me. There are moral sorrows, spiritual sorrows, physical sorrows, that render you similar to Me. Learn to value these sufferings and learn to make a gift of them to the

Father for all humanity. Sorrow is an immense treasure which fills the world, but it becomes a treasure of infinite value when it is united to my sufferings.

Children, do not complain, do not weep, do not be too ready to show your sufferings to your neighbour. Hide them in my Heart, join them to mine, I suffer them, the sufferings of yours. I felt everything in my life and I feel also your moral and spiritual sufferings. Unite yourselves to Me and they shall assume an infinite value and you will give glory to God. You will rejoice in suffering, you will be happy, because, when I unite a soul with Me, rendering it a sharer of my suffering, I render it also a sharer of my infinite rejoicing, since I am God and God also means infinite happiness.

Children, I bless you all. Whoever has the biggest cross, let him give it to Me; whoever has the small cross, let him carry it with love. All together, saved by the cross, you must glorify the cross and you must carry the cross in the world, carry it triumphantly by your example as Christians of integrity who know how to live, how to suffer, who know also how to die for the glory of God.

#### **BE CONVERTED**

September 16, 1978

My children, I am amongst you. I am the Word of the Father. In my name all things were created and life was communicated to the world.

Along the centuries I did not cease to speak; I spoke by means of the prophets, I spoke to men during my mortal life and I still speak by means of the Church. I speak the word of the Gospel, the word of God, I speak with ordinary means and with extraordinary means. God cannot but talk to men, since they are his children.

Whoever hears the word of God and puts it into practice is like he who builds, putting his foundations on the rock, which is Me. Whoever hears the word of God and does not put it into practice, builds his house on sand: the winds blow, the winds of passion, the winds of worries, the winds of temptations, and the house gets knocked over.

I speak to everyone. I speak also by means of children to adults. I speak by means of the ignorant to the learned.

Blessed is he who listens to my word; blessed is he who hears it and keeps it in his heart as Mary, my Mother did; blessed is he who hears it and puts it into practice.

My children, thank you for your prayer.

It has an utmost importance. It must benefit the world, your prayer, and be for you as a receiving antenna that makes you understand the word of God.

I have a serious word for you, a word which, sometimes, to the ears of my Hebrew contemporaries sounded out of tune, so as to induce them when they heard it to turn their backs on Me. I say to you: be converted, since the axe is at the root. I say "be converted" not only to those who live in mortal sin, but also to those who live their Christian and religious life with mediocrity. Be converted, since the Lord is near. Be converted, improving yourselves day by day, since the life of the true Christian must be a conquest of holiness, and whoever is not holy is not worthy of Me.

Be converted and turn to my Mother, that she may help you to be good, I say to all. And if you have already started on the road to sanctity, I say: perfect yourselves at the school of my Mother, do not let the word of God pass uselessly by.

Fear, fear strongly, since the Lord could take away from you those graces that He gives you and give them to others who would know how to be more grateful and would traffic better the gifts they receive.

Children, prayer is always a great thing, but remember that there is a prayer that sounds immolation, that sounds sacrifice, and it is that one which contributes to save the world.

Remember my sacrifice, my immolation and, if you wish for your prayer to be acceptable and serve to transform your life, join your sacrifice to mine. Let it not be a temporary offering, but a definitive offering, substantial; let it be a true participation, through your sorrows to my sorrows and to the sorrows of my Mother, who is one with Me.

Children, if you learn mortification and sacrifice, you will help the work of salvation of the world. If instead you should lock yourselves in and, lazily, you should refuse Me your collaboration, egoism will enter into you and the road of egoism is the one of damnation.

Many of you have persons to commend to Me. Many mothers have children that have lost the faith. One thing alone is necessary to save those souls: that with Me you immolate yourselves on the altar of sacrifice during the Mass and that your life becomes all an immolation.

Children are not saved by words; husbands are not saved by words; souls are not saved with sermons but with immolation.

Children, I am the Word of God, the Word of God whom you often receive in Holy Communion. But this Word of God is not listened to by the world. Make yourselves interpreters of my desires and my word; make yourselves interpreters of the will of salvation of the Father, a salvation that will not happen if not by means of conversion.

Call your loved ones to conversion, call your fellow parishioners to conversion. Communicate my desires to your priests: that they may be stirred up, that they understand the grave hour that you are going through.

My children, many seek tranquillity, many seek serenity, but there is no true tranquillity nor true serenity except as gift of the Lord and as fruit of the grace of God.

Children, give Me this gift: wherever you may go, raise up oases of prayer.

They are the places where I and my Mother find our rest. We are chased away from many families, we are chased away from society, we are chased away even from certain parishes: give us a way of finding hospitality, through your means, so that peace and serenity can be brought to many hearts.

Whoever among you is good must improve, whoever is on the road to perfection must reach the top, whoever is lukewarm or indifferent must acquire more faith, more love and more fervour and communicate it then also to others.

