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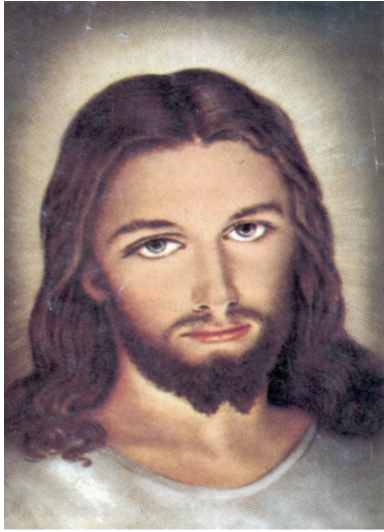
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THE IMAGE OF THE MERCIFUL JESUS

“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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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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YOU ALL HAVE NEED OF CONVERSION

March 29, 1973

Beloved children, apostles of my love, may you be blessed! I am here with you as on that Holy Thursday in which, giving my Body and Blood to the apostles, under the species of bread and wine, I expressed to them all the affection of my Heart.

Did they understand Me in that moment? Yes, they understood Me and with enthusiasm they all promised again to follow Me everywhere, except the son of perdition, who already came to an agreement with the soldiers for my capture.

Yes, they had understood Me and had desired to return the love, so much so that Peter came out with that expression: *“I will come with You, even if I should die!”* (Lk 22:33)”

It’s easy to let oneself get carried away by enthusiasm in a moment of joy or when happy events accompany you; but it’s not so easy to persevere in faith and in love.

That’s why I invite you to put solid foundations on your life of faith. It’s necessary for a true conversion to work in you and prayer is needed to obtain grace and supernatural help.

John, on the banks of the Jordan and in the desert, preached to the crowds: *“Repent!”* (Mt 3:2)” and I also repeated, in my preaching, this important invitation.

Repent!, I say again to you. You could object to Me that you already lead a good life, that you go to Church every day, that you come to this place whenever you can. Nevertheless even you have much need of repentance.

In your life there are still too many imperfections, too many shortcomings. You must perfect your work.

What does the painter or the sculptor do? He passes the brush over thousands and thousands of times or he touches it up with the scalpel, to render his masterpiece more perfect? You also should do likewise.

No sacrifice should be a burden to you and your will must be always more committed to the reaching of the end. You cannot proceed haphazardly. I spoke to you in the Gospel of great conversions, even under the form of parables. See the prodigal son: after finding himself in extreme poverty thought, reflected and decided. When he returned to the father, his desire for conversion was already in action: it was already the fruit of a good will.

In this way, children, no one is so good that he has no need of converting, that is of turning to God, asking his help to improve.

The first step consists in reflecting, in seeing at what point you are. Look at how your relations are not so much with those that here like you pray, but with your God and with your closest neighbour, which is given by your family nucleus and your relatives.

You are in harmony with God if grace abides in you, by excluding mortal sin. You have reached a satisfactory stage with your family, if you love in depth exercising that charity that has as its aim the salvation of their souls. Nothing must seem too much for you to obtain those conversions that are dear to you. Renunciation of sleep, of enjoyments and of all that of which it is licit for you to renounce must be the weapon which, united to prayer, will force the Heart of God.

Perhaps you have, many times, some holy desires. You would like to see your children good and affectionate; but don't forget to ask that they be affectionate above all to God, their Father, who one day will be their judge.

What do you say, children? There is required here a conversion on your part: to give your soul all its worth by learning how to die, like your Jesus died, for souls.

Like the prodigal son thought and reflected, you also must think, in order then to be able to decide.

It is marvellous to be in the grace of God: it is like a wealth in continual increase. You go on receiving innumerable gifts and of immense value. What will you be able to do in the search of a true conversion? The exertion of each one of you must be directed to a correspondence always more generous to these gifts.

What pettiness, what wretchedness in your lives, due to self love that peeps out at every instant and which attempts to ruin the most beautiful days and hours.

My children, converting is elevating oneself, it is walking, it is running, it is flying in the way of the spirit. Yes, that wing flap is needed that makes you forget, smile, and calm the waters and understand others. A bit of heroism is needed in order to learn how to overcome that susceptibility that brings discord and anger.

Let your encounter with Me bring you always a more true desire of conversion and holiness. If the thought of your failings leaves you indifferent or cold, it is a bad sign. If instead it arouses in you the demand for a deep and efficacious decision, thank the Lord, because you can make a beginning to your conversion.

This is how the most important conversions happened in the Church, represented by the return of the prodigal son.

You would not have the greatest saints, in the Church, if there had not been in these souls the prompt decision to overcome every defect that

distanced them from fidelity to God, in order to come close to Him, infinite goodness.

I help you, children, and I bless you. I do not threaten you with endless chastisements, but I call you with infinite affection to my Heart, in which I want to keep you to give you a way of appreciating my mercy.

THERE IS NO SIN THAT THE LORD DOES NOT FORGIVE

April 4, 1974

Beloved children, peace be to you and grace and every good! I am Jesus of mercy and of infinite love. Today I want to give you a faint idea of what my goodness and my mercy are.

If it is easy to understand the world as a work of the love and goodness of God, to understand the mercy that God puts forward to the behaviour of man would be impossible for you if there was not the faith to illuminate you.

How can you in fact explain how God, after having created the world and man out of love and having endowed him with extraordinary gifts and grace, with preternatural gifts, that is, superior to human nature and with natural gifts, was able to put up with that radical and profound rebellion that brought man to not wanting to acknowledge the hand that fed him, to disobey his laws and create idols and false divinities for himself? And how can you admit that God, having become an object of fun on the part of man, was able to think of sending on the earth his Son, in all equal to the Father, so that by assuming human nature, would sacrifice himself on the Cross, emptying himself in a complete holocaust, to save him?

Doesn't it seem to you that love and mercy have in such a way exceeded all limits? Well then, in spite of all that, in spite of the renewed call of the children beside the Father, men still struggle in incredulity and idolatry.

They deny and blaspheme, they trample the most sacred principles and become enemies of God.

You can see the world divided into different categories: there are the atheists, who deny everything, only then to often fall victims to the most foolish superstitions, and as such think they have no need of the mercy of God.

There are those then that abuse mercy, with a life of sin: convinced that God is not personally interested in their lives, they think that they can sin with impunity. Or they think that to have the pardon for their sins, it's

enough to acknowledge them as such before God, without having therefore the least repentance.

And there are those that, though being practicing Christians, show that they do not believe in my mercy and disturb their own conscience, asking themselves continuously: "*Has the Lord forgiven me?*"

I speak to all the men of the earth and, showing the wounds that cover my Body and pointing out the wound of my Heart, I say to everybody: Children, believe in the love of God for you. Believe that sin is a disobedience to his law and which therefore offends Him. Believe that no one, outside of God, through his Son Jesus Christ, can forgive you.

But, even more, believe that even if the earth were covered with the most horrendous misdeeds, one drop of my Blood would be enough to erase all the wickedness of the world. One thing alone is necessary: to acknowledge yourselves as sinners and ask for pardon.

There is no sin that cannot be forgiven. There are no sins, however numerous, that cannot obtain mercy. However, just as a sick man cannot heal if he doesn't recognize himself as such, since only if he knows that he is sick he undergoes treatment and accepts the medicines and remedies, so only if sinners recognize themselves as such can they be able to heal with the remedies that the Lord prepares for each one.

And as a sick man keeps the sicknesses overcome as a memory that is a source of joy given the danger escaped, so whoever detests their errors before God through the sacrament of Confession, can keep its memory, as a sign of gratitude for a great gift received. God, instead, forgets the sins when they are detested with sorrow and with the desire not to fall again, even if the circumstances and the situations of life will lead his creatures to fall again often into the same mistakes.

The command to forgive seventy times seven, that was addressed to the apostles, is first of all addressed to Me, Jesus, guarantor of your sins, which I forgive with joy as soon as I see a sentiment of humility and repentance.

The joy that forgiving gives Me, that consents Me to exercise my mercy, does so that I enjoy immensely more in seeing souls humbled under the weight of their sins, than in seeing souls that are puffed up with pride because they hold themselves without sin. The parable of the Pharisee and the Publican always comes true, with the condemnation of the first and the pardon of the second.

My mercy, children, is infinite.

I spoke to you about it in the Gospel with those parables that demonstrated the anxiety with which I went in search of sinners and with my works which had always as its aim the salvation of souls.

I call everyone beside my Heart, ready to forget a past of sins and crimes: I call and welcome, as Father, all those prodigal children that have abandoned the paternal home.

One thing pains Me more than the sin itself: it is the distrust that sometimes takes souls and makes them doubt my forgiveness.

There are people that would go to confess themselves every day and are always in doubt of having confessed well. Often peace is lacking in these hearts, who also love Me. Scruples are a disease of the spirit that saddens Me and disturbs these souls. A ready and whole obedience to the confessor would take away that worry which makes them suffer.

Believe in my love for you and know, dear souls, that God does not measure the things with your measure. He scrutinizes even the most hidden sentiments and is happy to discover that your sins are only the fruit of carelessness and not of a bad mind and failure of love.

Make my calls known to whoever lives close to you. Bring Me loving, simple and serene souls. These will console Me for the most lapsed.

May the Easter, prepared with love, bring you copious fruits of resurrection.

I bless the sick. Even the sicknesses are a fruit of the mercy of God. Learn to suffer and offer up your sorrows. There are many that have need of your prayers, your sufferings and your help.

Goodbye, children. I bless you all, one by one, marking your hearts with the sign of the Christian.

I LOADED MYSELF WITH THE SINS OF ALL HUMANITY

April 5, 1973

Beloved and dear children, peace be to you! I am the merciful Jesus, whom you love and honour.

Allow Me today to show myself to you not like you usually see me depicted. I know that you like to see my luminous Face, my penetrating eyes that follow you everywhere, the bejewelled hair and flowing on the shoulders and the beard well separated on the chin. In order to draw to Me hearts and souls I can also make use of, at times, of an attractive image.

You look at Me and say: “*Jesus, you are beautiful!*” And I smile at this expression of affection and sympathy. If you were able to see Me on Tabor, even you would have desired to stay always with Me.

But today I want to present myself to you quite differently. Look at Me: I am all one wound, from head to feet, so much as to disgust. I am the Man loaded with the sins of all humanity. Even yours are represented in those wounds that cover Me: they are sins of thought, of words, of works and omissions, that I expiate.

The wounds are like open mouths that, while they are directed to the Father to ask for mercy, they are directed also to you to invoke compassion.

But what's the use of compassionating my sufferings, if you don't commit yourselves to soothe them? That's why, therefore, I invite you to do the work that my holy Mother did with such loving care when, taken down from the cross, I was placed in her arms. With a soft linen soaked with water and vinegar, she washed my wounds which the earth and spittle had rendered ghastly. With a gentle hand she went over every wound, which she kissed with infinite tenderness and affection. And she made reparation and consoled.

Children, let the white linen of charity, that you have in your hands, be used with equal tenderness and promptness. Purifying souls is a divine action; but if you come close to Me, giving Me consolation, a miracle of love occurs. My Body, as a nest of bees, can receive in its wounds all those who desire it. Come, children! Let each one take his place.

Someone will occupy the wounds of the head and will repair the rebellions of the mind and the sins of pride. Perhaps you think you will be unable to bear some suffering to make reparation?

At the bottom of every wound, as in a sweet beehive, you can draw the most delicate honey that I reserve for my consolers. Who would not want, with as much generosity, repay Me by so much sorrow?

Someone will enter the wounds of my body, that expiate the impure sins of all men. Who will not want to pay with some suffering and repair so much sorrow, with a chaste life, with much purity and mortification of the senses?

And the hands, those hands which generously did good, blessed and healed, see them pierced and bleeding. Who will not want to take refuge in these wounds so painful and repair the pettiness of so many children with generosity in doing all you can for everybody? Let those hands that I joined together and raised to Heaven in devout prayer to obtain miracles, be used by you for the aim of interceding helps for this rebellious generation.

Yes, enclose yourselves in the wounds of my hands so that through my sufferings, you may be able to call mankind to penitence and to prayer. "*Whoever prays is saved*", repeat to everyone. Do not undervalue the help of God! Only by prayer can you call Him *in causa* so that He may defend you from the dangers always more numerous.

And the feet? Children, value my wounds! How many useless steps, to go to dangerous and sinful places! How much they make Me suffer those that run towards a precipice, without return and without hope!

Yes, enter these wounds and let no sacrifice frighten you, even running to help whoever would perish. Rush quickly like the wind when you are called to the bedside of someone dying, whom you know deaf to my call. I will bless your steps, your tears and your words.

And in the wound of my side put the Pope and all the priests. Put all the consecrated and privileged souls, so that know how to correspond to their vocation and mission and so that love and humility, of which my Heart is the container, may never become less in them.

Children, I have said to you that the voices that come out of these wounds, that make Me the Man of Sorrows, be directed towards the Father, to ask mercy for everyone.

But how many spiritual and material needs even you have! I feel coming from your hearts a continual lament.

There are those who supplicate for health, who want a relative saved, who ask to arrive happily to the wedding, who pray for the husband who has left home, who desire the promotion of the son, the conversion of a family member and more still.

Children, there are mouths that speak for you and impetrate graces and favours: they are my wounds! Ask like this, through these wounds, which you want to soothe. Ask like this, and I will be happy that, again one more time, my holy wounds have healed those of your souls. I bless you and I love you. Here on earth, you are in my wounds, sorrowful; you will be sharers of the glory that my wounds have in Heaven.

Goodbye, children, ever more fervent and willing.

MANY SOULS ARE LOST

April 12, 1973

Beloved children, peace to you. I am here to receive reparation and comfort. I am you Jesus of mercy and of infinite love. Here present with us is also my holy Mother, the first reparatrix.

Children, how much need of reparation there is in this moment! How indispensable it is for the good to unite in fervent prayer and in the apostolate of good!

How necessary it is that, overcoming yourselves and forgetting your personal necessities, you look much farther, to see the true needs for

which you must supplicate: the pressing and grave needs of the whole of humanity.

There are the good who ask themselves when will the chastisement come and go about fixing more or less likely dates. But what does it matter that a mass of fire arrive or that, besides what is already shed, more abundant blood is shed?

The measure truly overflows and great chastisements are getting closer. My Mother can no longer hold on. She goes around showing her tears and her blood to call back to the good.

But do you see the human foolishness? Instead of changing lives, men, even practicing Christians occupy themselves with making some strict analysis to know whether the tears and the blood are human.

Perhaps you think that God, in his immense goodness, cannot do miracles to convert and save? Everything is doubted, is laughed at, derided. With what result?

The chastisements will come and will be grave and tremendous, but these are not the greatest evils, since as it has been said to you in some apparition, *“many good will be saved and others will be martyred and will pay for the impious”*. The true evil, of every day, is this: many souls are damned, they go to hell and are and will be irremediably lost.

Look, children, at my open Heart; look at my wounds, look at the thorns that surround my forehead, look at the wound of the shoulder, with I which I had paid the rebellion of souls at the cross; look at the bleeding knees; see Me like this: nailed to wood, like an evildoer. Well then, all that was useless for many souls that, at every instant, rebelling against God, prefer the company of the damned in an eternal fire.

Children, reparation is necessary, more still it is indispensable. I have told you and I repeat it to you.

How can you make reparation? First of all, with the goodness of your lives, with a sincere conversion, radical, total. Life is a gift, of which you will be asked to render an account. Let not one minute of it be wasted!

Many things are a part of natural necessities; learn to reduce them to the minimum and give an example of sobriety and mortification. Be good, suffocating all those resentments that derive from pride and learn to forgive.

Live day to day, learning to forget what has passed and looking up, every time that your goodness is put to the test.

Children, to be good means many things.

Goodness is a generic word that indicates love. Learn therefore to love souls. The which does not certainly mean letting evil run loose or tacitly approving it; but that, just for the good that you wish everyone, you desire also their eternal salvation.

Respect, yes, the mind and the personality of others. You cannot impose by force your way of acting and thinking without failing in charity; but let your neighbour know that the Lord wants obedience to his Law from everyone and that faith and morals are like two good sisters that must accompany the life of every Christian.

Children, I have put you on your guard and I have given you some advice so that you may make good use of it in everyday life. If I were a father and a brother who did not care about souls, you could accuse Me; but I tell you everything because I treat you like friends and I share with you the secrets of God.

Come, yes, come here to weep and pray; and then speak about my love, about my mercy and about my justice everywhere. You will be like those bells that shake souls; you will be the suitable instruments that I will use when I want. Be obedient and docile. I don't want to frighten you with nonexistent evils like mothers do when they tell their children fearful tales. Evil has become an immense cancerous wound that only with the scalpel of God's goodness is it possible to take away completely.