May the blessing which I in this moment give you, bring you the abundance of grace.

# THE DANGERS ARE MULTIPLYING

*September 21, 1978* 

Beloved children, peace be to you! I am Jesus of Nazareth.

I desire that your prayer, raised to the heart of my Mother and to the heart of the Father, become a lightning rod for all humanity. Yes, children, pray. All humanity needs your help. All men need help, spiritual and material; and you, with your prayer, confirmed by mine, can reach the extreme ends of the world.

Do so that your prayer may always be made with faith, with humility and with love. These are the three characteristics that obtain help for you: faith, humility and love. I desire to give you these virtues, I desire to increase them for you.

Know that you all have a special call.

A call that departs from my Heart and arrives up to you, to tell each one of you: I desire to meet up with you, to make a unity with you, to confirm your life. A special call, yours, like Matthew's one was, who stood at the tax

booth; a special call, which you accept and to which, like Matthew you respond to promptly.

With you I desire to share life, with you I desire to share the table. Here then my call is a call to the Eucharist, a call to participate in the divine banquet, in the Eucharistic mystery, because only from the Eucharist will you be able to have that strength and that help that makes you unbeatable in the struggle against the demons who seem to have invaded the earth.

Who, in fact, could be able to help you win this extreme battle, this battle which exceeds human strength, if there was not the Eucharist, if there was not Me with you? Children, learn to find your strength in the Eucharist. Temptations follow one another, the dangers are multiplying and unfortunately many souls are lost.

Help Me to put a barrier between you and the demon. Help Me to put a barrier between the demon and the youth who are drifting away.

Children, let us put a net over hell! God does not want the damnation of souls, but the demons actually work to bring to hell, if it were possible, all humanity. Who will help you, if not I, your Saviour? I, just as I gave strength to the martyrs, just as I made many generous souls grow in sanctity, so I want to help you to beat the demon and to overcome the battles of life.

My children, today I want to remind you of a very great danger and to point out a category of persons who, in a special way, need your prayer: the actors.

If you were to know in what dangers these persons find themselves in, you would never cease to pray for them. Know that many actresses and many young actors arrive at prostituting themselves, in order to make a living or put into action that which is their natural talent.

Children, this category of persons is to be supported by your prayer, because it has a great responsibility before all.

Think of how many souls can get lost through an evil show.

I implore your help. It is true, perhaps you can do little; but that which you can do, do it. Learn to impose your will on your children, because from an obscene film they then go on to obscene sins, and from obscene sins to the loss of faith and morals.

Many children assist at shows that the fathers and mothers ought to be ashamed to see. Many young people look at shows which put the demon in their body. And, on this scale, you see that the family and society, through these shows, are led adrift.

I supplicate you, respond to my call as did Matthew. Give Me hospitality in your home. Perhaps they could mock you, if, instead of assisting at an immoral show, you take up the beads in your hand and recite the Rosary.

They could even laugh at your ideas, but, believe Me, it is necessary that, in these cases, you learn to impose yourselves on those who live in your family.

At times, a button is enough for the demon to enter into your house.

Don't tell Me that children look and forget, because I know how sin has arrived to live and take root in the heart of the young and how, after certain shows, they often do not even have the courage to go to confession.

You ask yourselves why do certain young people end up on drugs or in even graver perils, and I say to you that it often has been the television that has opened the door to the devil. Learn to control yourselves, children.

When a family is ruined, it is never alone. The family is the cell of society and, just as the family is ruined, so are families and society ruined.

There are persons interested in producing and to put into circulation prohibited films which exploit the sexual urge, but you must learn to protest.

Protest before God your purity and your desire of purification and mortification, but protest also before men, before those cinemas that destroy the morality of your children.

This is one of the wounds that have greatly hurt my Body.

Many go to Turin to see the Shroud that covered my Body and on which I impressed the marks of my Passion. And it is just, since it is an act of faith, it is an act of love that the Christians do. But know that these wounds are living in my Mystical Body: know that the Christian has the obligation of soothing these wounds, these wounds that bleed, these sorrowful wounds that have repercussions in the souls of the young and even the elderly.

There is no age that matters. And those old men who accused Susanna unjustly are still around in the world to cheat the youth, because there is no age that matters for impure sin, there is no age that matters for lust.

It is necessary that we put ourselves to work, children. Don't you see that the world is being corrupted as in the times preceding the Flood? Don't you see that immorality seems to have become an obligation, a necessity? That sin is no longer condemned but is exalted, it is promoted?

Children, I do not speak to you of chastisements because you yourselves see them already in action.

For Me the world is my family. I want the good of my people. I want the salvation of souls. Love Me, I beg you. Strengthen your prayer.

In your own small way, to the television shows substitute a more intense prayer, and do so that your children, relatives, acquaintances, all those whom you approach, understand the necessity of excluding unhealthy entertainment from their life in order to arrive at a spiritual renewal of souls.