I help you, my most dear children, and you help God. "*God has need of men*", it is said. Yes, God needs men good and docile to his will, to make the rebellious understand how damaging it is to put yourself against Him.

Pray, be good! Do penance and speak. I bless you again.

THE VALUE OF THE MASS

April 18, 1973

My children, how much I enjoy this celebration full of faith and charity! If the value of the Mass were to be known and if you were to take part in it with the due dispositions, how the world would be healed!

It is a feast of hearts, it is a means of gratitude without limit; it is an exaltation of the mystery of the death and the resurrection not only mine, but of many souls that take advantage of these mysteries.

Children, let this weekly encounter with your God, crucified for love, be a gift of love to all the world!

Love each other, help each other, advise each other in a mutual charity. Encourage each other in turn, so that you may be able, with an ever more live hope, to wait for the reaching of that perfection which only in God is completed. I love you infinitely and I bless you.

Fear nothing. What God wants is realised in spite of all kinds of adversities.

GOD IS INFINITE PROVIDENCE

April 26, 1973

Beloved children, peace be to you! Behold my Easter greeting which I will be able to realize only with the contribution of your will.

Yes, peace be to your hearts! This is my desire: a peace that you derive from a good conscience and from the certainty that you are not alone in combating in the difficulties of life.

Even the disciples of Emmaus were desirous of peace, but they had forgotten the prophecies, they had doubted my promises and did not think that, just when in their hearts there was so much anguish and so much sadness, I was at their side, to give to them light, comfort and peace. They recognized Me, however, at the breaking of the bread and it is this invitation that I desire to make to those that struggle in anxiety and in tribulation.

Come, children, beside the altar! It is always I who breaks the bread and gives light. Come! Many problems are resolved just there. Believe my words! It happens, at times, that material and futile things absorb so much the life of men as to occupy the mind, the heart and the will.

I have told you often that I am a jealous God. I desire that everything be given to Me and to be the centre of your thoughts and affections and the reason for your actions. I cannot allow that your Creator and Lord be forgotten. If I give some material goods, they must serve as a means of going up to Me. If there are those that use them badly and in this way risk the salvation of the soul, I permit sometimes that they know the bitterness of failure and bankruptcy.

I permit it because I know how to draw good even from evil and because I know that it is good for my children for them to forget the things of the earth for Heaven.

Whoever is tested, ought by exercising the faith attach themselves ever more to those practices of piety that give so much and comfort. Instead the opposite often happens: one doubts and I am abandoned right at the moment of need.

My children, do not forget the anxiety of my Heart. I desire to give you peace and I'll give it to you, even amidst sufferings and humiliations, through those Sacraments that make a perfect unity of us. Trust in providence then, must direct your steps. "*We believed*", said the disciples of Emmaus, "*but unfortunately!*". No, never speak like that because even correcting your mistakes God is always good and does not permit desperation to enter into hearts, as long as you turn to Him. Never forget that God is infinite providence, who dresses the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air and the fish of the sea.

Trust, children, and if you want to have good advice on how to conduct yourselves, turn to Her who is called the Mother of Good Counsel. The gift of counsel comes from the Holy Spirit and She, who is the Bride, is also the repository of this great gift. Turn to her therefore, when you have uncertainties and doubts on the faith or the way to conduct yourself. Turn to her, so that she may give you her light when, in your turn, you have to counsel others.

Never be imprudent when speaking, but let wisdom which is divine knowledge, direct your thoughts and your words and may the Mother of Good Counsel be lavish in her teachings to you.

She was tested in every sense: she was tested on the faith, on patience, on hope, on justice. On everything she was victorious and she overcame every trial, exercising the virtues to the point of heroism.

Turn to her in the little and the great difficulties. Learn to reason, to think, to put up with like her. Look at joyful or sad events like her and peace shall truly be your inheritance.

I bless you, children, and I'll introduce you into that asylum of peace that is the heart of my Mother, so that in there you may have a foretaste of the joys of Paradise.

TO THE RELIGIOUS WOMEN: FAITH WORKS MIRACLES

April 27, 1973

My beloved daughters and brides, peace be to you! I am here to pray to the Father for your needs and for that of all humanity.

Just as my prayer was raised to the Father during my mortal life, so it is still raised from every Tabernacle and when you form a unity of mind and heart in prayer I am with you still and I ask the same graces that you ask, provided that they are useful for the salvation of your souls.

I see that you have some worries and I want to give you some advice. You perhaps regret that so many years have passed and you feel close to the encounter with the Lord? Rejoice, because He whom you will meet is God who, like perennial youth, will rejoice your hearts. Your years have not been wasted when they have been lived at the service of God and with the anxiety of bringing Him those souls, for whom He has given his life. Rejoice, rather, of every day that sets, because if it is a step towards death, it is also a step towards the true life, which will have no end.

Sometimes, in confronting your past with modern times, you are tempted to think that you also must change your ways to conquer souls for Me. No, in this, the methods are always the same.

Look at Peter and his companions who had worked the whole night and were unable to catch even one fish. But what happens? I arrive and from the shore I order those that are in the boat to throw the nets: one hundred and fifty three large fish were the fruit of the act of faith, with which they obeyed Me.

Faith, my daughters, permits miracles to happen. Faith shows you Jesus, present in you and beside you. Throw the nets in his name. Perhaps here it won't be given to you to see the fruits, but you will see them in Heaven, where I will show you as in a marvellous picture, all that your God has worked in you, for you and in favour also of your brothers. Act always with faith and let yourselves be guided by love.

Peter was the first to recognize Me and he threw himself in the sea to be the first to reach Me. And so, still, the love of God must be the motive of your actions. If you will love like so, ardently, you will have a generosity that will turn you into heroes.

That among you there be envies, jealousies or meanness: I do not allow for my brides to lower themselves like that. Let there be amongst you a contest of charity: it is this that I desire.

A contest, just as Paul, the apostle of the nations, said, that makes you run behind the scent of the Christ, your Bridegroom; a contest that knows no rest, so that, keeping present the finishing post, you may not lose time on useless things; a contest that must bring you to do all your best for each other, with a dedication that makes all see my presence in each one of you.

Love each other, my daughters, because love is the soul of good. If you forget the precept of charity, you have forgotten the motive of my incarnation, death and resurrection.

So, with these gifts of faith and love, approach everyone. Don't let the smile of satisfaction and the word of gratitude be lacking to those that do good. Yes, even the word of gratitude, since whoever does good obtains for the whole community, the Church and humanity, unforeseen helps and graces.

And if necessity demands that you must reproach someone, let them all know that it is in spite of yourself and that you would prefer to praise rather than admonish.

I know that the youth are very dear to your heart, whom you would like to grow and educate in the fear and love of God. Well then, daughters, if the difficulties become always greater I give you the means to succeed. After they had made an act of faith, the apostles, with Peter at the head, ate bread and fish with Me. My daughters, the more you unite yourselves

to Me, making your prayer and my Word an act of communication and identification with Me, the more I will act in you.

Do you want your daughters to understand you? Seek to understand Me. Do you want them to be docile and obedient? Let the exercise of your obedience and humility draw those daughters towards you and towards Me. In this way a beautiful unity of the whole community is formed.

Let whoever works on the front lines in the field of youth, be flanked and supported by whoever has other mansions. All the mansions are beautiful in the house of the Father: what gives value to the actions is the love that animates them.

Daughters, I bless you all, one by one.

LET HUMILITY BRING CHARITY!

April 28, 1973

Beloved children, peace be to your hearts, to your souls, to your communities and families.

I am amongst you. With you I pray to the Father and I want to make this prayer, which you offer in unity of intentions and with fervour of charity, the means to draw to my Heart, to the Heart of God and of my Mother, the lapsed, that is those who, not knowing us, deny us.

I am your Jesus of infinite mercy and how much I desire to apply to all souls my infinite merits! How much I desire to pour out on everybody my merciful love to call everyone to salvation!

How much I would like to definitively close the gates of hell, that too many want to forcibly open! But does it seem possible to you that the world does not want to believe in my love after so many continual and marvellous proofs of goodness? Could I have done more, children? Did I not give my life, did I not shed my blood to the last drop?

If you look at my death on the cross, you see well the gift of love that I made you! I made myself servant of everyone, I made myself obedient to teach you to obey. I made myself food and nourishment for your souls, so that nourishing yourselves with Me you'd learn to love. To teach you how to live in conformity with the will of the Father I made myself for you the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The Christian could walk in my footsteps like a child and arrive in Heaven. But look at how much wickedness! The world is going to ruin, not because progress in human knowledge is lacking, but because the intelligence is used badly. If the research of the ultimate causes of things were conducted in the light of faith, though in the knowledge of the

infinite distance that exists between man and God, how fruitful would it reveal to be! But no, man lets himself be led by pride and claims to understand, exceed or explode the divine laws that regulate the universe.

So in works man seeks himself, his own glory and honour. In human works he wants to exclude God. They remain therefore, simple human works, defective and fragile like houses deprived of a foundation.

So, many men think they are able to reach God. But the place of God is unreachable. Not science, not power, not strength are capable of building that tower, which would fall miserably anyhow like the tower of Babel.

And it's for this that I turn to you!

You belong to the Church and the Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. You are souls that tend to perfection, to holiness and the Holy Spirit is the soul of your soul and the author of all sanctity.

Sanctity is a summit that you must reach without presumption, without pride. Next to the men of the world who worry over reaching positions of power, behold, I send you who with humility of mind and heart and with simplicity of life, you have to surprise and annihilate human pride. Nothing is more necessary to the Christian than humility. This virtue that the world despises, is necessary, indispensable to be able to enter into Paradise.

Children, I remind you of my severity with the hypocritical and proud Pharisees. I remind you of the parables in which I showed you how necessary it is to humble yourself. And also in this period of corruption so widespread, I show you my Heart and I indicate humility as one of the means to heal the wounds of humanity.

This is a great virtue that obtains mercy, because it brings you to humble yourself and to ask forgiveness; moreover it makes you avoid errors, heresies, infidelities and rebellions.

Humility brings charity into the world.

If someone asks Me: "*What is charity?*", I answer: charity is humility in action, through which one fears offending one's neighbour and one knows how to forgive completely the offences of others .

Humility is the basis of every virtue: on it sprout as in a splendid rose garden, the flowers of charity which makes everyone a brother, which exceeds every contrast and does so that, in forgetting oneself one takes an interest in the needs of others.

Tomorrow, Low Sunday, you will celebrate the feast of my merciful love. I would like for my Heart to be like a springboard to perfection; let the contest for the practice of humility start from this springboard. May most holy Mary, most humble Mother, in the beautiful month of May which will begin in a few days, help you to walk briskly to the conquest of this great virtue.

Whoever makes himself little is more suitable to be held by the hand by Her and to enter into my Heart, where only the little are the friends to whom I confide my joys and my pains.

Children, I bless you all.

DAY OF MERCY

April 29, 1973

Beloved and dear children, you are here in my presence. I see into your eyes and I scrutinize your hearts. Do not fear: I am the Father of souls, your Brother! I am Jesus, your Redeemer and Saviour. I am the Christ, the eternal Priest. I am goodness, wisdom, grace and mercy.

For this I say to you that whatever may be the degree of sanctity you have, whatever may be the state of your soul, I love you and do not desire but to do good to you, amply do good to you, so that you may all leave here with much joy and much serenity in your hearts.

I know that you have worries that torment you. You are often troubled in body and spirit. The temptations, the demon, the world or the diseases of the body make you suffer. But do you think perhaps that I permit my children to be tormented beyond their strength? What father would I be? But why have I called you here? Perhaps to deceive you? No! But to give you strength, to help you, to console you and, if it is good for you, to take away at least in part those evils that make you suffer.

The mothers are in the front line. I see the thorns that wound their hearts. Those children that should be their consolation, are often their sorrow. Mothers, in each one of you I see my Mother; and do you know what I say? I will save your children, even if now they want to do their thing. I will save them for you; but you be persevering in faith, in prayer and in the offering of your tears.

And for those spouses who weep over their lapsed husbands, what ought they do? Daughters, remain faithful even to unfaithful husbands. Pray for them, because even if lapsed, before God they are and will always be your husbands. Guard and nurture with love those children that are uniquely entrusted to your care. I promise that they will be your consolation. Everything is possible to God; but the liberty that He respects in man, prevents him from acting in favour of the good who, however, through the cross and in the cross, find sanctity and salvation.

I help the widows who sanctify their widowhood and who go out of their way for the good of many with generosity and abnegation.

I bless, call and help the single women who taste the bitterness of loneliness, and I desire from them the offering that renders them victims for the salvation of priests and souls.

Everyone, I want to receive everyone today. The families where I live, where I am welcomed and loved. They are my Nazareth, my Bethany, my place of rest.

The cross cannot be lacking; but where there is the love of God, virtue flourishes and peace reigns.

You are here to represent many different cities, but I would like for the whole world, in this day dedicated to my mercy, to be prostrated at my feet. What joy if everybody beating their breasts and, acknowledging themselves sinners, were to invoke my forgiveness! There is no greater desire in the Lord than that of forgiving, of doing good, of blessing!

Speak to Me of everyone. Speak to Me of the nations divided by hate and by war; of nations where the existence of God is denied and atheism is spread; of the nations next to which material well-being has become by now an idol.

Speak to me of everybody: of the priests unfaithful to their vocation, of the consecrated souls that do not want to believe in my desire for chastity and purity.

Speak to Me of the husbands who do not place their faith in Me and do not do their duty, and of those who, without pity, mistreat their children as if they were masters of life.

Speak to Me of the good, of the priests who have desires of sanctity, of the souls vowed to sacrifice as gift to the brethren.

Speak to Me of those whom you love and whom you desire to help.

When I promise, I keep; I want to and I must help you. When you pray to Me for the Pope, do it with enthusiasm and insistence, so that this prayer may find a deep echo in my Heart.

Today is the day of mercy also for your loved ones who in Purgatory will receive a beneficial refreshing rain. The prayer for your departed is an act of faith, to which mercy is a parallel and it is an act of goodness also to Me, as I desire so much to encounter them. May the Mother of mercy help you in this work.

And now, as you prepare to receive my blessing, as approval to your desire of good, I invite you to prepare yourselves to spend in the most worthy way the beautiful month of May dedicated to my Mother. Offer her all that your hearts suggest to you and the goodness of her heart will not disappoint you.

APOSTLES OF MY LOVE

April 29, 1973

Beloved and dear children, peace be to you! Here I am, since your hearts are united to Me in affection and in the desires for good. I'm grateful to you for having adhered to my invitation. I am Jesus of mercy and of infinite love and my desire is to pour out over you the immensity of my love. You have to be apostles of my love; you have to make Me known and loved. Whoever loves lives. Whoever loves does not feel the sacrifice. Whoever loves is generous and the generosity easily brings to heroism.

In the world, there is a need for heroes. My cold and indifferent followers are too many.

Those who don't want to know or love Me, pain Me, but the coldness of the believers makes Me suffer even more. The offences of friends are more pungent than those of the enemy from whom you do not expect anything good.

You are the friends whom I count on. Your works must correspond to the will of God and be guided by Me. You know what my behaviour is like with those whom I love. Even if I ask them some sacrifice, I inspire good, I accomplish it in them and then, for this good, I give an infinite recompense.

How I rejoice when the young put their lives at the disposal for the triumph of my kingdom in the world! Do you think, young people, that I do not know your problems? I know everything, but I know above all that you yearn for happiness. Well then, make Me responsible for all your worries: I'll take care of them in such a way that you are able to be happy.

Remember however, that happiness comes from within and it is not the fruit of the possession of fleeting goods; it is given by that interior peace that derives from a good conscience and from that divine presence, which is everything for the life of the Christian.

Does your future worry you? It is in my hands and no one can build his life by himself. Not a minute more of life are you able to give each other by yourselves.

Does your past disturb you? But if you want, I can bury it in my Heart, forgetting all your sins.

Does the present worry you? Well then, it is the only moment that you can utilize for the glory of God. Of this moment, which flees as soon as it is mentioned, you are able to have an eternal and infinite reward; of this moment you are the responsible ones and you can utilize it to the benefit of all humanity. Make a treasure of the time! Live in the love and grace of God!

When, leaving from here, you will go to your homes, let it be seen that a transformation has happened in you.

If you have realized of not having made of your lives yet a gift of love to God and to the brethren, do so that, on this day of my mercy, you may be able to live your resurrection.

I bless you all one by one.

SHAKE HEARTS AND CONSCIENCES

May 1, 1973

My children, I have called you to a gathering in this cenacle, so that you able to start the beautiful month of my Mother with an all new fervour and with true love, fruit of the Holy Spirit.

I am Jesus, Son of God, Son of Mary and, for the charity that unites our Hearts, all that you do for Her rebounds to my consolation. We are Mother and Son united by a common interest: the salvation of all mankind.

When in a stormy sea the mariners risk drowning because the ship is sinking, the lifeboats are launched, where they jump into in order to save themselves.

Behold, children: while a fearful tempest hangs over the sea of the world, here and there, I and my Mother, launch our lifeboats to call souls to salvation.

Every cenacle is one of them and her with prayer and rekindling the faith a more holy life is proposed in the flight from sin and the sure way is found.

Once when your old saw the clouds gathering in the dark skies, omens of storms, they took little olive branches blessed on the day of Palms and, burning them, sent the sweet-smelling smoke to the sky as if to avert the danger. And in many lands the arrival of the storm was signalled by the sound of the bells, to which the prayer of the faithful full of faith echoed. Everything risked being lost, the work and the toil of a season; but look, often at the sound of the bells, at the crackling of the olive and, above all, for that prayer full of strength, the calm returned.

You know what I'm alluding to. It is an unfaithful sea, it is a tempest, it is great evil that you have to confront, overcome and beat. May you be that blessed olive, again! May your words spread everywhere and be bringers of peace. Too many don't want to listen. The bells are quiet in the belfries, so as not to disturb the peaceful dreams of my children who, like Peter, James and John in the Garden of Olives, sleep.

Be the bells that shake the minds, the hearts and the consciences.

If once silence could have been useful and it still can be when talking sows discord, today it is necessary to make oneself heard. You need to talk with the heart, demonstrating above all in deeds the love that burns inside you. To speak with that serenity, which is the opposite of the sadness and hate that characterizes those whose hearts are inhabited by sin.

Be bells, but don't sing out of tune! Let your lives mirror your thoughts and everything be conformed to the law of God, your salvation.

Behold, children, I want to tell you with joy, that here you have a Teacher, who instructs and enlightens you in everything.

One month of the year is nothing: but if you will be docile to the teachings of my Mother, she will mould you, she will educate your hearts and will cultivate in you those virtues of which she was a living mirror.

When a good mother speaks by word, by works and by example, her voice penetrates and conquers.

When I lived upon the earth beside her and my most faithful foster father, although as God I had nothing to learn, I wanted, as man to draw from their marvellous font. I sought to imitate my Mother in the behaviour and in that kindness that conquered souls. And from Joseph I learned that severity, that love for work, that turned us into perfect workers.

I entrust you to their school. That God, who is the true and only good one, has put on the road for you these two incomparable models who, as they show themselves to you, also give you the necessary help.

My Mother always thinks of everybody, but it's best that you recommend to her those that are dear to your heart. Don't you say in the petitions that you direct to her: Queen of the angels? And who are these angels for you, if not the children that you want and must entrust to her so that she may defend them from dangers? Don't you say: Queen of the patriarchs, pray for us? And with this invocation don't you intend to recommend to her all those that, full of years, are at the threshold of eternity?

You say still: Queen of prophets, pray for us. And I would like that with this prayer you would ask help for all those souls to whom special gifts have been made, so that they may truly turn back in favour of the whole Church.

So also, when you pray for the apostles and the virgins, I would like you to recommend to her all the consecrated souls.

What shall you ask for the martyrs? Do you think that martyrdom is an outmoded thing? But no, it exists and is still active there where liberty is denied where good is combated and evil is sown.

The martyrdom of the hearts of many mothers who weep is still active. Well then, She, the Queen of Heaven and earth, the Queen of Sorrows, is the only one who can help everybody.

Every soul is for her a treasure and therefore has to be a conquest. It's for this purpose that I entrust her to your heart.

Love her, therefore, honour her and serve her. Love her because she is the first to love you. Honour her because that pleases Me. Serve her, making her known by as many people as you can.

I bless you, children. For your loved ones, don't worry yourselves more than what my mercy wants. I speak of your departed whom I free daily by your prayers. Your loved ones, living in the body but not in the soul, consecrate them to her, the Refuge of sinners and Mother of divine grace, saying to her, with great humility of heart, that you trust in her.

PRIDE IS THE RUIN OF THE WORLD

May 3, 1973

My children, peace be to you! I am Jesus, your Teacher and the life of your souls.

Behold, I look at you and I enlighten you. The sorrow for sins purifies you, even if it will be necessary to make use of the sacrament of my mercy, as if to have a confirmation by the voice of my minister that I have forgiven you. How beautiful it is to see you here reunited, like birds of an only nest, like chicks of a broody hen.

I look at the Heavenly Mother and I look at you and I rejoice. Do so that this beautiful union never passes away. Love each other here and love each other outside of here. If someone needs help, be happy to give it to him and let the spiritual help be mutual, through prayer.

Everything must converge to unite hearts and to consolidate that charity, which is the base, centre and end of Christianity.

Consider yourselves like good brothers and sisters, together with this my instrument who must help you to go up providing you teachings that do not come from her but from the first fount of all knowledge.

Now listen to Me. You have heard related in the Gospel of Zacchaeus who, being of small stature and not being able therefore to see Me, had climbed up a tree, a sycamore, from which he could catch sight of Me. I passed by that tree and I invited him to come down, because I wanted to enter his house and speak to him.

Children, there is another tree, the tree of life, my Mother, who has produced the fruit that you well know: the Son of God made man. You

also, like Zacchaeus, if you keep yourselves little, and it is very important to do so, you can climb up this wonderful and beneficial tree and to have by her, by my Mother, help and grace. You need that virtue of which you she gave you a shining example: humility.

Pardon if I insist. The sin that ruined the angels forever, was pride; that which ruined your progenitors was pride; and it is still this capital sin that ruins the world, giving the demon so much audacity and strength.

Make yourselves little, ever more little, children, and the arms of my Mother will open up like welcoming branches to receive you and make you sharers of the fruit of life, of the life of her firstborn Son.

Do you see the world how it behaves: it wants to triumph, not in good however. Pride fills and guides the thoughts of the greater part of mankind like a balloon that, inflating itself, raises itself up. These poor people delude themselves of being intelligence personified and of being able therefore to impose their own theories on others.

Fools! When the balloon bursts, they will realize the vanity of their thoughts. Perhaps too late! In the meantime, they will have disseminated errors and heresies. They had perhaps thought of being like gods, and they will realize of being little more than nothing. Others have thought and think of doing great things and of making all others, whom they look down upon and repute a nonentity to be crushed, act behind their commands.

These wretched souls! Considering others as nonentities makes them reprehensible before God and their works are seen as muck by Him, who wishes to be the Alpha and the Omega and who must be the heart of the works, their motive.

So the proud in their thoughts, in their intentions and in their works find themselves empty handed before the tribunal of God and do not have in life the support of the arms of the Mother, who welcomes only the little.

I say to you therefore, with insistent affection and recall: let the month of Mary be for you an invitation to imitate Zacchaeus, so that the proud who live next to you are made aware of being such and be ashamed of it.

The works of God are born from the tree of life. Jesus, your brother and your Father, protects them and my Mother nourishes and invigorates them.

One of these works, to which you will give an impulse, is the militia in favour of the Pope.

It must be spread everywhere, and you on your part will do what is possible: you will speak about it to my ministers, with the religious, with the teachers and with all those who are leaders of authentic and fervent groups of Christians.

You must support the Church and its visible Head in these moments so difficult. The ministers of God who, loving my Mother, make of Me, of

the Eucharist and of the Pope, the programme of their lives, will have from Me abundant graces and help. The efficacy of the word will be cooperated by a solid faith, that will give to them courage and strength.

Here in the cenacle of my mercy, I desire that many priests come.

They will renew their vows and will consecrate themselves totally to Mary, making her the Lady of their lives. Here they will draw those virtues that make weak and inept priests authentic saints; of those which, in this moment, the Church and all humanity needs.

I came into the world through Mary and it will be Mary, here in my cenacle, who will return to my merciful Heart those beloved ones on whom the hope of many rests on.

Children, I bless you and help you. I bless the Pope and the Church. I bless the militia of the Pope and those who seriously commit themselves to take part in it. I fill you with faith, hope and love.

MAKE MY LOVE KNOWN

May 10, 1973

Beloved children, peace be to you, now and always. I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you love, honour and seek to console repairing the offences He receives.

Thanks for the gifts that you make Me.

When I ask to enter a home, if the door opens and I am given hospitality, my Heart exults with joy and pours out over everybody and each one an infinite desire of good and love. That house becomes my Nazareth, my Bethany and its inhabitants become my most dear friends.

How many families I would like to sanctify like this, rendering them an oasis in the desert of the world!

I cannot take away the cross, however, from these my friends because I would have to deprive them of the most pure and infinite joys of Paradise. Every soul must in fact arrive in Heaven passing through the way of Calvary; but I communicate myself to my friends, rendering sweet the suffering for love. If you knew how much preferential love is hidden behind those sufferings that I permit! In this way, you are counted among them.

Here, as in a cenacle, I desire to nourish your souls with that special nourishment which is the divine Word. The demon avenges himself, many times, and wants to arouse thoughts of distrust and sadness; but you remain in love.

Here with you to represent Me, comes the minister of God. May they be blessed these children who, desirous for the good of souls, heedless of gossip and the criticisms that come from it, give life to those family prayer groups in which they place hope and trust for a better future.

I bless with an ample gesture of love everybody: collaborators and family members, priests and laity, children and adults and I assure you that this house will have, up to the third and fourth generation, my paternal protection and assistance.

I love you, children, I love you like no one can ever love you. Make my love known, since whoever knows cannot but correspond to so much love.

I bless also your material interests and I assure you that the well-being will not be lacking, since even that is a sign of your trust in providence and a reward to your faith

LIKE SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER

May 10, 1973

Beloved children, peace be with you! I am the merciful Jesus, victim for you and your salvation. In the world today still, I am led like sheep to the slaughter, according to the prophecy of Isaiah; but unfortunately, the prophecy like the martyrdom are misunderstood.

Many say: *“How can we believe if no one announces the truth to us?”*

I provide, sometimes even miraculously, raising up teachers of truth, just as when I sent Philip to the eunuch. But will they be listened to?

Now, behold, I choose even you to make known the desires of my Heart.

You see in many places the image of my bleeding Face and when I am spoken about, your hearts are touched. Well then, learn to speak like so, as to touch the hearts for what in the world pains Me.

The souls disfigured by sin are my bleeding Face. Many do not know it and how could they believe?

Speak to men, but first let the light enter in you through grace and recourse to the Spirit of the Lord. It will then happen that, like Veronica on the sorrowful way, you may be able to wipe off that Face disfigured by sin, the blood, the sweat and the spittle.

I am not known because they do not want to know Me and because there are lacking those that offer their collaboration even through suffering.

Light of grace, religious instruction, apostolic zeal, are the three steps that bring you to know the human miseries and to free yourselves from them.

Enter with faith and with desires of good in the house of the divine Face so that, through the loving sufferings offered by the victim souls and through my Blood shed, the abundance of heavenly graces that fill you with joy may descend upon you.

I, as of now, bless you and I show myself to the eyes of your faith in the beatitude and in the splendour of the Resurrection, so that you may be able, always more enthusiasts, continue to do all that good that I desire from you. I bless those that spread in various ways the word that reaches you even by means of her my instrument.

When you ask for graces through the means of my divine Face, I add glory to it; not that infinite glory that comes to it from God and which as such cannot be increased, but that external glory that contributes to the greater knowledge among men of the evangelical announcement. When you invoke my Face to give Me reparation and glory, I make my Face imprinted on your souls more luminous and I add grace and merit.

Be therefore always luminous: the beauty of transfigured Face be reflected in you.

I fill you with love and I bless you.

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ENTRUST YOURSELVES TO GOD

May 12, 1973

Beloved children, I fill you with light and love. I am Jesus, Son of God.

Everything that begins in your earthly life has an end just as each day ends at the setting of the sun. But a day will come which will be the last and when the sun will rise again, you will be in the infinite light of God. To this eternal day, which will have no sunset, I invite you to turn your thoughts.

I said to you in my mortal life: whoever believes will be saved. You have received this faith that saves in abundance. Do so that it may build up day by day, moment by moment, by exercising it. It is the means of sanctity and the anchor of salvation in the world. If you increase it daily, you will enjoy all the advantages that it brings you.

Faith obliges you to be humble, because it points out to you the eternal truths which enclose profound mysteries. When man, conscious of the infinite distance that exists between himself and God, submits himself by accepting even the unexplainable, he is not degraded in his dignity, but it becomes enlarged because of that humility whereby he believes.

To be children of God is a great thing that demands a deep and sincere faith in Him and a love without measure. Faith is the first rung of that ladder that makes you go right up to God. Then there's all the rest.

Believing coincides with hoping, because the eternal life of God is also an inheritance for man. In this way, living by faith, all is simplified, all is explained, one rejoices over everything. Every time that, thinking of God, you renew in your mind the thought of his goodness, of his boundless and immense presence, of his infinite justice, you increase your faith and, through that union which exists among all mankind you obtain for the brethren that they also increase their faith.

But what will it be for you, in this moment, the act of faith? Glance over, in an instant, the days passed. Everything was promised to you, and every promise has always been kept. I spur you on to look at this fact as a proof, to which you must have recourse in the days that will come.

God has directed you and directs you. For what He has done for you, let a hymn of thanksgiving gush forth from your hearts. To whoever does good to you, you usually give your thanks. If the faith shows you God as your great benefactor, it is to Him that you must show your gratitude.

And therefore what will He do for you? Have more faith and be, I would say to you, exaggerated in asking.

I want to, at this point, give you some advice. It often happens that my children are not favoured in their desires. At times it's about desires harmful to your souls; puerile or too human things that with patience, reflection and that sense of balance that should direct you, you can resolve even on your own. Recourse to God is always indispensable, but you must collaborate with the reason, the will and the intelligence.

I assist you always, and as a father desires that his own son may grow with the capacity to work and learn his experiences that will help him mature, so God allows the freedom and the exercise of common sense and of those faculties with which man becomes capable of progressing.

I say to you again: have faith, continue to entrust yourselves to God in everything, let your spiritual faculties guide you in the actuation of human works and be calm.

If the tribulation prolongs itself, do your best to bear it, to overcome it or to accept it, but never let yourselves get depressed because this is a lack of faith.

Whoever believes and will be baptized shall be saved. You have received a baptism of water and the Holy Spirit, but every time you want it, you can receive a baptism of blood which purifies you.

Confession, children! This great sacrament is despised too much. For anyone who wishes to grow and advance in the virtues, the help of God is needed by means of grace. I make my Blood descend on you in the sacrament of Confession. It is like a renewed baptism for whoever

receives it and it gives splendour back to the souls degraded by sin. Make good use of this gift! When you will arrive before the Supreme Judge, you will be asked what use you have made of the Blood of the Lamb.

I give you my embrace, while I repeat to you with insistence and love: whoever believes shall be saved.

THE EUCHARISTIC TABLE

May 17, 1973

Beloved children, reparatrix souls, here you are like at a feast of hearts. Thank you, children!

I cannot however hide from you some wounds that afflict Me and make Me harshly embittered.

You know that I am always present in the world, in different ways.

You see Me in the brother whom I desire that you love as yourselves; I am present in the Church in an invisible but real way; I am present in souls in grace that by means of it become like my Heaven; and I am present in Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

This presence is an immense gift of my love. The Eucharist is destined to be the sacrifice that you offer to the Father as reparation for sins and means of intercession; it is besides food for your souls.

Well then, if in your homes a very beautiful thing is ruined you grieve over it; so even I grieve that a divine gift of infinite value is held in so little importance and is used with so little respect and so badly.

It has been said to you: "*Whoever eats and drinks unworthily the Body and the Blood of the Lord, eats and drinks his own condemnation* (1 Cor 11:27)." This is true. You have had proof in Judas who, after his sacrilegious communion, had the strength to commit the greatest crime that the world has ever known.

But still, children, how many Judases, how many sacrileges, how many fatal consequences.

I desire that men feed on my Body, but I demand a pure soul. Isn't there perhaps a simple and opportune means to purify oneself? And why not use it than add sin upon sin, misery upon misery?

This pains Me. What does it matter that they all come in droves like sheep to receive Me, when they don't even have detachment from mortal sin in their hearts?

Weep, children, over this plague that goes out spreading itself. Many times it's the same ministers of mine who invite en masse to approach the

altar, sustaining that it is to complete the divine Sacrifice that the faithful must communicate.