Children, pray for the actors, because they have a soul to save because if an actor is converted, there is a great public that can draw benefit from it.

It would be an encouraging thought if many upright actors could get together to give to the people good films, upright shows and entertaining and healthy representations. Unfortunately, often the upright ones are boycotted and sacrificed.

For all this, pray, children. Every prayer that you make in this way will find a resonance in my Heart. I shall be with you, I shall make you feel the joy that I have in my Heart and you shall rejoice, even in the renunciation of so many amusements.

Children, I love you. I know the needs of all and I respond to every prayer of yours.

Don't tell Me that you are not being heard. I elaborate the graces and I elaborate them in a way that are lasting. Redouble your faith, redouble your prayer, redouble your humility. And through humility, ask pardon for your sins, for those of your family, for those of all men, because they are many and they disgust the heart of God and make my Mother, Mary weep.

May the blessing of the Father, my blessing and that of the Holy Spirit, come down upon you, bringer of graces and spiritual joy.

## I NEED EVERYONE

September 26, 1978

I am the Child Jesus. I have come to gladden your gathering and to tell you all about my love. And together I wish to tell you of my desire that you imitate Me in a little, great thing.

Look at Me: I am in a cradle, with arms open; I, the Son of God made man, in whose name all things were created, I am here because I need everyone.

I had need of everyone during my mortal life, of all: not only of a mother who would nourish Me, wash Me and look after Me as any mother would with her baby. No differently than any other man, even though Son of God, I had need of all the people that stood around Me.

My brethren, this is the lesson that you must draw: no one in the world is self-sufficient, everyone has need of everyone, and therefore all, with humility, must seek collaboration.

Certainly, it is an act of humility that of asking for help and many times, you would truly like to do without it and you would prefer to do it all alone. But it is very dear to the Lord that you feel the need for others. It is also an act of trust that you do towards those who surround you, to ask for their collaboration.

Sometimes you could do the things of others better, but I am pleased that you ask for help because those persons who on your request may lend a hand, do it with love, with enthusiasm and they feel in that way useful to the family, to the community, to the world.

This asking for help serves to strengthen the bonds of friendship, the family ties, and to give also to each one a job to perform. All have duties to do, all and sundry. Everyone must do what is within their competence, however, then, in every duty in which one is obliged there is a part that can require collaboration.

Do you think that to the Son of God would be lacking the possibility of feeding himself? No, certainly; but that Mother who was close to Me, with what love she fed Me! What joy in those moments in which she offered Me, and I accepted her gift of love!

Mothers, your children expect from you a nourishment, sometimes material, sometimes spiritual: give it with love and accept their contribution, their smile, their gratitude, as a return for love.

All that happens in the family can be transformed, all can assume a spiritual value. The works of mercy, which many go about doing outside the home, every mother can do them in her own home.

Perhaps you do not have children as little as Me: they have grown up. There are shirts to be ironed, trousers to mend, there is to do all that which order, cleaning, the rule demands: do it with love!

My Mother dressed Me, a child, and you can dress your "Child Jesus" in your home. They are no longer little? They are perhaps, bad? It doesn't matter. In them God is present, I am present, perhaps in a state of suffering, as the agonising Jesus, as the crucified Jesus, and you by serving them, serve Me: do it with love.

Many things can change in families when these services are made with love. And what I say to mothers, I say to all, because men also must collaborate, make themselves useful. No one, no matter how great, is self-sufficient; all, from time to time, give or receive collaboration.

There was present in my house, Joseph, my foster father; I won't say to you how useful his presence had been! Not only for the work, which he attended to with much love and of which he was my teacher from my infancy, but for all those favours that he made to my sweet Mother, for that collaboration he had with Mary, his sweet spouse.

I would just like for all the spouses of world to be here to teach them to have the same generosity with which he offered the work of love and collaboration to his spouse, in my favour as a child.

I don't want to talk at length. I say to you only: be good! Open your heart and smile to whoever wants to help you, saying: "Yes, help Me." When you want things to succeed better, be your very selves to say: "Do you want to help Me?" I shall be happy to see you around my cradle like the shepherds, like Mother, like Joseph, all intent on seeing what my necessities are.

Humility, exercised in asking for the collaboration of others, will be worth much more than in having succeeded by doing it alone, remember it well. And if you have the fortune of having some young people beside you, children or nephews, let them work! Say to them: "We need you. The years are passing by for us and we are heading towards the sunset."

Perhaps you feel yourselves still in full strength, but it's necessary that they, following your road, take your place.

Ask for collaboration. Don't be like those mothers who want to do everything, because they think they do it better. Leave some for the young. You will lose some time in teaching, but then you shall have many satisfactions, because in these young people, who many times are exuberant and though having the desire to do often find the road barred, the future of your family, of society, of the Church is prepared.