But no, children; it's better to abstain rather than approach the divine Banquet unworthily. Did I not say to you at the Last Supper, that even those who are clean should wash their feet? Didn't I always say everything clearly?

Then there is another thing which pains Me equally and even more. It is in this period that the children approach their First Communion; they have the use of reason and know how to distinguish good from evil. There are children and young people who blaspheme, who commit impure sins knowing they are doing evil; who curse and insult their parents, especially the mother.

And yet at times they prepare them for Communion without doing much to point out the gravity of these sins they commit. It will happen then that they will not give much weight to the evil they do, with great harm to their spiritual life, family life and that of the Church.

From the preparation to the First Communion many times your whole life depends and, sometimes, even eternity.

The delicacy of the conscience is basic. It's not a matter of seeing God as a scarecrow, but of considering Him as infinite love who, really because He loves mankind, established his laws and as Supreme Legislator must be obeyed.

What would you say of a government leader who would not have a code to which the citizens could refer to?

God has the right to be obeyed, even if He calls everyone with love and with infinite goodness. Goodness does not exclude order and discipline is a means of maintaining it.

I give you a commandment, I give you an invitation. Should you have in your families some children or nephews, make them recite with the regular prayers also the Commandments. They are the moral laws that God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai and which every man carries imprinted in his soul. Just as it was necessary for God to write them on stone tablets because the men of that time had forgotten them, so also now there is the need to repeat them often, to be able to acknowledge oneself guilty.

The Beatitudes that I proclaimed in the sermon of the mount are an invitation to perfection and do not annul the Commandments.

In this way, prepared spiritually and conscientiously, those children that I desire may come to Me as white lilies, they will learn to continue in the life of that Christianity which is the struggle against sin and the journey towards virtue.

My children, I bless you and all the communicants of the world. At my blessing add the yearning of your hearts, so that the children and all mankind, rendered pure of heart, may truly be able to see God.

MAY MY ASCENSION REKINDLE THE HOPE OF HEAVEN

May 31 1973

Beloved children, here you are gathered in the memory of that great event which must give you joy and rekindle the hope of reaching, in the glory of Heaven, that family of God that has preceded you and the place that has been assigned to you.

For the Christian every day that passes is a going up towards the above.

Every moment of life has a repercussion in eternity. These are the thoughts that my Ascension into Heaven should suggest to you. Life passes quickly and, whether suffering grips it, or whether well-being makes it run peacefully, there is no way of attaching oneself since there will come an hour that, fixed by the Father from all eternity, will mark the end. It's as if the thread that holds you tied to the earth is broken and the true, new life begins. Children, to live with the hope of Heaven is to live serenely.

What's the point of possessing all the goods of the earth when with death they are left behind? What does it matter that you should lose all the goods of the earth, when you know that your gain will be of things that are worth infinitely more?

Thinking of Heaven however, calls for a continual detachment. When I separated from my Mother and from those disciples whom I had loved in spite of their defects, their hearts suffered from it, because they had not understood the words I had told them to prepare for it.

But the Holy Spirit, illuminating their minds, made them understand everything later on.

You also, children, receive for many years now a divine teaching. Nevertheless many are not capable of understanding that to be my followers means embracing the cross, to love it and, in the detachment from oneself and from the world, to prepare oneself to reach Me.

I would like that in act of more intense love and in a continuous exercise of faith you would practise in virtue so as to perfect yourselves even more.

I have spoken to you of those who await you, because they have already ascended into glory. The ascension of the souls, that ascend from the

place of purification to Paradise, is the most important event in which the soul and its guardian angel is committed.

I ascended into Heaven, I was crowned with glory by the Father and my Body, had reparation from all that human wickedness had inflicted upon it.

Your bodies also will be glorified, at the end of time. And in the measure in which it has been an instrument of good for the soul, it will have its glory.

Children, none of those who, by the grace of God and with the contribution of their own will, have been saved, would desire to return to the earth. Nevertheless they keep the memory, the desire and the possibility of helping you who live here below.

Someone could think that, these souls being in beatitude, might forget those who are pilgrims on the earth and who were their friends or blood relatives.

No, children! The love that binds the blessed to God and to each other is the same that unites them to those that still live an earthly life.

The blessed see in God everything that happens in the world and, through that light which they possess, perceive in time what is good for each one. That wonderful device, put to work by the Most Holy Trinity for the salvation and sanctification of souls, is for them a revealed reality whereby they praise God beforehand for the souls that, in all the centuries, will have reached eternal salvation.

The blessed pray for you and press for from the Father and the Queen of Heaven all that you go asking for in the order of salvation.

Make a recourse to them continually as to one, having arrived at the summit of the mountain, is in a position to point out salvation to you and the road to follow.

Even if you suffer because of this exile, you should not despair, since God is your invincible support.

When I disappeared from the gaze of the disciples, the words that I had said to them came to their minds: *“It is necessary that I go to the Father; from there I will send you the Advocate who will clarify everything (Jn 16:7).”*

The feast of my Ascension into Heaven allows Me to renew the promise: *“I will send you the Advocate.”*

The Apostles with Mary withdrew into the cenacle for nine days of prayer, until the Holy Spirit descended on them under the form of fire.

Do you want to be consoled in your sorrows? Do you want to be enlightened on your way of acting? Imitate the Apostles, imitate Mary. Recourse to prayer in all your necessities will make you find that strength and those solutions that seemed impossible and everything will be clear to you.

By the preparation for Pentecost will that abundant fire depend that, healing and purifying souls and families, will give society the necessary light.

I bless you and I point out Heaven to you.

If it is necessary that you remain still in this world, as it was for my Mother, to be a help to the nascent Church, let it also be so for you. Do every action with love, with detachment, looking to the end.

I bless you all and I promise you, by means of prayer, special graces.

TO THE RELIGIOUS WOMEN: LOVE THE CROSS

June 10, 1973

My beloved daughters, peace and grace be always with you. I am Jesus of mercy.

Know that God, one and triune, eternal, omnipotent and infinite, has chosen you from all eternity and, in spite of your defects, loves you infinitely.

The same God, who is infinite perfection, does not disdain to come and to dwell in your hearts which He has chosen as his dwelling.

Even if the company of the angels gladden Him. He prefers to be your companion in this earthly life, to raise you up again every time you fall.

The effort that you make to overcome, to surpass, to humble yourselves is not hidden from Him. He knows also how to gladden himself over the falls that make you practice humility more than if you were always victorious.

This God who loves you and is close to you and scrutinizes you even deep down, is at your disposition so that you are able to pray to Him and love Him for everybody. He renders you master of his Heart and give you its key, so that you are able to use the treasures of infinite tenderness enclosed in it to your benefit and others. One thing alone is enough: that you love Him and that you show Him your love with that availability that the bride has towards the bridegroom; with that attentive activity which she surrounds him to anticipate and go along with his wishes.

When a bride loves, she can do everything, nothing is a burden to her. The renunciations are but a consequence of this love that has the only purpose of pleasing him. In this way you sanctify yourselves and life becomes a gold mine.

The only thing that God asks you is this: never make peace with your defects. Keep them in your sights, like the soldier keeps his enemies in

sight. Learn to look them in the face and unmask them. If you should accommodate them, making peace, you would find yourselves disarmed and beaten by them one day. Watch, pray, love. That's how I want my brides.

I want to help you all. I want to take you by the hand. I want to carry the cross with you. What is this cross called? Old age, arthritis, deafness, headache or even responsibility. I would like that you would call it a gift: a gift of Heaven to you, a gift of love to God.'

Love it, my daughters and brides, the cross. Don't make it burdensome, but appreciate it and the heavier it becomes, the more you must love it because: "*Per crucem ad lucem.*" By means of the sanctified cross you will arrive in Heaven.

I bless you all. I am content with the generosity with which you occupy every bit of time. Work is a means of sanctification and it is prayer. Don't lose yourselves in futilities. If sometimes you want to distract yourselves, read a good book, sing a song, write to your relatives. How necessary it is that you maintain correspondence with those who are far from you and sometimes also from Me: it is useful to make yourself felt that you are near to their hearts, like the apostles were near to the first Christians!

The world is going through a grave moment of its history. With the evolution that progress has brought, there is also a spiritual and moral change which harms many souls bringing them to ruin. It is not time for amusements, but for prayer; it's not time for fickleness, but for penance.

This is what I would like to say to all my followers and to all the consecrated souls. If you don't want to drift away, if you don't want to meet worse evils head on, it is necessary to mend your ways and act.

My beloved brides, I love you: learn to, by overcoming difficulties great and small, look at the world and extend your desires of salvation to embrace all your brethren. Many die of hunger because there is no one to help them; and many more lose their souls because there is no one to help them to rise up from a life of sin and evil.

I bless you all, daughters.

I DO NOT WANT THE DEATH OF THE SINNER BUT THAT HE CONVERTS AND LIVES

June 14, 1973

Beloved children, children of my love, children ransomed by my precious Blood, be the welcomed ones here, beside my most sweet Mother and beside Me.

We preside over these meetings and we grant spiritual and material graces; above all, however, these meetings are a fount of light. Whoever finds himself in darkness is already in suffering, even if no other sorrow strikes him. Doubt and error take away serenity and joy. He who gropes in the dark because he does not love the light, runs the risk of falling into serious dangers; whoever finds himself in the dark because he does not know the truth, but desires it and seeks it with all his strength, sooner or later will arrive at possessing it, since the goodness of God will open up the road to him.

You are the fortunate ones who have found a door, a house and a place where the truth is taught in a simple and accessible way. Through this instrument it is your Jesus who speaks to you or it is the heavenly Mother who counsels and helps you.

Children, of this precious call you have your responsible part, because you who receive must profit by it to become apostles.

Behold, I show you my Heart, from which blood and water flows out. They are symbols of the sacraments. And you, who come here, must learn to appreciate them; you must receive them with devotion and with love and you must sanctify yourselves through them. You cannot let months and years go by without receiving these precious means of sanctity. If you approach them often, you will always improve more. I said one day to the Samaritan woman: *"I will give you a water to drink, the drinking of which you will never thirst in eternity (Jn 4:14)."* She understood it and the consequence that derived from it was that she left the life of sin and became an apostle in her land.

In this way I give you continuously that water which is grace, I give you my Body and my Blood as nourishment: you cannot remain with your heart attached to the passions. The life of perfection is reached gradually, it is true; but you must commit yourself. Commitment costs and requires sacrifice; but when you taste the things of God, the vanities of the earth are no longer appreciated; the thirst for worldly things disappear; amusements, even licet, become tasteless and all that passes no longer attracts.

When you quench your thirst with the water that I give you, you no longer thirst in eternity. That's why I call here people from many different places.

You must return to where your habits keep you bound, where your commitments occupy your time, where you carry out your mission and speak the new word. You must announce the good news, the same that two thousand years ago drew the crowds. You must say to everybody: "*Jesus, the Son of God and of the Virgin Mary, still lives in the world and wants for us to live like He himself taught us to live. He wants for us, vivified by the holy sacraments and reinvigorated by his Spirit, to begin a true life, made with grace and love.*"

Pentecost, of which you still feel the beneficial influences, must extend itself to all the world. A Pentecost of fire is necessary to purify mankind. The external things signify it, but it is the fire of the love of God and neighbour that purifies and saves.

Be my heralds! Cry out my desires to everyone: "*Change your lives! The Lord does not want the death of the sinner, but that he converts and lives.*"

Sinners, my children, all you priests, come to Me! Shake off every torpor. If you have a sorrow, utilize it. Don't you see that there are others that suffer sorrows much greater than yours?

Offer up your sorrow for those who suffer the most. When, on the way to Calvary, I encountered the pious women who wept over my pains, I said that they must first weep over their sins and those of their children. Also to you I say: "*Weep, if you wish, over what afflicts you; but weep above all over the sin that ruins humanity.*"

Use the sufferings of the body to heal your soul and the sick souls of the brethren.

My children, I say all this to you because I love you. Few believe in my infinite love for everyone and each one of you. If they knew the depth of my infinite love, they would immediately change lives. Even the good believe little in my love. At the first difficulty they turn their backs on Me, they forget Me: they are like capricious children who always want sweeteners, always joys. Whoever truly loves, know how true my words are.

Do you believe in my love for you, which is not of an hour or a day, but is an eternal and immutable love that does not suffer jolts nor decrease, not even before ingratitude, wickedness, rebellion and insubordination.

I love you, children, for what you are worth, that is for the soul which has an infinite value. I love you because I generated you and because you are called to be a part of my Kingdom, which is the Kingdom of God.

The wickedness, the sins of mankind displease Me, not so much for the consequences that derive from them to God, since He remains happiness

and infinite love, but for what it derives to man, for the punishments which they incur and for the eternal separation from their God in hell.

My most dear children, I bless you all and send upon you all and upon each one of you an effluvium of graces.

WITH YOU FOREVER

June 21, 1973

Beloved children, peace be to your hearts! I am your Jesus of mercy and of infinite love.

Thank you for the Eucharistic reparation of which you wanted to make a gift to Me. The feast of the Body of the Lord, which the Church invites you to celebrate, has been willed by Me so that the faithful would increase their faith in my real presence in the most Holy Sacrament and also so that the good would repair the sacrileges and offences that I receive.

You celebrate the Eucharist also on Holy Thursday, which recalls the institution of this great Sacrament. Today I want to speak to you about the qualities that your preparation for Communion must have so that it be done properly and so that it may bring you an increment of that spiritual life that must be the strength which permits you to arrive on the other shore, where the life that will have no end begins, in a way worthy of that God whom you will go to meet.

“I am the living Bread descended from Heaven. Whoever eats of this Bread will live forever (Jn 6:51).” With these words I invite you again to approach Me. I am the Bread and like of this food you need every day, so your soul needs Me to maintain itself in life.

The bread made of wheat cannot always be ingested and digested. If you administer it to a very sick person or to a dying person, it will not bring health: but more easily it can cause death. So it is with the divine Bread of which my infinite love made a gift to men. It's necessary to receive it in good health, that is, in the grace of God.

The grace of God excludes sin, the attachment to sin and requires the desire to flee those occasions, sure and proximate, in which you usually fall.

When I enter into a soul so predisposed, I rejoice and I make it take giant steps in the spiritual life.

Hating sin is the first step. The desire for Me is the second and most decisive.

But why is the Holy Eucharist surrounded by so much coldness? Why do even the good neglect Me and receive with superficiality so easily, without realizing the greatness of the action they are about to do and of the gift they receive?

Tell Me, children, what does the faith teach you? Who comes to you in Communion? It is your God. Perhaps you cannot understand the greatness of this affirmation. Yes, it is your God who, making himself man to raise you up to Him, makes himself your food. It is the greatest act of adoration that ought to therefore, bring you towards the altar to prostrate yourselves before the Eucharist, just as the Magi prostrated themselves before Me the child in the house of Bethlehem.

Whom do you go to receive? Who comes to you? It is your King. As King of creation, you belong to Me; as King of your souls, you are mine. But also on your part subjection is due to whoever has given you everything. Well then, in Communion it is your King whom you go to meet.

If the kings of the earth demand so much welcome from their subjects, doesn't it seem to you that a preparation made of love and of goodness be proper for Communion? Doesn't it seem to you that whatever gift even if small, can have a great importance in the royal encounter that your God grants you?

Finally I want to remind you of the reason why I wanted to institute the Holy Eucharist. I wanted to remain with you, like a father who doesn't want to leave his own children orphans. I wanted to be your travelling companion. I wanted to be your consoler, your help, your strength. How can you forget these things at the moment of Communion?

I wait for you, I welcome you, I help you, I give you strength and I accompany you. The Eucharistic Food, that was represented by the manna in the Old Testament and which I wanted to give an advance notice of in the multiplication of the loaves that I did during my mortal life, is the greatest reality, the greatest miracle that is perpetuated through the centuries and in every place on the earth.

There where a priest, it doesn't matter how worthy, pronounces on some bread the words of the consecration, I work the great transformation. I am present in Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, like I was living and real on the roads of Palestine.

If I hid these realities from your eyes, it has been only to permit you to receive Me like so, inside you and so that, in coming into contact with your poverty and insufficiency, I would be able to work in you like a Man-God knows how to work.

Render thanks, everyday, for this marvellous gift, which made the saints tremble and rejoice.

You will never arrive at the desire of receiving Me as much as I desire to come into your hearts and to unite myself with you. Do so that the purity of your souls, the sentiments of adoration, of respect, of love and gratitude that you nourish for Me, may bring Me to work the most beautiful transformations in you.

I bless you, children, and I love you. Be all united, like the grains of wheat which, ground, form one bread alone or like the grapes which, pressed, give the same wine, so that I may always be amongst you to renew miracles of love.

BE LIVING GOSPELS

June 28, 1973

Beloved children, so dear to my Heart, be blessed and may peace and grace be always in you.

I know that you love Me and you suffer in seeing the evil that reigns in the world. You would like to erase it forever from the life of men and you grieve of being able to do too little. Sometimes your actions and your words do not succeed in reaching not even your family members, whom you see far from you and from Me.

But I say to you: do not doubt my power. Give Me all that is in your power, your sighs, your tears, your daily sorrows. Give Me the humiliation of not having known how to educate, of not having known how to appreciate the soul, of not having known how to make known how dangerous it is to live in sin.

Give Me these your sufferings, prayers, employment, the good works. I promise you that to these little things I will add my divine strength and some transformations will be had.

I would like today, tell you how much I desire your perfection. I said to you in the Gospel that whoever hears the Word of God and does not put it into practice is like he who builds his house on sand. The rain comes, the wind, the storm and the house falls in a great ruin.

You, who come here, must put some solid foundations to your spiritual life. It is the house of God that you must, little by little, build. In this way I would like, stone upon stone, for this house to grow, for your sanctity to grow.

When you hear my Word or that of my Mother, I would like for you every time to engrave in your minds just one saying alone and that you would make it the object of your meditation. I speak to everyone and I

teach. Sometimes I insist so that a defect is corrected; other times so that a virtue may be acquired.

Knowing how to listen is equivalent to knowing how to learn. When afterwards the lesson seems clear, there's no need to wait for more, since dissipation could arise and that what struck you in prayer and in hearing could be destroyed. The promptness in execution and the desire to profit of this abundant grace must make you progress. They are like two oars that, by agitating the waters, lead your souls towards the harbour.

I have a great desire that you be sanctified, because sanctity is the only call that takes hold on souls. A sanctity based on the practice of the Word will be the means of conversion also for others.

I would like for you to be living Gospels. When my Apostles went into the world to preach, according to the command received, they were able to speak about my life, passion, death and resurrection. But when the pagans asked: "*What must we do?*", the Apostles answered: "*Do like we do.*" That's how you teach and convince hearts.

Perhaps then someone may resist the grace and may not want to yield to the loving insistence of a holy mother, of a conscientious father; but a moment will come, perhaps when the parents have already disappeared from the earthly life, in which one reflects and returns to the right road. The example that many children have had comes blindingly obvious to their gaze and stays in them, like a dream to be translated into reality, the life that their parents had led holily.

That's why I still insist. Build your house, that of your sanctity, on solid foundations and keep your trust and your faith firm.

There was at Jerusalem a pool called the Sheep Gate, whose waters were agitated by an angel. Whoever was immersed first, after the waters had been stirred, was cured of his infirmities.

You have come here. Someone, like an angel, has brought you here and you have understood many things since you have frequented this place.

It was said to you, a few days ago, that you must be in the world like precursor angels.

Today I say to you: be those who agitate the waters; be, that is, those who, after having learned, bring others to this salutary water, those who introduce since in this pool of grace, of faith and love. No one will leave here without having some benefit, even if not always immediate.

Children, I love you and I want to communicate this love to you. Be generous! See how much suffering there is around you, in soul and body. Aren't your arms, your hearts, your minds, your souls, enough to help everybody? Call my Mother to your help. Call all the Heavenly court. Call the suffering souls. It is a great army at the service of God and yours, that wants to help you realize your desires.

I bless you in the name of the Most Holy Trinity and Mary, Queen of the Apostles blesses you.

WITNESS OF FAITH AND LOVE

June 29, 1973

Beloved children, I am Jesus of infinite mercy.

Staying with you is dear to Me on this day in which the Church invites you to celebrate the glories of the saints Peter and Paul. Making a sweet comparison with him who governs my Church is dear to Me and who, in his person, unites the virtues of one and the other, with a great desire of good and fidelity to the truth.

I want to speak to you about Peter and his virtues.

It was first of all his faith that made him superior to the others. His certain and adamant faith, that did not know doubts, made him affirm: *“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God (Mt 16:16).”* For this faith he merited my promise: *“To you I will give the keys of the Kingdom of the Heavens. Whatever you will bind on earth will be bound also in Heaven; whatever you will loose on earth will be loosed also in Heaven (Mt 16:19).”*

It is faith that obtains miracles. And it was in my name that, after my disappearance and with great faith, he was able to say to the paralytic: *“I have nothing else to give you, but in the name of Jesus I command you: be cured (Acts 3:6).”*

In this way in the early times of the Church these miraculous deeds were multiplied because the faith of Peter compelled the Lord to act. *“You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church (Mt 16:18)”*, I said to him one day.

Faith, children, is the basis of every Christian life because it supposes humility. Whoever has faith can, like Peter, weep over his sins and trust solely in Him who can do everything. But faith is always coupled with charity, which is love.

When, after the Resurrection, I asked Peter again the triple affirmation of his love for Me, I indicated it to him as an indispensable condition to be able to feed my sheep, in one word: to be able to lead the Church. I wanted a testimony of faith and love from him, up to the sacrifice of his life. Peter was a martyr in heart, in spirit and in body and his example built the teaching and learning Church of all times. *“I will be with you until the consummation of the times (Mt 28:20)”*, I said to him. And he

knew how to listen to the voice of God which illuminated him and guided his steps.

Loosed from the chains by the means of an angel, he was always chained to Me with a sincere and devout love. Faith and love directed his steps, his writings and his words. He was a simple fisherman whom I had made a fisher of souls; and for this election to a mission so elevated I had made to him a gift of all those graces of state and those charisms which he needed.

The Lord always does like so: and when He calls a soul to particular tasks, if He encounters humble souls who entrust themselves to Him, He grants graces and special helps so that the mission is accomplished in the way wanted by Him.

I invite you in this moment to turn your thought to Paul VI, elect of God, and while I rejoice for the faith that directs his life, whereby I can say to you that truly the just man and of faith walks in the presence of God, I beg you to imitate him in this virtue, which renders him so worthy before God.

I said one day to Peter: *“I have prayed for you so that your faith may not fail (Lk 22:32).”* I pray also for Paul VI and you unite your prayers to mine so that not only may his faith not fail through the various difficulties but increase always more.

And about love, what shall I say to you? Children, know that the heart of the Pope, like that of an impartial, just and affectionate father, loves all men.

I have said to you that the indispensable condition to be able to manage the Church is that of loving. There is no difference of race, of nation, of religion and of language: all are my lambs. The Pope loves all souls.

Even he, like Me, can assert: *“My Kingdom is not of this world, but it embraces the whole world (Jn 18:36).”* To this universal thought Peter arrived with the contribution of Paul.

He, the apostle of the nations, Hebrew and Roman, who before his conversion had been a persecutor of Christians, came to understand that all men must and can be called to Christianity, that the Lord calls everyone to participate in his Kingdom. His strength of will, his profound intelligence, the readiness to support the call and in following the orders received, makes him an incomparable model for all those Christians who want to act consistently with the faith they profess.

The truth accepted is a commitment to which one cannot subtract oneself, cost whatever it costs.

In this way you have seen Paul, thrown off the horse and rendered blind, turn to the prophet to know what the will of God would be. The adherence to it rendered him capable of enduring prison, suffering hunger, facing death, staying always faithful to his call. He fought victoriously the battle

of life, he brought to a successful end his race; no differently that an athlete that the victory, he was able to claim the eternal prize.

He felt in himself the weakness of man, which however he knew how to overcome and beat with the grace of God. He aspired to be with Me and was truly able to say that his life was Christ. He ardently desired death, as the point of arrival to the homeland, after the exile, in the possession of God.

To these heights, to this strength, to this universal love and to this total sacrifice, even the Pope for whom you pray, yearns.

Pray therefore, so that he also, equalling the virtues of Paul of Tarsus, may be able one day to be united with him in glory.

There is not only the martyrdom of the body, that glorifies God. The long suffering, created by rebellious children, the divisions that injure the Church, truly render worthy of the name of martyr he who today has the responsibility of the Church.

Children, I'll summarize in brief your programme: beside the Pope, with your prayers, with the practice of the faith, of charity and fortitude be to him an encouragement and help.

I bless you all.

WHOEVER USES RELIGION

July 26, 1973

Peace be to you, beloved children, and to all those who in this moment are spiritually united to you. I am Jesus, Son of the living God.

Your prayer is an act of faith, but it is also an act of graciousness on the part of God, who puts himself to listen to you as persons worthy of talking with Him. Oh, if you knew what an immense gift faith and the Christian religion is that permits you to enjoy the supernatural like ordinary and natural things!

Religion, children, is the bond that joins man to God and it is through it that He can elevate you.

It is a means to go up gradually, to perfect oneself and to taste, even from this earth, that happiness that only God can give.

But see how in the world they wreak havoc with religion. There are those who use it to cover their own misdeeds; there are those who use it to defend interests and privileges; there are those who accept it in the limits of their own interests. There is a world infatuated by a superstitious religiosity that, while it denies basic truths, believes in vain things and

transforms them into idols. There are finally those who place all religions on the same level, as if they all were in equal measure true and false.

To this blind and deaf multitude are well suited the words with which I replied to the Apostles who asked Me: “*Teacher, why do you speak to us in parables (Mt 13:10)?*” I said to them: “*Because by hearing they may not understand and looking they may not see, being hard hearted and stiff necked men.*”

That’s why, children, whoever does not want to accept the truth as it was handed down and whoever wants to monopolize it for his own interests, will find himself disappointed and empty handed.

Many pass themselves as men of God because they maintain of knowing how to analyse its secrets in depth; but it always remains true that God reveals his secrets to the simple and the little ones.

There is an erroneous opinion that is taken up by most. It is often demanded that those who belong to the Church be perfect. One would want to exclude the human from the man. But if you were to take away the body there would be no more man. The human side, subject to deficiencies since birth, must always be held present with all its needs, its defects and its gaps. It’s because of these deficiencies that men must help each other.

What makes a defect in a person, the other perhaps has in abundance and the works of mercy teach to even out the situations, filling the valleys and lowering the hills.

If religion, which the Lord willed so that there would be an exchange of love between God and his creatures were to be practiced in its entirety, a great serenity and peace would be enjoyed on earth. Then God would be seen stretching out towards everybody and each one as the most good father, in the act of giving to his children all that they need.

Thank the Most Holy Trinity everyday, because He has done great things for you. The light that you receive and the ardour of charity that makes you desirous of progressing continuously in virtue, is like a marvellous cascade which, going down from the Heart of God, rebounds off yours to then descend on all those who want to welcome it and do not put obstacles to prevent its passage.

Receive and give. Don’t worry but to receive the seed and to sow it. The harvest will be done on the last day. Don’t grieve if it happens that your words are not listened to. Didn’t I also experience it, before you? Didn’t my life seem a total failure? And mustn’t whoever works for Me say at the end of the day and perhaps also of life: “*I am a useless servant?*”

It’s enough for you to keep the flame of faith burning. Know that the just man lives by faith. This I want from everybody and from each one.

You receive many graces here, you will receive many of them. But the most beautiful grace, which my Heart gushing out with love can make

you is this: look at the Cross in the light of faith and learn to accept it and offer it up as a precious gift.

THE LOVE OF GOD FOR MAN

August 2, 1973

Children, redeemed by my Blood, enriched by my graces, made objects of my care, may you be blessed. I am Jesus, infinite mercy. I am here to speak to you of my love and to give you my Word.

To the crowd that followed Me often on empty stomachs in my wanderings, I could not let bread be lacking. For this I did not hesitate to multiply it when it was necessary, to avoid fainting on the return journey home. In this way my Word must be for you that precious Viaticum, which accompanies you daily.

In moments of temptation, discomfort, anguish, sorrow and desperation, you must be supported and illuminated. You must not perish on the way. Whether it be long or short the road to travel on, which is like saying your existence, you need my help and my grace, my light, my bread. All that which a traveller must protect himself with must also be your provisions in the spiritual field.

The one thing that cannot be lacking is the trust and hope of reaching happily the destination. That's why I invite you to look at my Heart and to consider my infinite goodness and my mercy. If you knew how much they pain Me those who, after their falls, are distrustful of forgiveness! They act like those travellers who, finding a rock on which to sit on, give up continuing the journey, which they hold to be an unsurmountable hardship; or like those that prefer to remain in blindness, rather than turn to the doctor who can cure their eyes.

If I were to show you the immensity of sea to tell you how much I love you, how much I am disposed to forgiveness, I would be saying little to you. And if I were to tell you about all the evil that has been committed since man existed and that which is committed and will be committed in the future centuries, is but a drop in the ocean, in the infinite sea of my goodness, I would be saying still little to you.

Even if every sin, for the person that is offended, presents in itself something of an infinite, the love of God for you, his creatures, is that inexplicable greatness that humanly you cannot learn to comprehend. Only when you are immersed in the immense love of God, infinite Love, in Paradise, will you understand this great mystery.

That one weeps for ones own sins as an offence to God, infinite goodness is good, but that one should get disheartened, may it never be! What would have happened if the Magdalene had become disheartened? There would not have been that great saint who, throughout the centuries, will be honoured as she who loved much. And if the good thief had become disheartened, what would have happened? Hell would have welcomed one more desperate occupant.

Earthly life is a period of trial and no one is certain of saving himself; a reason for which no presumption must lodge in your mind. But my will is that all be saved; therefore whoever collaborates with Me with the will, realizes my desire of salvation.

Let this thought help you to have trust even for the salvation of your loved ones. No one can judge to what point a soul is responsible for its own sins before God. Often, persons that in appearance are judged the worst, God sees them as just neglected or ignorant.

Here then is a special task that my Heart entrusts to you: give trust to everyone since no one is that bad as not to merit my forgiveness.

Despair of salvation, unfortunately, is many times the consequence of a dissolute life. But if souls were to understand that my Incarnation, Passion and Death took place for the salvation of those who were lost, they would not render such a gift vain.

Even in your daily failings, which almost always concern pride and lack of charity, I desire that you keep this conduct: after having mutually humbled yourselves asked pardon from each other, ask pardon from Me. Your reconciliation will obtain for you, on my part, not only forgiveness for the failures, but also an increase of grace, which will serve to conserve good harmony between you.

And now, since you have expressed, at the start of the prayer, the desire that the forgiveness of sins be granted to you, I am happy to grant it to you, as a reward for your faith. Who can forgive sins, if not God? Well then, I am the Son of the living God and even if I ask you to confess your sins to the priest, who as man is guilty like you, it is I who absolves and who desires to increase in you that grace, which must be a constant presence in your lives.

Perfection does not exist on earth and from many little misfortunes not even the saints were exempt. The greatest misfortune for a soul would be that of believing itself perfect. To avoid this weakness, which could become serious and can distance you from your God, I permit some falls that make you see your littleness. Be always happy to know yourselves as useless and ask for help to be able to get up again, like the child who, even with his cries, asks for help. God is always near you.

Beloved children, I give you peace and grace and I present you to the Father as my inheritance.

MEN ARE ONLY JUSTIFIED IN ME

August 9, 1973

Beloved children, if I speak to you about my infinite mercy it is to invite you to have trust, confidence and hope, above all when you feel overwhelmed by evil which is in you and around you and which induces you to doubt my forgiveness and my existence.

I am Jesus, your Redeemer and the salvation of souls is the reason of my Incarnation and Death. This thought must never be forgotten by you and must always give you new courage up to making you say with the Church: "*Happy fault of Adam that has merited for us so great a Saviour.*" And you can refer this saying also to yourselves after each fall, when, having come back to Me with true repentance, you experience my loving embrace.

In this way, by invoking my infinite mercy and with the desire to correct yourselves and to love Me, you can begin again that new life that my follower must continuously seek for.

But I wish to talk to you also about the justice of God, so that the holy fear of offending his Father, that the good son must have, may never lessen in you. If you want an image of the justice of God, behold, see Me crucified amongst the two thieves. In that moment, I paid for everybody and everyone was able to find his justification in Me. And after two thousand years it is still so. On the altar, in the solemn moment of the Mass, the Father still welcomes the sacrifice of his Son, and everyone, turning their hearts and gaze to Him, are able to hope of being justified in Him.

My children, there is no justification except through the Son.

As one does not reach the Father, if not by my means, so man cannot be justified, if not through my sacrifice. Of that they must convince themselves those who think of communicating directly with God or of having the forgiveness of their sins and of reaching sanctity without Me, the only Mediator and intermediary. It would be like expecting to reach outer space without the means that science puts at one's disposal.