Open the way to the young. Direct them well, make them your collaborators that they may continue your work, be it in the material realm as in the spiritual one.

The glory of families is this: that the new generations carry forward the distinguished name of their parents and learn to do those works to which the parents made a start and which they desire to see blossom.

And now I bless you all.

# BE GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

*September 28, 1978* 

My children, here I am amongst you as the teacher amongst his pupils, as the shepherd amongst his sheep, as the father amongst his children.

What do I desire from you?

I want to educate you to generosity and to goodness. I want to educate your heart to gratitude. To gratitude, because no one in the world is self-sufficient. Around every person there is a very great number of individuals who work for it.

How can one be grateful to everyone? Above all with prayer, which must gush forth from the heart like a song, like a hymn of love. You must be grateful to all those who do you some good. And there are many people who do you some good. There are those who help you materially, even if you seem to ignore this help. Who thinks, for example, when one buys bread to be thankful towards him who during the night stayed up to make it? Who thinks in putting on clothes to be thankful to the workers who laboured to give him the cloth? To the tailors who sowed it up for him?

Try and review all the material goods. You will find that behind everyone of them there is always a complex of persons who sacrifice themselves for you. But there are also other gifts. Who, for example, feels gratitude to the teacher who has taught him to read and to write? Who holds gratitude for the mother and the father who gave him life? And do the mothers and fathers feel gratitude towards those children who have, perhaps, given them sorrows but also a lot of joy when they were little, or when they received First Communion or made their Confirmation, or when they brought home a good school report?

In the world, one gives to each other joys and sorrows; but if you were to consider all as gift, you would continually feel the duty to thank and to love.

And more. Perhaps you go to Mass every day. You go often to confess yourselves. Do you feel this gratitude towards the priest who, with divine words, brings you to the altar of the Lord? Do you feel gratitude for the priest who, in the name of God, absolves you from your sins?

What's the good of gratitude? It serves to render more lively and more true the bonds of love and affection that ought to unite all persons. Gratitude ought to make distrust disappear. Gratitude must be like a flower that sprouts amongst you and makes you taste the fragrance of goodness.

Even the Lord, so great in his mercy, infinite in his goodness, desires to have gratitude from you. I made you understand it when, having cured the ten lepers, only one having returned to give thanks, I asked him: "Where are the others (Lk 17:17)?" Because all should feel the need to give thanks.

My children, you also are receiving immense gifts in your life: gifts of health, gifts of grace, material gifts, spiritual gifts, and you always come to ask. Rarely you come to give thanks.

How dear to my Heart is gratitude? How I enjoy, when people come to thank Me and, like the cured leper, say to Me: "How can I utilize this grace that you have given Me?", and feel the duty of manifesting their gratitude with the apostolate. In fact, the gratitude for the health they receive, for the gifts of grace that they receive, cannot be expressed but in this way: utilizing well the gifts received in the material order and trafficking the spiritual talents that the Lord gives.

Just as every mother and every father desire that their own children express gratitude for what they have received, and continue in honesty and in industriousness to lead a healthy life like the one of which they have given them as example, so my Mother and yours and I, who am to you a father, brother, friend, teacher and saviour, desire your gratitude and wish your sanctity.

Do not be hard hearted. Do not be of those who expect everything and believe it all to be a right. No! Be grateful for what you have and be generous.

Children, be good. Strengthen your gratitude towards all those who have done you good. Even if in appearance they overlook you, even if it can seem to you that they have thrown that good back to you, receive it with love. Manifest your gratitude, so that hearts may be touched and so that these bonds of love may become truly according to the heart of God.

Children, I bless you. The best way to express your gratitude to the Father is this: in the Holy Mass offer up my Body, my Blood, my Soul and my Divinity to Him, because it is the only offering that serves to give an infinite thanksgiving.

If you wish to make a thanksgiving to Me, that is truly worth something and complete, offer Me the heart of my Mother and say to Me: "Perhaps I am cold or ungrateful, but your Mother has been the person more than any other, in singing her "Magnificat", who has given thanks to God, who has given thanks to You."

Children, be in agreement in offering this Body and this Blood, even many times a day, believing that, in every moment, in all the places of the earth, a Host is raised up, a chalice is raised up to Heaven, and put this intention on it: "For every Mass that is celebrated in the world, eternal Father, I offer you Jesus, in thanksgiving for all the gifts that you have given to the Church and to all humanity."

And when you recite the Rosary, do not forget Me. Say to my Mother: "Mother, thank Jesus for us. See how miserable we are. We ask you only for graces and we do not think of saying thanks to you." Say it to her. She, willingly, will come between Me and you and she will give Me a thank you that will be extremely dear to Me.

I bless you, children, in the name of God the Father, in my name, in the name of the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary, his spouse.