In Me you are justified from that fault that your progenitors committed and in Me every sin finds reparation. But you will ask Me: "*If you, Jesus, are our justification and salvation, will it be enough to believe in You to be saved?*"

Children, believing is the first step in becoming part of my Mystical Body and being sharers of my life renders you capable of that justice that the Father demands also from you. That's how the plan of salvation is carried out!

I have paid in overabundance the debts that men from all times have contracted with God, but no one can make use of this reparation without becoming part, like a branch, of the tree of life. Only he who lives according to the law of Lord can call himself his child and faithful subject.

If I were to present myself to you and ask you: "*Who am I?*", you should reply to Me like Peter: "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God* (Mt 16:16)." This you must believe and demonstrate of wanting to enjoy the gift of God, by living as true children of God.

What can you say of many men who live without a thought that elevates them over and above their bodies? Will they be justified by God who demands being loved with the whole heart, the whole soul and with your whole strength?

I present myself to you, God and Man to give you a way to offer up to the Father your tribute of love; I present myself as He who works miracles, who wants the good of all, who teaches and, first still, does what He wants others to do.

Do you wish to see the Father? I say to you: "*Whoever sees Me, sees my Father; whoever acts in Me, is justified by the Father.*" But what will become of those who do not do good, unless out of pride or to cover up, to the eyes of others, their own injustices?

I present myself to you as the Son of Mary, who is therefore the true Mother of God. In her and through her one arrives at my Heart since, as Co-Redemptrix of the human race, she is the help that every faithful has beside himself, to be able to believe, love and hope. But what will become of those who refuse this powerful help and who despise such a Mother willed by God as an instrument of salvation?

You all desire that others be just towards you. You notice often that many, even Christians themselves, are unjust towards you. Do not be surprised because, in your turn, you are pretty far from being perfect and frequently what you blame in others you commit yourselves.

To better measure your littleness, learn to compare yourselves to Him who is justice personified. Commend yourselves to the protection of Her who, better than any other creature, knew how to be just with God, he neighbour and herself.

God will be just and severe with those children who have abused my Blood, with those who have not accepted my teachings and have not received Me as Teacher, with those who have refused to have Mary for

Mother and Co-Redemptrix, since whoever does not want Mary for Mother, cannot have God for Father.

The justice of God is infinite like his mercy; but God is patient and good and knows how to wait. His justice will be exercised in a particular way after the death of each one and will have its triumph in the Universal Judgment. Then, the Sacred Wounds of my Body, luminous like the sun, will blind those who had not wanted to profit from it, while the good will be illuminated by it and have much glory from it in Heaven.

Children, I bless you. Fear the justice of God and believe in his mercy, so that you may be able enjoy it in eternity.

NO LIFE IS USELESS

August 16, 1973

My beloved children, peace to you, health and grace.

I am the Good Shepherd who goes in search of the lost sheep and holds tight to him those faithful ones.

It can seem that I have a strange way of showing my love. I lead souls to the eternal pastures, I water them at the healthy water of grace, I give them my Word and my Flesh in nourishment, and then I give gifts that provoke repulsion: physical, moral, spiritual suffering. I press my friends so strongly to my Heart as to render them sharers of my own sorrows. Whoever has a burning love and a sincere faith, comprehends Me and understands also the privilege that is made to him: in suffering he finds the most pure joy and makes it the most precious offering.

Whoever instead lives superficially and does not know my desires and my secrets is afflicted, thinking of not meriting what seems to him a punishment. And he goes enumerating the merits of a whole life, lived observing faithfully the law, as if every sorrow must necessarily have its cause in some fault.

There are those who, in sorrow, approach more closer to Me and values also for the brethren his own suffering and there are those who distance themselves and doubt my goodness, deny the justice of God and let themselves be taken by desperation.

The evil one works much in this state of things, since he, not being able to bring souls to evil with sin, he brings them to distrust moving them away from good.

Children, anyone who comprehends the value of suffering becomes desirous of it like the sheep that avidly drink the water from the font or

the milk from the mother. Suffering is that sweet liqueur which becomes, at the same time, support and medicine for oneself and for others.

How many times I present myself to men begging for a bit of love!

If, out of love, I meant a simple human feeling, expressed solely by words, perhaps I'd find many persons disposed to follow Me; but when love becomes synonymous with sacrifice, the lines thin out even more.

Even the works of God encounter in their explicating contrasts, tribulations and misunderstandings. And yet, whoever stays firm, whoever accepts, whoever looks up, manages to do works useful to humanity. There are in this world, men who at first sight seem failures. They had great desires of sanctity and good; they undertook many works without succeeding to bring not even one to completion. If they sought to become part of a community, they saw themselves distanced; if they desired to start a family, every obstacle was put in the way. These people drop their arms and say disconsolate: "*Why were we born? Why do we live? It would be better to die?*"

I invite all these discouraged people to look at Me, to study Me and draw out the consequences. I, the Son of God, with a mandate of universal salvation, was born in a stable and lived in poverty. After thirty years of work and three years of apostolate in public life, during which I worked miracles without number and after having spoken more by example than by word, as if I had been the greatest malefactor and as if I had done good to no one, I was condemned to the cross.

Wasn't mine a complete failure? In appearance yes and the plan of salvation had to, in that moment, appear to men as a chimera. So thought also the two disciples heading for Emmaus when they met Me.

But through the cross one arrives at the stars and you know how, for two thousand years, my life and my cross are a gift and example to everyone.

What should you do therefore, you who see your years pass by in a succession of disappointments, adversities and worries?

Look at Me and believe that no life is useless when it is lived for the Lord. Remember the Lord does not look at the importance of the work, but the love with which it is done. From your apparent failure there will mature unhopd for and unexpected fruits. Those good desires that you have cultivated and to which you would have liked to give wings are considered by God as a reality. Don't complain therefore neither of God nor of neighbour who, perhaps involuntarily, contributed to your lack of success, nor of yourselves who, even though having had good will, you perhaps lacked only capability or initiative.

In this way maintaining peace in the love of God, you will be able to leave your travelling companions an edifying memory.

I would like to tell you about all the precious attention, that the Good Shepherd uses for those sheep a little rebellious that escape from the

attentive care. I content myself to say to you that when a word sounds harsh to you, you must interpret it as a sign of the merciful love with which I follow the lapsed.

In this way I pursue souls, putting into action all my divine arts to attract them to Me. The innocence destroyed by sin is given back lovingly to all those who with docility accept my work of salvation.

Most dear children, be faithful collaborators in such work of salvation! That all may be saved! Let this be the most fervent cry which parting from the heart of everyone, reaches up to the Heart of the Heavenly Father and, through reverberation, to every soul.

I bless you all, one by one, according to the mission and vocation that has been entrusted to you. Be always faithful sheep and do so that your prayer may bring the scattered ones back to the sheepfold.

ONLY IF YOU FORGIVE WILL YOU BE FORGIVEN

August 30, 1973

Beloved children, peace and grace be to your hearts. May your good desires be granted and may you have the strength to detest your miseries and to acknowledge yourselves incapable of doing works pleasing to the Father, without my help.

I am your Jesus, full of goodness and mercy, who wants to help you guard in your heart that precious treasure which is like a pearl of inestimable value, to whose comparison all the riches and the goods of this world are worth nothing: grace.

Therefore I have warned you, saying: *“Watch and pray because you do not know neither the hour nor the day (Mt 25:13).”* What hour? What day? You do not know the hour that the evil one will approach you; you do not know on which day he will launch his battle to steal from you what you have of the most precious.

The demon is the prince of the world and many are those who open the door of the house to him, that one that is of your own soul, to lodge him.

I however, warn you. Now, who will leave their own house unguarded, knowing that the thieves want to steal from it? Wouldn't you be assiduous like the master of the house, watching attentively over yourselves in order not to succumb to the diabolic arts?

Be careful, my children, because when evil presents itself as a necessity so that you feel drawn to do it, it is Satan who presents it so, to delude you and to compel you.

And when good becomes difficult for you and you feel the nausea of prayer and the impatience of sacrifice, it is still him who combats you and who, still not able to drive you to evil, starts by weakening your spirit, distancing it from good.

You have an interior life to guard, to nourish or to renew: it is the life of the soul; and I have given you the means to do it: the sacraments and prayer. If you keep with Me those bonds of friendship, which are like the sap that gives life to every shoot, everything that you do assumes a value for eternity.

If temptations cannot be lacking, since they are the trial by fire by means of which the sincerity of your love is tested, you have also my example that helps you. I also have been tempted, but I overcame the temptation.

You must resist in this way: the grandeur of Heaven which awaits you must give you strength, but above all the awareness of your misery which drives you to seek refuge in my Heart, where every battle is won and every hardship has its reward.

There are temptations that are subtly presented, hiding perhaps behind a misunderstood sense of justice, like those that concern, for example, the forgiveness of offences. It is hard to forgive anyone who offends you, but come to the foot of the Cross, on which out of love I was nailed after having done good to everyone and listen to my words: "*Father, forgive them because they do not know what they do* (Lk 23:34)."

Doesn't it seem to you an example to imitate? Observe that not only did I forgive, but I justified. How different are some Christians who always find grounds to keep grudges and reasons to accuse those who live next to them.

And how will I be able to use my mercy towards those people, who are so severe with their brethren? Is there something that gnaws your heart? Extirpate it. One is the law, and it is the law of love. Be sincere, but be kind: say your thoughts, but then do away with those rough edges that do not contribute to social and family peace.

God is love and He cannot dwell in those people who do not forgive and who make a drama of every trifle. Learn to see not only the defects of others, but also the virtues. Or better still, if it's possible for you, cover their defects with the mantle of charity. It will be all to your advantage.

I desire from you a greater commitment for improvement. The years go by and you do not know the hour nor the day in which you will be asked to give an account. It is necessary to convert and, retracing yourselves and your own choices, find God. Put your hand therefore from now on to the plough and begin with patience and constancy to correct your defects.

I bless you all and I help you.

BE GENEROUS HEARTS

September 6, 1973

Children, bought with my precious Blood and nourished by my Flesh, peace be to you and every good! I am here as a beggar of love, who knocks on the door of the heart of everyone, because He desires to be loved by everybody.

The love that you give Me adds nothing to my greatness, because in Me every quality is at the infinite degree; but it is dutiful for you to love Me at least out of gratitude for having called you to join the ranks of my followers. The duty to love God, however, concerns all the creatures of the earth who, even though not knowing Me as Son of God made man, have impressed on their hearts the Commandments, of which the love of God and neighbour are the summary.

I desire to be loved by everybody, since I am the Justification of mankind to the Father. The absence of love often depends from not feeling oneself a sinner and therefore in need of justification. If before the wonders of the universe, man were to raise his cry of love to the Creator, every day would resonate with praises to the Lord.

And if each man, observing how much good and beautiful is in him and all that he has learned to accomplish with the intelligence, the health, the will of which God made a gift to him, knew how to thank this loving God who has lowered himself over him to help him, life would be a continual "Magnificat", a continual hymn of thanksgiving.

What happens instead? If men notice something bad and defective in themselves or in others, they attribute the cause to God; if instead they accomplish ingenious works, or good ones, then they think themselves worthy and just.

Let the good example of Peter come therefore, when having cast the nets in my name and hauling them full of fish, he prostrated himself before Me and adoring Me said weeping: "*I am not worthy of You, Lord. Go away from me for I am a sinner* (Lk 5:8)." It was because of this act of faith, of love and of humility that I promised to make him fisher of souls.

It's necessary, therefore, that my children love Me, but to love Me it's necessary that they acknowledge themselves needy in the eyes of God and comprehend what God has done and does continually for each one of them.

If you have health, you are led to think that it may depend only on a regular and balanced diet. Don't you understand that it is the Lord who watches over you? Who gives you the capability to govern yourselves and gives you health? But tell Me, who thinks of thanking God for so precious a treasure?

But even glancing through the simple actions of the day, how many things do you know how to bring to completion with competence and skill! And who thinks of thanking and loving God for that help and for those continual gifts with which He surrounds the life of each one?

If then one enters into the field of science, how much ambition, how much pride, often, for a discovery or for the success of an experiment or the success in an enterprise!

Above everything, watchful, good, highest giver, is the Lord. Recourse to Him would simplify every problem and the discoveries, if entrusted to Him who holds the laws of nature in his hands, would bring only those benefits that all the world desires and would not be fraught with menace instead for humanity.

God asks insistently for love, since He is love and giving without measure.

Who thinks then of deepening his knowledge of God to be able to know and love Him all the better? Yes, there are those who dedicate themselves, but often they do it led by pride; or even affirm truth in contrast with the dogmas of the faith or they distort the attributes of God, showing them in a false light.

I desire love and deep humility. A love not by words, but demonstrated by the desire to repay with a holy life what the Lord has sown on your path; a love that renders you capable of thanking Him, even when it seems to you that things are not going according to your desires, because know that God, infinite Providence, conducts everything with wisdom; a love that renders you conscious that you must do all you can so that all may love God. That's why to that mother who said to Me: *"I offer you my life, but make my Son return to You"*, I say, like to the mother who wept over the death of her own son¹: *"Go in peace, your son will be converted and he will be saved."*

That's why your trust must never lessen and while with a generous heart you pray and suffer, you must wait for the return of the lapsed.

Love, children! Love God the source of love. Love your neighbour and bring him to love, by example. However, learn also, like God to be patient; God works miracles, but in the time and in the way willed by Him.

I bless you all and I fill your hearts with love. Be generous hearts.

EACH ONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SALVATION OF HIS NEIGHBOUR

September 13, 1973

Children, I am the Good Shepherd present amongst you. You are my sheep, whose voice I know, your name, everything. You are here in my house: a house of prayer. I reveal myself to you, so that you may know Me all the better and, knowing Me, you may love Me.

When one truly loves, one walks on the same path and the sacrifices and difficulties no longer weigh you down. I speak to you, sometimes, of my attributes, especially of my goodness, but I express to you and I make you comprehend also my desires, because I want them to be also yours.

Even during my mortal life I expressed my longing in a few phrases that I wanted engraved in the hearts of my followers: *"I have other sheep that are not of this fold (Jn 10:16)."* This would be enough to make you understand how dear the lapsed are to Me, who also are my children. But in a more convincing way I gave voice from high on the Cross, to this desire of mine: *"I thirst (Jn 19:28)"* and I wanted to make everyone understand that my thirst for martyrdom coincided with the thirst for souls.

The lapsed have been the reason of my life, and you would all be lapsed, if my Blood had not asked pity for everyone.

Now and always I stand at the door and knock. I desire to gain everybody to my Heart, that is as to say to God. Who will hear and understand this insatiable thirst, this knocking of mine at the door of the heart? You all have to be, like Me, looking for the lost sheep. The Baptism you have received binds you, the mission and the vocation to which you have been called binds you.

Perhaps you think you would like to answer, like Cain: *"What's it to me and what do I know about my brother? (Gn 4:9)"* Each one is responsible for the salvation of their neighbour. And when the neighbour is spoken of, you must not mean only your close ones, those to whom you are tied to by bonds of kinship or friendship, but all the brethren who form the family of the people of God and the human family.

But what will you be able to do for everybody, you who barely know how to look after whoever is close to you? Children, you have an efficacious means in your possession that will render you powerful on the Heart of God. I speak of love.

Perhaps you think that St. Therese, in the Carmelite convent, was unable to work miracles of conversion in the world? A soul through an act of love can reach all the men of the earth and communicate the divine gifts to everyone.

Doesn't the life of many people seem useless to you, spent in a continual tension of an endless job or in humble occupations of service to the community, if there weren't the love to animate it and a Being who, superior to everything, with his grace makes it worthwhile?

I call you to love and I want you fervent and ready, so that a holocaust for the lapsed can be made of your life.

It is not the many years of life that count, but the intensity of the love which, giving life to every action, renders it useful and precious.

You, mother, who torment yourself so much because your son is not according to the Heart of God, listen well: love the Lord also for him; love your son intensely for love of God and you will see that everything will return to order. Be calm and do your duties out of love: I'll do the rest.

You, spouse, who weep because your husband has abandoned you, continue to love him, pray for him and be at peace. I, with your love, work miracles. In the exercise of your mission, accepted and offered up out of love, seek Me: you will find Me and I will be everything for your embittered heart.

You, religious woman, my beloved bride, who suffer for not being able and not knowing how to do more for Me, don't feel sorry; in obedience accepted out of love I fill in the void and I give a reward without measure to everyone.

Children, your limits accepted and your love offered up without measure renders you apostles. I said one day: "*The labourers are few* (Mt 9:37)" and I alluded to the failed responses to my calls. Even today I could say that the labourers are few and the harvest is great. But if the priests and religious vocations are lacking, the intensity of your love can compensate for everything.