### **BRINGERS OF PEACE**

October 5, 1978

Peace be to you. I am Jesus the Redeemer. I have come to wish you peace and so that peace may be realized in you. I do not give you peace as the world gives it to you. Mine is a strange way. You know that the Christian must do continuous violence to himself; he must react to the snares of the world and must overcome and beat his passions.

Here is the peace that I intend to give you: an exceptional strength through which you will learn to overcome your evil inclinations, your passions, your defects, and be able, by improving yourselves, to be pleasing to the Father.

The peace that I give to souls is tranquillity of conscience, it is the joy for having done one's duty, it is the serenity that derives from having accepted that Law of God which is opposed to the law of the world, based on egoism and wickedness.

Children, tranquillity of conscience is your peace, it is your strength, it is the way with which you can present yourselves to men and communicate the peace that I give you.

Peace is not that indifference before evil that many think. Permissiveness, letting things slide, letting evil gain a foothold in the family, in society and in the Church is not peace.

The peace of a good conscience derives from that uprightness that lets the Lord come in you to govern, to act, to love.

Here, children, is what I desire to tell you and to give you today. When you have learnt to live like so, with the Lord, keeping him as a sweet guest of your souls, fleeing sin and not only sin, but also the imperfections, then you will be capable of saying to men: "We bring you peace. If you refuse the peace that we give you, you offend the Lord, since we, with peace, bring you the Lord."

I have also said to you that one needs to be violent. This violence requires a superior strength. One needs to be violent with oneself, because everyone has his defects. But, to react against evil, one needs to have a sure will and much clearness of ideas, whereupon the Law of the Lord may manifest itself to you with its good to do and with its evil to avoid. How I would like that it were before your eyes always so limpid and clear, that you were never to waver and were always determined in doing good!

Children, the world does not understand the Law of God. The world has a law all its own, a law that clashes with mine. The world goes in search of riches, of power, of lust, of amusements, all things contrary to God's desires.

In this perennial struggle between the spirit of the world and God, you who have made a choice, who have elected the Gospel as your law and guide, you who have chosen Me as your teacher, must not have hesitations.

Whoever learns to react to the evil that confronts him, is my true follower. I would really like for you to learn to follow Me with a complete detachment of the things of the world. I am not asking you to renounce like Francis all that you have; but the detachment of the heart from what is an object of unrestrained longing on the part of men, this I desire from you. A detachment that leads you to use well what you possess, to use it for the glory of God and for the good of the brethren, since the riches that the Lord gives are only a deposit that must serve to the advantage of all.

When men will have learned this truth, believe Me, in the world there will no longer be so many struggles since egoism will lessen, and generosity will become the common law.

But you start this generous practice from now on, this joyful detachment from all that is worldly, from all that does not please God. And you will see that in your life higher thoughts will be in the air, something of the divine will enter.

You shall go to bring peace. You must be bringers of peace. The first peace you must bring into your families. Bring it to your children, this peace, with an upright life, with the example of a life that has nothing reproachable about it. Bring to your children your example, made up out of an upright Christianity based on the love of God and neighbour.

There are no other Christianities, there is no other way of manifesting that you are my followers than this: to love God and neighbour. Let your children, your relatives, friends, all those who surround you, see shine in you this double light: a light that raises itself from your souls towards God and a light that spreads itself around in the help given by you to the brethren.

If then those whom you love do not want to welcome this peace that you give through a luminous example, don't be disturbed. Let the tranquillity of conscience of having done your duty keep you serene. When a mother knows of having done all her duty, when a father knows of having acted always honestly, however things go, they must remain calm, because unfortunately the snares of the world are many, and sometimes its not enough having sowed well, having cultivated well: those poisonous insects introduce themselves, those temptations and those dangers that undo the work of the parents.

Therefore bring peace. Bring it everywhere, in the workplace, in society, with your smile, with your good word, with your help. Do not forget the

sick! Never distance the poor from you! Do not distance the children, who have formed the joy of my Heart! Be according to the heart of God.

Children, be good and merciful with all. Be quicker to see the good than the evil. Be quicker to forgive, because, actually if you learn to forgive you will encounter the merciful face of the Father, who will welcome you into the heavenly abode with Me.

The blessing of God the Father, my blessing and that of the Holy Spirit, united to the blessing of my Mother, come down upon you, on your families, on society and on the whole Church, in order to transform all in all.

# **NOTHING MUST DIVIDE YOU**

October 12, 1978

Beloved children, here you are gathered for that prayer so efficacious on the heart of my Mother and on the heart of God. And here I am amongst you to tell you: continue to pray, because prayer is your strength and God's weakness.

Children, have more love in your life than fear! Let fear help you demolish the old man; love to build the new man. Let fear be the pick that serves to knock down the ruins; love what serves to construct the building.

I would like that from this day, from this moment, you were to learn to love in depth; to love God truly with the heart, with the soul, with all your strength; to love the Church, this admirable institution of mine destined to save souls; to love each other, to love the whole world of souls, because souls are God's, they are mine.