"*Love me sincerely and then do what you will*", St. Augustine would say to you with Me: since love is perfection. An act of perfect love transformed the Magdalene and opened wide the door of Paradise to the good thief.

I have many sheep that I desire to draw to my Heart and make sharers of my tenderness. I use you. A heart that loves can obtain everything.

Do you want the salvation of your family? Mothers, to you the task. Redouble your love and serenely and with joy offer Me your sacrifices. You will not only save your children, but also others for whom many mothers weep desperately.

Religious, priests, do you want to see an improvement in your community, in your parishes? Redouble your love. Do so that were I to ask each one of you: "*What are you doing this moment?*", you are able to answer Me: "*I love.*"

In this way I would like that in every hospital waiting room, in every school hall, in every public office or workplace, or business, there were a soul that could say: "*I am loving.*" The environment would be transformed and the life of everyone would be sanctified.

More love, and the lapsed, attracted like a magnet, would come to you and with you to Me. Be united, children, in prayer and action; but let the chain of gold be love for each other, disinterested and sincere. In the hearts that love the Lord resides.

I bless you all and with brotherly affection I press you to my Heart.

THE VOICE OF THE CONSCIENCE IS THE VOICE OF GOD

September 20, 1973

My dear children, who feel the duty of reparation, may you be blessed. I am Jesus of Nazareth, your Saviour. I desire to show you the munificence of my Heart and to give you my most beautiful graces. Learn to correspond, learn to love, even for those who do not love and who do not want to hear my voice.

I call men to Me in every place and in different ways.

One time even the sound of a bell could have been the voice that reawakened the faith and the desire of Christian practice. Today the traffic and the sounds of the city often prevent it from being heard. Other times it is habit or distraction that stops it being heard. It is no different for the voice of the conscience, which is like the voice of God.

When the Lord created man, He put in his soul, with his law, a divine voice, the conscience to render him capable of judging and knowing whether his actions were good or bad. It was the voice of the conscience that compelled Adam and Eve to hide themselves after having disobeyed God. So this voice is inherent in the heart of each one of you and it is the first witness that makes you rejoice and approves you, if you do good; it gives you sadness and reproaches you, if you do evil.

Now whoever is attentive in listening to this voice, will not sin, and if he should suffer the mishap of sinning, he will repent so much as to obtain pardon even before the hand of the confessor is raised over him to absolve him.

How I would like that all men were to act according to the conscience with everyone! How much serenity would substitute sadness, which so easily takes hold of the human soul!

A right conscience operates according to justice and does not worry uselessly over what others may say or do. The glory of God is the end for which a conscientious man operates. He, knowing of having received everything, thinks of having to return everything; therefore he doesn't become anxious if he lacks something. He knows that the Lord will not let him perish and he trusts Him who is infinite providence.

The voice of the conscience is the voice of God. He who follows it and listens to it will always be ready to do all he can for others. He does not give because he receives and he does not ask because he has given, but he looks at everything in the light of the commandments and the law of charity. However, like one can make a habit at the sound of the bells, so that they no longer say anything to the ear, in the same way the voice of the conscience can be suffocated. The evil works, committed deliberately and the persistent refusal of grace, can harden the heart up to making it insensitive to any recall.

My poor children, to whom it doesn't matter whether the sun rises or sets, whether the plants become green again or shed their leaves, whether an earthquake shakes the earth and a calamity or a fratricidal war decimate the inhabitants. Nothing matters neither of man nor of God. They have acquired an insensitivity for all that concerns God and neighbour, and they think only of their poor persons. Egoism is the first enemy of a good conscience.

Then there are others who have a false conscience. They are those who speaking of themselves, sing their own praises to you and if it happens that they express some opinions on others, they speak of nothing but defects. Pride suffocates the voice of the conscience and blinds their sight.

When a conscience is right, it recognizes its own limits, it receives with humility the admonishments that help it to correct itself, it is assiduous and benevolent with those whom it sees defective, so that they can, even by its example, improve. The voice of the conscience is the best teacher of life, if it is modelled on true piety and charity.

Children, if a soul temporarily loses its spiritual director let it interrogate its conscience, to continue on the path of good.

When you would like to have suggestions and encouragements from my ministers and you don't have a chance to hear them or you see yourselves, perhaps thanks to them, dissuaded from prayer or from good, interrogate your conscience and do not hesitate to do what it suggests to you.

Keep your conscience in perfect correspondence with the Ten Commandments and at the school of God do not hesitate to act. The voice of God is so delicate, that it speaks to you in secret like music! Don't

suffocate it with distractions and gossip and, above all, don't silence it out of habit: listen to it and make yourselves spokesmen also for the others.

Faith, so precious, charity, so necessary, hope, so useful, are hidden in many souls as under a thick ash. At the sound of your words, may they all have the grace to shake themselves loose from their torpor and return to God.

Children, I bless you all! I place you in my Heart, so that you may be able, identified with Me, to act in the world to bring salvation to everyone.

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

September 27, 1973

Beloved children, the day that you dedicate to reparation has great importance for you and for the Church.

Reparation is an act of love towards Me who, especially in the Holy Eucharist, I receive outrages without end. But it is also a gift of love that you make to your brethren, to whom in this way are forgiven their mistakes and who are called back to the good, by means of your prayers.

The Communion of Saints is a reality to which too few of my children have recourse and think of: whether it be to enrich that common patrimony, which is given by the merits of everyone, whether it be to draw from, when they feel so poor, deprived that is of those virtues and those spiritual riches that many possess.

When a soul lives in the grace of God it is like a forge in continual use that produces to the benefit of the whole community. Producing only for oneself would turn out to be deleterious, since egoism ruins everything to the point of transforming even good into evil.

The Christian is not an island in the Church, but included in a real and profound way in the Mystical Body, he becomes a small vital cell. So even out of little actions apparently insignificant, the Lord makes instruments and means of salvation.

There are persons who are so humble that they believe their prayers are worth nothing. It is an error, because, if one is in the grace of God, it is He himself who prays in you and this prayer, deposited in the Church, ripens fruits of eternal life. An invocation rises to God, to the Virgin, to the Saints or to the suffering souls which presses for grace for everybody.

Some of you say: "*I prayed, but I obtained nothing.*" It may also be true, but your prayer has not fallen into the void. If it hasn't benefited

you, it has benefited others for whom a spiritual or material help was urgent.

Then there are those who suffer and ask themselves: *“Why has a life of adversity and ailments been reserved for me? For what reason? It’s better not to have been born!”*

Children, if you knew what Paradise is, you would not talk like that, but know that every tear, every sorrow, though still little, is a coin that goes to enrich the eternal coffers. Of everything you will have a reward, since God, infinite goodness and justice, pays back abundantly even one only glass of water given in his name, and together with your sufferings become the precious goods of which all men can profit by.

Perhaps from a prolonged suffering there will blossom, like flowers, priestly vocations or conversions and sanctity will come. Children, when in Paradise you will encounter souls who on earth you never knew, even of peoples and lands far from yours and you will feel thanked and blessed by them, you will be amazed.

Of those sorrows, that you on earth have accepted and offered up, having become common property and confirmed by grace, God will make use of to call many to holiness.

That of the Christians is all one family in which there must not exist neither “mine”, nor “yours”, but only “ours”, even if the Lord keeps count of the personal merits.

Haven’t I perhaps taught you to ask graces for everybody? Let charity, that must dwell in your hearts, urge you to be always more generous. As in a well run family all the members work with one only aim and tend to improve the conditions of each one, so, all united and with the gaze geared towards eternal life, my children must try to increase those treasures that rebound to the good of everyone.

I am your Jesus. I made myself one of you to teach you to walk in my footsteps. Therefore do like Me: sanctify the moment that passes, and of all your life, whether it flows serenely or turbulently, make an offering for everyone.

The deeper your attachment to Me is, the greater will be your merits. Then your reparation will enlarge itself and will encompass all those who make mistakes. Your prayer will become truly catholic, that is universal: begun here, it will continue at home and everywhere, by deeds and example.

Children, I bless you. I bless the young people present to whom I declare one more time my predilection. I bless those that suffer in body and in spirit and, while I assure everyone my help, I ask each one of them: *“Will you give Me your drop of blood for the salvation of the brethren?”* I bless the mothers and the fathers. I bless you and the whole Church.

When, relegated definitively to hell, the demon will not be able to cause any more harm, the Kingdom of love and peace will begin in which the Communion of Saints will have its triumph.

Goodbye and thanks for your gift of love.

HUMILITY, CHARITY AND GENEROSITY

October 4, 1973

Children, so dear to my Heart, peace be to you and grace. I am your Jesus of infinite mercy here present to instruct you, as I already instructed the crowds that, thirsty, followed Me desirous of truth.

I want to remind you today of three sayings of the Gospel, that would bring you to perfection if only you knew how to conform your life to them.

Here's the first: "*Whoever among you is without sin, let him throw the first stone (Jn 8:7).*"

There are many Christians persuaded of being almost sinless, who even when they declare themselves sinners, do it without a real conviction. Do you want some proof? Try and tell these persons that they are like all the rest, or reproach them for some defect, and you will see them leap like springs and rebel, seeking to justify at any cost their own behaviour and to lay on others their own eventual failings.

When a soul does not have a true humility, through which it may acknowledge that whatever good it possesses comes to it from God and what it has of evil instead comes out of its heart and is fruit of its own misery, it can never walk in the path of good. Every twig obscures the sight and whoever picks the defects of others too easily, does not manage to see his own.

Prayer is the most important act of adoration of your life, but if before God you appear like the Pharisee, the prayer is not accepted: it is without fruit and is not granted. Putting oneself on one's knees at the foot of the Tabernacle is useful and good; but when the mind does not acknowledge its own insufficiency and the heart does not detest its own miseries, what can the knees say?

Acknowledging oneself a sinner is a practical way to obtain mercy and pity. Every prayer must bear this stamp. Man must humble himself so that the truth may be resplendent and the infinite goodness of God be manifested, not because God wants for man to be discouraged by his poverty.

What's the point of believing oneself superior to others, impose oneself with arrogance and force, boast of one's rights and exempt oneself from one's duties? Man, who has received everything out of pure goodness will have to render an account of the duties not observed. Humble yourselves always, children, before God and it will be easy for you to be humble with your neighbour who, defective like you, on the same level as you desires to rise and improve himself.

Let us see now the second saying: "*Whoever among you is first, let him be last and servant of all* (Mk 9:35)."

Here is humility that is translated into charity. How much pride to the detriment of charity, in every house and everywhere! The desire to outdo and overwhelm has become the rule of every individual and family and social quarrels and infighting are the results of it.

Beloved children, who coming close to my Heart understand all its charity, made of sweetness and humility, learn from Me. Have one only desire: practice those virtues of which I've given you an example. Could I have made myself more obedient, poorer, humbler than I already was? Did I not make myself a servant of everyone to teach you to seek the last places and to see, in whoever lives next to you, the virtues more than the defects? Would I not have been able to remove Judas away from the group of the Apostles? Have I distanced anyone, because a sinner and unworthy to approach Me?

If you knew how much my Heart suffers in seeing the ease with which you condemn and how fragile that throne is which you erect with your own self-love, urged on by your assiduity in the practices of piety!

Whoever is first, if he wants to be pleasing to Me, must think himself honoured to welcome and serve others, since in each one, even if covered with sins, you must see Me.

Here finally is the third saying: "*Whoever wishes to come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me* (Mt 16:24)."

There is no other way to follow Me. The Cross is a universal heritage. And just as through sin sorrow and death entered into the world, so only with the Cross is there redemption. Happy those saints who, like St. Francis, wanted to carry also on their body the stigmata of my Passion! But every cross, small or great, is a participation in my Passion.

Why therefore, so many complaints? Did I not perhaps accept with simplicity sorrows unheard of? Have I not perhaps said: "*Father, may your will be done?*" (Mt 26:42)" Courage children! I walk amongst you. With your patience you help Me to convert the world and I with my power confirm and bless your collaboration. Don't let yourselves be misled by the demon. He leads you away from prayer, he insinuates in you first distrust, to throw you then into discomfort and desperation.

Be generous, embrace your cross with that enthusiasm with which I embraced it and get to work, so that the discouraged may get help from you.

If you would put into practice all that I've told you, peace will reign in you and in your homes with great relief to everyone.

I bless you one by one and I express to you all my love. Bring Me in you with grace, in others with charity, in the world with sincere and humble prayer.

ASK GOD THAT HE MAY MAKE YOU HOLY

October 11, 1973

My children, peace be to you! I am Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God, your brother. And what do I desire from you?

Truly this spiritual family that keeps always growing resembles that little mustard seed which, planted in the soil, became a great tree. In its shade many souls come to find refreshment in the great heat of life.

But I desire that everyone of you be a tree that, putting the roots of a deep faith in the fruitful soil of humility and suffering, gives plentiful fruits of good to the glory of God and to the benefit of everybody.

For this it is necessary that your docility becomes always greater, so that your divine farmer may be able to continue to cultivate you.

How dear are to Me the souls who abandon themselves to my action! They, while they let Me act, collaborate with their good will to render my work efficacious. Constancy is needed in all human works; but when holiness is spoken of, insistence and perseverance must be even greater, whereby recourse to God must not be lacking.

If you start to build a house and don't do your sums well, you run the risk of having to stop halfway because you lack the means to finish off the project. But in the things of the spirit, it's enough to set oneself an ideal and to turn to God to realize it, because He does not let the means lack to those who ask Him for it.

You have prayer, which is an infallible means. I said to you during my life: *"If the friend whom you turn to for help does not go along with your desire, in the name of friendship he will grant your request through your insistence."* So be it for your prayer: never get tired of praying, because God is the best friend to whom to turn to ask for everything. Know however, that He only grants what is good for you.

A father will never give a serpent to the son that asks him for a fish or a scorpion if he asks for an egg; so God will give to him, who prays to Him, only what is conducive to his spiritual, material and moral benefit.

To insist in the requests, however, is necessary and indispensable, after having set out for yourself the point of arrival.

You will have happened to observe the behaviour of children: when for example some of them board a train and don't want to come down any more; others, when they go for a stroll, seeing on display in the shops all sorts of toys stubbornly want to buy them. If their parents oppose it, they know they are doing and wanting good for their children.

Men are often like children: they believe it a good thing to have all they desire.

Blessed children, look rather at holiness as the goal to reach! Desire holiness and then abandon yourselves in the arms of providence accepting, moment by moment, the will of God.

If in the journey of life it falls upon you to make some obligatory stops, perhaps because of sickness, for a failure or for some difficulty, know that not for this will your journey of perfection be held up, as long as you learn to remain in the attitude of children in the arms of the Father.

You could be induced to think that in reality it is you who determines your life. Do you truly think that I do not go about attentively predisposing what concerns you? Haven't I perhaps guided you up to now? From how many dangers have you been freed! How many occasions of evil and sin have you been spared! If you had the goodness to go over your existence, year by year, you would see in every sad or joyful event that has concerned you, a divine sign from which to draw a reason for gratitude and thanksgiving.

Some say: *"I've been suffering for years."* And I would like to say to each one of them: *"And do you know with this suffering, how many worse evils you have been safeguarded from, and how much usefulness this suffering has had for others, perhaps for the spouse or the children? If then you were to think of the Paradise that awaits you, how you would be avid for suffering!"*

Children, you have set yourselves a great task: to honour and make known my most sweet Mother and to make a gift to the world of your prayers. It is a good ideal that you have set out for yourselves! Continue and ask God insistently that He makes you holy. Ask and it will be granted you. It will be this holiness, conquered palm by palm, like a great gift for you, which will help you to spread the Kingdom of God everywhere.

Children, I bless you and I attest you all my love.

To each one his task along the journey of the people of God towards the promised land. May there be joy and constancy to your hearts.

COME AMONG MY FOLLOWERS

October 14, 1973

My children, I am here with you to address to each one my loving and urgent invitation. I am the same Jesus, who passed by the roads of Palestine calling to his following humble and generous persons.

I address my invitation to you like the rich young man of the Gospel and I say to each one of you with a particular warmth and strength: *“Come and follow Me (Mt 19:21).”*

Someone may say to Me: *“Am I not perhaps among your followers since the day of my Baptism?”* And someone else: *“Am I not among your followers with great faith and love since the time, after a tepid life, you called me to this place?”* Others will ask Me: *“What do you mean by that invitation of yours? Do we have to abandon our habits and dedicate ourselves to works of piety? Aren’t the daily work and the sacrifices that the family demands enough? Aren’t the Mass every Sunday and an honest life enough?”*

There will be finally those who, like the young man of the Gospel,¹ will tell Me: *“I do not kill, I do not steal, I do not commit wicked things and everyone esteems Me a good person. What more can I do?”*

To everyone I respond with simplicity and love.