I say to you: you must love God, because He is goodness and infinite mercy; because He is your Creator and wants your happiness; because to love is a duty of children towards the Father.

God has done nothing but given to you. He has given you everything: existence, redemption, sanctification. He gives you everything. He is present everywhere and provides that nothing be lacking of what is necessary for his children to be saved.

Think of the universal presence of God! Consider Him father, brother, bridegroom of your souls, your redeemer and sanctifier and await Him as a merciful judge. But love Him, above all because He has a right to your love.

Children, there is a marvellous institution, I have said to you, in which souls can find the necessary help to be saved: it is the Church. And in this

moment I invite you to broaden your gaze over all the souls that comprise the different nations of the world.

There is no race, nor tongue, nor religion that can divide men! God loves everyone and you, like God, must love everybody, independently of what differentiates you; and to love above all the souls which God wants all saved in Paradise. To love others means learning to think about them, making oneself one with them in their necessities.

It is true, that you are accustomed to distinguish in the world the good from the bad, the sinners from the just. God instead loves all, He does not make these distinctions. He call souls to himself and wants everyone to understand his infinite love for them.

You must learn to love them, souls, like so: starting with your family and those who live in your town, your city, who belong to your nation, up to reaching all those who populate the world.

Children, when you learn to love all, sacrifice will no longer cost you. By stretching out my arms on the cross, I called all souls to Me. If you would learn to open your arms in welcoming those crosses that the Lord gives you, you shall be my collaborators in the salvation of souls.

Have great thoughts like God's ones, and broaden your hearts in order to understand the needs of others. Let nothing divide you! There are persons who say they are devoted to Our Lady and affirm of not being able to love so and so or other category of persons: this is a great sorrow for my Mother, who would like to see all her children bound by one only affection.

The devotion that you nourish for my Mother ought to be one of the bonds that draw you closer together. You must love each other, children! There must be no distinctions of categories, of professions, of class. No! you all must love each other, because you are all children of one only Father, all children of one only Mother.

If you learn to love each other, the pride that gives birth to divisions will disappear; those frictions, cause of discord in many families will disappear. Remember that, when in the family, in the community, in the Church, in the faith, there is division, it is the triumph of the demon.

God triumphs in unity, and I have said to you that my greatest desire was and still is this: that my souls, all men, all those who are a part of the Church, be a great unity, with one only Shepherd.

One must meet halfway whoever is in error, without excepting the error, but bringing the truth and, with the truth, love; bringing the understanding and the study of the truths, so that others may be convinced of them, so that what is modifiable can be modified.

Do you remember? A few years ago, like today, the great Pope John XXIII opened the Council; and it was by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and by the will of God.

The Council was to have opened the doors of the Church to call back all those children that were separated from the Catholic Church.

The Council was to have called all back to this great unity. The Council has recalled the errant to unity and it has been an occasion of division amongst Catholics. But why? Why have these Catholics, nourished with my Flesh, brought up in my Church, for trifles, for things that have no value, have become divided amongst themselves and do not accept what the Church offers? Why?

Beloved children, I beg you: be bringers of unity and love everywhere! Bring unity into your families, basing it on this one idea: to love God and to love each other.

Bring unity everywhere, making it understood to all that the Church is the Mother is to be obeyed, loved, followed and respected.

If the Church, in its maternal goodness, meets halfway some requests and necessities of its children, by accepting these modifications, one adheres to God's desire, who wants with his goodness to manifest that his Church walks with the times and understands what is good and what is not so good, what is good to give and what is to be uprooted from all men.

Children, in expectation of the election of the Pope, prepare your heart for a great love towards him, the Pope, who has to represent Me on earth, who is to love all men of earth, who is to be the pivot to which all Christians join together and in whom they find strength. Be prepared to love him, to obey him, to welcome him truly as one welcomes the envoy of God. You will see that he will be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, he will be the worthy successor of the preceding Popes and will continue the work of God in the Church. He shall truly be the Pope suitable for today's Christianity, for the peoples of today; and you shall enjoy his goodness, his knowledge, but above all the gift of love that the Holy Spirit will place in his heart.

Love him from now on! Pray much for him, because, also from the intensity of your prayer depends the light for those who are charged by the Holy Spirit to elect him.

And I, from now on, through the desires of union that you have, through these desires of love that are capable of building new men for the new era, to make the Church always new and to build the Kingdom of God in the world, I bless your hearts.

In the proportion that you learn to welcome the love of God and neighbour in you, your sanctity will grow. Then your sanctity will speak to your families, to your relations; it will speak to all men, as it spoke the sanctity of those who have lived even recently and whom you venerate, even if they have still not reached the honours of the altar. Yes, their sanctity was made of love for God and for men and manifested itself in the acceptance of sacrifice.

To you who say yes to the Father for the cross that He gives you, to you who wish to welcome Me in yourselves and amongst you, to spread this great love that God wants to give to all creatures, I say: be my heralds! Be bringers of that charity which urged the apostles to go throughout the world; that charity which made one say: "The love of Christ compels us to do this (2 Cor 5:14)." The love of Christ, in fact, must obligate you to act, to speak, to think, to do in a certain way, really in a suitable way to spread unity in love, and love in unity.

May the blessing of God the Father, my blessing and that of the Holy Spirit, united to the blessing of the Mother of the Church, descend upon each one of you, transform you and make you saints.

## I SHALL REFRESH YOU

October 19, 1978

My children, peace be with you. I am Jesus the Teacher, and I come to recall to you a phrase of the Gospel, which is most suitable for your life and which can be of help to you to increase your spirituality, your trust and your love towards Me.

I say to you: "Come to Me, all you who are tired and oppressed and I shall refresh you (Mt 11:28)."

There is in the world a triple category of the tired: the physically tired, the morally tired, the spiritually tired.

The physically tired can be those whom the years, illness, toil, work, render life burdensome. To those I say: "Come to Me." Come to Me, because, through prayer, you can insert yourselves into the world of God, immerse yourselves in that ocean of love that is God himself, so that your toil becomes light and you feel less the weight of the years and of suffering.

"Come to Me", I say to those who in the world of work forget God, to those who, in hospitals, curse or forget to invoke my love. "Come to Me", and you shall find relief in your sorrows.

"Come to Me", I say to you, so that prayer may refresh your spirit and give you wings to go into the world to communicate your strength, your love, and to redouble that good that you have just begun to do.

The physically tired are the easiest to help, but are also those who perhaps, with great difficulty, turn to Me to be helped. And yet I also have known work, toil, physical suffering and therefore am capable of understanding you. Come, therefore, to Me.

I say also to those who have moral sufferings: "Come to Me, and I will refresh you", because I will make you discover in what happens to you, the good side alongside the less good. I will make you understand that I, as Son of God, know how to intervene in your things and use what is less good to realize what is good.

Mothers who suffer for your children, come to Me. I know perfectly the hearts of your children, and moral sufferings have accompanied all my life: who can alleviate your sufferings more than He who has been through them and who presently experiences them, continuously?

I wish to give you comfort. I have said to you: "Come to Me", and I shall console you because I shall bring you to Calvary and I will show you the good thief. And I will say to you: see perhaps in the last moments of life when all hope seems to end, when your life will seem to you to close itself into an enigma, behold, I will give you the strength to hope, to believe, to love, because those children whom you love, whom I love, those souls for whom you sacrifice yourselves, shall be bought back by my suffering.

Come to Me. Seek comfort in my Heart and only in my Heart, since I do not disappoint anybody. And when I promise a conversion, be certain too, that conversion will happen. Have faith.

Then there are the spiritually tired, those whom doubt assails, those whom, disoriented ask themselves: "But is it worth the while to continue to believe, while I see everything going astray and in a way contrary to what till now I believed?"

Also to those I say: "Come to Me", since I shall give you clear ideas, I shall increase trust in you. Faith is not a doctrine based on the things that pass, faith is based in a very special way on eternal life.

Children, what the greatest delusion could have the Son of God felt when, brought to Calvary, he did not see next to himself but the Mother and the beloved apostle? All the others who had received benefits, who had felt and tasted the words of God, had gone. And yet, children, faith must be put to the test, in order to be worthy of a prize.

The life of the Christian is a test of faith, and one must go right up to the finishing line, keeping very firm one's faith. Just as gold is tested in the

crucible, so faith needs to be tested with one's life. These trials, that follow each other, I have had them myself also, my Mother had them.

Do you think that for my Mother believing had been so simple? Had not her heroic faith perhaps been put to a hard test? And nevertheless she persevered till the end.

Children, believe Me, I am your Jesus, and, if I desire from you this constant faith, it is because I desire to give you a reward without end.

Come to Me, when doubt assails you, when you are tempted to say: "I will pray no more. I will believe no more, because everything is going upside down, because those whom I have benefited insult Me, those whom I have done good to, do me evil."

Come to Me. I am your model. Not for nothing you call Me your teacher. It is I who has to teach you. Come to my Heart to draw that strength, that courage, that clarity of ideas, that constant and sincere faith which I can give you.

Children, I bless you all. I bless the Church, this sweet bride of mine whom I have loved and love more than myself. I bless the whole world and I call all back beside the Supreme Pontiff, put to govern this great divine institution that is the Church.

I bless your hearts, that they learn to be strong, that they learn to draw strength where they can find it, that they learn to continue to believe, to hope and to love, and to spread faith, trust and love.

In the name of the Father, in my name, in the name of the Holy Spirit, and with the maternal smile of Mary, bring this blessing to your families.

Be united and be contented.

# SINCERE CONVERSION

October 26, 1978

My children, I am Jesus the Teacher. I am amongst you as I promised one day, telling you: "When two or more persons are gathered in my name, I shall be with them (Mt 18:20)." I am with you to make your prayer more efficacious and to remind you how much prayer is necessary in the world.

If you were to know in what measure evil spreads and how the justice of God could be put into action! But I come to you, now and always, to speak to you about mercy and love, because the time of justice has not yet arrived. Men fight amongst each other and punish each other by themselves, but my Heart is always open to pardon and to mercy. My mercy is infinite and

reaches all souls desirous of profiting from it. May you also be of this number and love Me; welcome my mercy as an invitation to a prompt and sincere conversion; tell Me that you wish to start from now on to love Me with a true heart!

I want from you the practice of that great virtue of mercy, that will open up the gates of Paradise for you.

Never judge anyone no matter how evil, violent or rebellious. Always have a word of compassion and goodness for all, since I had died on the Cross yes for the good, but above all for the really bad ones. I gave you a proof of it, since one of the bad ones stood at my right and with a thought of conversion was brought by Me into the glory of Paradise.

Have thoughts of goodness and of mercy for all those who do evil, but also for those who do evil to you and who will do it to you during your whole life, since the world is made like this: everyone gives what he has. A person who does not possess anything does not give anything, and a person who has a heart full of hate and of wickedness cannot but sow hatred and wickedness.

Children, my mercy is infinite and yours ought to be as infinite. Your mercy must mature in patience, in sweetness, in goodness, in charity and in long-suffering, because only in this way is it possible to maintain in society, in families, everywhere, that peace, that serenity, that charity, that brotherly love that I have always hoped for right from the moment in which, having to leave my disciples and my apostles, I expressed to them my greatest desire: that all be one between them, with Me and with the Father.

Children, I look at you one by one. I know your needs. I bless you, I give you strength. Do not fear anything! I am near you. Keep Me in your heart by means of grace and, if it seems to you that you are not in perfect accord with Me, make a good Confession: as of now I assure you my pardon that will render you limpid and luminous as on the day of your Baptism.

May the grace of the Father, my wisdom and the love of the Holy Spirit descend in you and the Virgin my Mother keep you forever.

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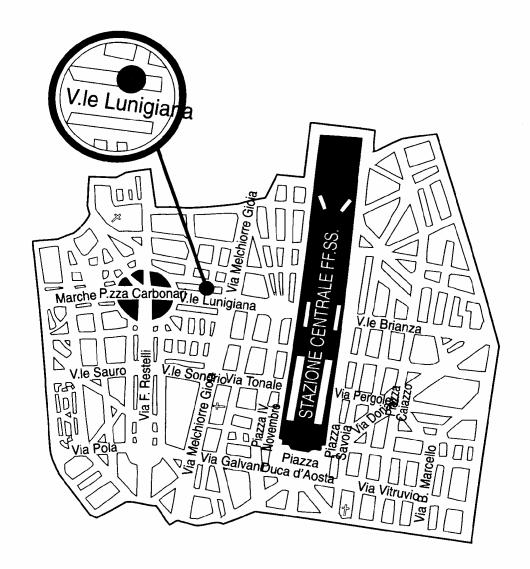
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The Message of Merciful Love was received by Mamma Carmela during a period which lasted some ten years, from 1968 to 1978. It ended in the year that Rome had at last lifted the suspension on the Divine Mercy revelations to Sister Faustina, who was subsequently canonised by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000 in St. Peter's, Rome.



In 1968, in the city of Milan, a widow with a large family, who had given her whole life to works of Mercy in her city, was praying one evening when she heard a voice that said: "You will be another witness to my Divine Mercy. I will bless you and give you special graces. I ask your help as a beggar asks alms. Will you help Me? I want you to find new apostles, and once again spread my message of Merciful Love to the ends of this earth."

On March 22, 1970 Sister Faustina herself gave a message to Carmela and her Mother of Divine Love Prayer Group, she said: "It is not the first time that I come among you, but it is the first time that I wish to speak. I am Sister Faustina and I ask you to make with particular devotion the Novena of Mercy, so that all men will begin to believe in the mystery of salvation, which is contained in the devotion to the Divine Mercy."

Carmela Carabelli was born in Melegnano, Italy on May 9, 1910. She died in the peace of Christ on November 25, 1978. Since 1968 she received, almost daily, messages from Jesus Christ as the Merciful Jesus, and from the Blessed Virgin as the Mother of Divine Love. She transcribed straight away into notebooks all that was said, without hesitation or correction afterwards, in the form of conversations with Jesus, who spoke about His Father, the Father of all men, and of His Mother, very tenderly; and so lovingly of his foster father St. Joseph, and about many other saintly people, and through this privileged person to all the world, for these writings are meant for all wish to seek and find God.

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