It pleases Me that you feel peaceful because you observe the Law, but I desire that you take pleasure at being in my service.

What happens to that servant who observes the commands of his master only because he is such and for the recompense that he’ll receive. There will never be between the servant and the master that bond of affection which renders his services pleasing, since work is nothing but a material means of uniting.

I desire to have you all amongst my followers, so closely united, whereby the observance of the Law becomes the consequence of your free choice. You have not chosen to serve two masters and I ask you to leave to the dead the task of burying their dead. I ask you to be slaves of no one, to detach yourselves from everything like the birds that fly free in the air; and, while the whole world is yours, because there’s no bond to hold you back, give glory to God.

Only if you come and follow Me, your family becomes a portion of my Kingdom and you will come to love it with an ever stronger love, because it is divine. Then the work becomes a song and all that you do is like weaving a very fine cloth that can serve to soothe the most sorrowful wounds of humanity.

Then it won't cost so much renouncing those habits even good ones, with which you take your mind off things; because the values of the spirit demand even more of your free time and the attention of your mind.

I don't want to hear from you words like: "*I don't kill, I don't steal*", because they conceal infinite miseries and incapacities to correspond to the graces of God.

To come into my following means to take up the Cross and to follow Me. I don't refer only to the cross of daily adversities: the cross that I invite you to carry makes itself one with mine. You must walk on my footsteps. You are in my retinue as so many Jesus'. We must carry salvation together.

The first step towards the Cross is an act of love. "*Welcome Cross!*", I said when they came towards Me to lay that heavy wood on my back. You also do likewise! Greet your everyday cross with enthusiasm, with love. Try and go towards it, like the bridegroom goes towards the bride. "*I greet you cross, I embrace you and I love you.*"

What can be the cross? Perhaps a dear person who does not comprehend you, who does not respect you, who does not love you. It doesn't matter. "*Hail, blessed cross!*" With this cross, which is mine because it is sanctified by love, the world is redeemed.

Many people, many ways of diverse thinking and as many crosses. There are those who make their own crosses: they are the less fruitful because they derive from defects they don't want to combat.

Sometimes it is in believing yourselves observers of the Law that creates the cross for you, because it seems to you that they all make mistakes with you unjustly accusing you of many things. If the heart is detached from everything and particularly from its ego, the behaviour of others does not influence the interior peace.

Continue this meditation in your homes and you will draw spiritual fruits from it. For now know that I want you in my following and if you have the courage to leave everything for my sake you will find everything.

Not only in Paradise will you be given a hundredfold of what you have left, but already in this life. Detached from everything, you will find everything. Do you want a proof of it? Isn't it true that in order to come here you leave behind whatever is of human that could hold you back? Well then, don't you find here, even if only symbolically, brothers, sisters, father, mother, serenity and peace?

And even if the assaults of the demon are not lacking, the joy that fills your soul is it not something of a prelude to that of Heaven?

Courage, children, you are mine! Learn to live like true risen ones, journeying towards Heaven.

I bless you all! Whoever has received a special call to be in my following, an invitation to a greater perfection, be a spur to others. Let no one distance himself from Me, held back by material interests or by less than pure affections, who might risk putting into doubt his eternal salvation.

THE VALUE OF OBEDIENCE

October 18, 1973

Beloved children, peace be to you, grace and every good. Today I would like to make you reflect on my childhood so that you, by treasuring the teachings that come to you from it, may progress even more in your spiritual life.

It is said that a child is good if he is obedient and sincere. They are two virtues that I so much desire to see practiced by you. They distinguish the man from the demon.

The sin of disobedience was in fact the one which changed the angels into demons and which contributed to the ruin of your progenitors.

The lack of sincerity also is a particular characteristic of the demon, who not for nothing is called the father of lies.

From these two defects, disobedience and falsehood, you must guard against always if you wish to be considered by the Father like those children to whom the Kingdom of the Heavens belong.

Whom should you obey? Observe my behaviour and do as I did. Son of God, I descended from the Father, making myself man. The divinity did not become less in Me, for which wisdom, goodness, the immensity of God was in my Heart, even though I had assumed human nature. No one would have had the right of command over Me, I who was able to say: "*Whoever sees Me, sees the Father* (Jn 12:45)."

And yet, with how much love I submitted myself to two creatures, obeying every their command and going along with all their wishes. I wanted to show to men in this way how great is the authority of parents, a symbol in some way of the creating love of God.

The responsibility of parents is great, but how lightened it is if the children, docile and respectful, obey! You certainly know how little children tend to imitate the behaviour of adults, and I also was well able to do so, a child, to observe and imitate the mutual respect that tied Mary and Joseph, the faith, the worship and the obedience that they held towards God, in the observance of all his commands and in the complete fulfilment of his will.

The children in this way should grow in the Christian faith imitating the life lived by their parents, who well ought to watch themselves from offending God and from transgressing his Laws. How can one in fact expect obedience from one's own children, when the supreme Legislator is not obeyed?

I said to you that my parents according to the Law were models of mutual respect and of ready and loving obedience. Mary never fell short to this obedience, not even when obeying could have meant renouncing everything, abandoning the house, starting again, getting back to the will of God, which in every day life, manifested itself in the choices made by Joseph. Mary always obeyed and in everything, becoming in that way a model of life for wives: they in fact sanctify themselves obeying with generosity their husbands, who in the family represent the head.

The heart of the family is the wife and only with the loving-kindness in obedience is it possible for her to become the mistress of the heart of the man. Obeying means to take one's own freedom and making a gift of it to the person loved. That's why obedience is so precious: it is the renunciation to what man has the most dear, to meet the desires of the person loved half way.

I know that it's a great sacrifice. On the other hand, obeying is part of a code that the Christian cannot refuse without falling short of Christianity itself.

There is another area still, in which obedience is asked of you: obeying Jesus in his Church which, hierarchically ordered, on his command carries out a service to truth for the benefit of all. You will remember when in my earthly life I said: "*Whoever listens to you, listens to Me* (Lk 10:16)." In this saying I would like for you to include in the first place the Teaching of the Church, given through the infallible word of the Pontiff in all times.

What to do in these moments, in which many of those who ought to support and propagate the truth, spread error?

It is clear that you are held to believe only in what is not sin, that is what is not contrary to faith and morals and therefore does not corrode catholic doctrine; instead you are bound to obey in order to maintain that order which facilitates the mission of the Church so that it may be carried out without difficulty.

The obedient never make mistakes in these matters, because the responsibility is of he who is called by God to lead his Church.

In your spiritual life there is then the voice of the conscience to which you must obey and listen to, even when the difficulties seem grave to you and the sacrifices numerous; there is that of the confessor who, together

with my pardon, will give you apt advice to make you avoid sin; and that of the spiritual director who will help you in your development.

But even if these persons were missing, it is in silence and in prayer that you will be able to find the sufficient light to know the will of God and the necessary strength to do it. Know only that generally your will does not coincide with that of God, since man tends to give in to his own desires and whims.

It is for this that you read in the Gospel what I said to the Pharisees: “*I do not like your sacrifices because in them you seek yourselves.*” Humility is the foundation of obedience which flourishes in harmony and in peace, always and everywhere.

My children, I will speak about sincerity to you some other time. For now receive my blessing and my embrace!

LOVE IS THE SOUL OF PRAYER

October 25, 1973

Dear children, I am Jesus, Son of God, here among you to receive your prayers, your praises and your reparations.

May the Eucharist be truly the heart of the living Church, the attraction of your souls, the high point of your days, and the sun towards which all you desires converge.

If the coldness of Christians and the sacrileges of the impious make Me bitter, your fervour gives Me joy, because it is a pleasing response to that desire of love which devours Me like a fire and of which I would like all hearts to be lit. Reparation made of prayer, prayer made of love. This is what your encounter with my Eucharistic Heart ought to be. If in every parish there were to be groups that were to have these intentions, the parishes would be transformed pretty quickly.

To invite you to greater perfection I desire to make you some suggestions regarding prayer.

You know the definition of prayer as the “*elevation of the mind and heart to God.*” Now, “*to elevate the mind to God,*” is equivalent to reflecting. And what will be the object of your reflection? The greatness, the goodness, the immensity of God and your extreme littleness and misery, your nothingness.

When you pray in this attitude of humility, that makes you acknowledge yourselves sinners before the holiness of God, your supplication becomes very precious and worthy of the merciful gaze of God.

Let's pass on now to consider “*the elevation of the heart to God.*”

Of the many prayers that from all parts of the world are raised to God, very few carry that characteristic note which is like its soul: love. One prays for one's own moral, material and spiritual necessities, but the requests more often than not have one's own egoism, will and satisfaction as its purpose.

If the prayer of many religions were to be an elevation of the heart to God, it would express that is to say a great love of God, the convents would become like oases to which the poor travellers of the earth could turn to, to find refreshment and comfort.

If the family prayer were charged with love, families would become many little royal palaces, where the heart of each one of the members could be called the throne of God.

How many prayers will not be but matter to purify in the sorrows of Purgatory, because not made with that respect, with that humility and with that love that the immensity of God and his infinite justice demand and that human commitment allowed to miss!

How many graces would be granted to you with greater speed, if your request did not present the pride of the Pharisee!

When, therefore, you go to Church to make your hours of adoration or reparation, think of what has been taught you, so that it may never happen that the Lord says to you: "*You have received your reward (Mt 6:2)*", and that is to say "*You sought yourself in prayer, therefore you cannot find Me, who loves hearts that are humble, disinterested and full of love.*"

Prayer then, if done truly well, will make you desire by demonstrating with deeds that you truly love the Lord. I told my disciples one day about the anguish that I had in my Heart, and of the desire to receive quickly that baptism of blood that awaited Me. Love made Me desire the suffering. The love for the Father and the love for you, that I had to demonstrate in deeds, gave Me that inexpressible anxiety.

And where will I find souls so thirsty with love? Children, just as gold is tried in a crucible, so love has no other proof than that of sorrow. Learn to raise your heart to God in prayer and learn to say with serenity your acceptance to the will of God accepting, day by day, what happens to you.

Never say that expression which denotes a lack of faith: "*What have I done wrong?*" And not even: "*There's no remedy to this difficulty.*" When things are easy, you can solve them even on your own; if they are hard they require a superior intervention. And who rules the world regulating its laws and leading all on the thread of providence? It is God, who has given life to everything. If with a pure love you turn to Him, praying to Him for yourselves and for others, how can He not hear you?

Children, I bless you all.

To everybody and each one my embrace and my thanks.

Be united, be inflamed with love and do not fear what the world can say about you, since, I'll repeat it to you: "*I have not come to bring peace, but war* (Mt 10:34)", in the sense that the good in order to affirm itself will always encounter obstacles.

See you at the foot of every Tabernacle of the world!

HOLINESS IS A UNIVERSAL VOCATION

November 1, 1973

My children, peace be to you and grace. I am Jesus of Nazareth. I am here to give you strength and light so that you are able to walk securely along the road to holiness, the only one that leads to Heaven.

I speak to you of holiness as a duty from which you cannot exempt yourselves. When, speaking to the crowds. I said: "*Be holy like your Father who is in the Heavens* (Mt 5:48)", I addressed everybody.

Today I repeat this appeal to you: be holy. Your loved ones who have already reached the destination invite you to this holiness.

You grieve, weep and sometimes you despair when you miss the persons who gave you life, or who in some way lived with you. I understand your tears: I also wept at the death of my friends, but doesn't it seem to you that it would be better to worry over reaching them in glory, to be with them forever?

Don't doubt over their survival, just because you don't see and hear them; because, if persons known by you were to leave on a trip, you would not say that they no longer exist because they are far from your eyes. If there is a difference between the two situations it is this: when your loved ones leave you for the other life, they are not far from you, but in God they see and follow you, loving you with a more perfect love.

This is also in reference to the souls in Purgatory who, even though being in pain, not only do they not abandon you, but in a prayer and in an affection more than ever profound, stay close to you to help you.

Be holy, because you are members of the Church. And what is the Church, if not that institution willed by Jesus Christ, in which mankind finds the means of holiness?

Christians ought to be all holy, because this is their vocation and because each one must edify the others with a holy life.

Be holy, children, since I want you so, I who, living your life and making myself one of you, traced for you the path to follow.

There are some who have an all personal concept of holiness and they build it with a series of practices and penances, chosen with care among those that seem more suitable to them. After which, thinking they are

already highly advanced on this path, start to establish comparisons with one and the other. But as soon as someone notes some defect to them, they explode into a temper and defend themselves with drawn swords, letting one see in such a way of possessing a sanctity made only out of self love.

Holiness, children, is a conquest that must last the whole life and which, many times, is completed only in the beyond. Therefore let no one marvel at their own falls nor of those of others. Being holy does not mean to be sinless or perfect, but to hate sin and to tend to perfection.

It is a duty, for a mother, that of being holy: the family will see in her not only a model, but also she to whom for the esteem she has merited, one turns to trustingly for her advice and longingly for her love.

That a father of a family ought to be holy, it is taken for granted: holiness will make him like a stronghold from which all the family will feel protected.

The priests must be holy and always in the front line in the practice of the virtues: they must be able to say like St. Paul: *“Do as I do.”*

In this way you can go forward and you will see that each one has his own personal responsibility towards those persons who live next to him and that he has an obligation to edify, with a behaviour of an exemplary life. Remember however, that holiness manifests itself on the outside, but it dwells on your inside since it is the grace of God. It is the love of God, it is the life of God in you. So, in summary, the saint manifests the grace and life of God which is in the soul, accomplishing out of love the duties of his own state.

I’ve given you the example by doing everything well. When a duty, be it even ordinary and humble, is done out of love, it becomes like a hymn or a prayer that rises to God like a scented gift and returns to the benefit of all by the grace of God.

Whoever is active let him act with serenity. Whoever is forced to inactivity by sickness let him work through sorrow. Those who act serving God and neighbour resemble Me in my life of a humble worker of the house of Nazareth or in the life of the apostolate of my public life. Those who are gripped by sorrow or suffering live more strongly my Passion, the journey to Calvary, the Crucifixion.

Some in one way, others in another way, you can sanctify yourselves keeping always present your duties towards God, towards your neighbour and towards yourselves. In this way I can say to everyone: *“Blessed are you, not for that happiness that the world and the people of this world bring you, but for that grace that, dwelling in your hearts, prepares you to participate at the banquet of the King of Heaven, where holiness will have its glorification and its reward.”*

My friends, may you all be holy! May the Queen of the Saints protect you and help you. Holy families and holy parishes will form a holy society.

See you, children, with Mary and with Me, always!

WHOEVER DOES NOT LOVE IS IN DEATH

November 4, 1973

Beloved children, peace be to you! May your hearts be filled with grace and joy, as were those of the two disciples of Emmaus who, meeting Me on the journey, wanted Me with them at the table.

I am Jesus, your divine Teacher. May the lesson I wish to impart to you be for you like a precious food that sustains you on the journey and gives you strength.

I want to speak to you about love. Were you to know how I desire this word, so wasted, and this feeling, so often confused with passion, be sanctified!

Love is God, who in Me his divine Son, has taken an aspect, a human figure. Love is life and from creator love the world has come.

God is Love and He wants to communicate his desire of love to his children. He gives love tirelessly to his creatures and He desires that on their part, as reflection, an act of continuous love be raised incessantly.

Knowing however, how man is easy to forget the benefits he receives, God willed that in the Commandments this desire of love of his be written down.

Since from the Creation the Commandments were impressed on to the souls of each one; but when God chose a people from whom salvation would come, He entrusted, through Moses, his Law which, inscribed on stone tablets, were to recall continually to men the duty to love.

Now the Christian people remember my words that make love the centre, the life and the law of Christianity. You all have the duty to love. It is a duty that is imposed on you by God himself, who affirms: "*Whoever does not love is in death* (1 Jn 3:14)."

Love, for a Christian, is like a diamond with a double facet: he must love God with all his heart, with all his soul and with all his strength, and he must love his neighbour as himself.

If you ask Me how you can love God in the most complete way, I indicate to you the first three Commandments. See God, who presents himself to you with his infinite majesty and says to you: "*I am Him who is* (Ex 3:14)." He is the Being *par excellence*. Everyone exists through his

will. He is from eternity; no one has preceded Him as to be able to be greater than Him and no one would be able to destroy his eternal existence.

Well then, this God of infinite goodness and greatness turns to each man and says: "*You shall love the Lord your God (Dt 6:5).*" This love requires therefore, adoration, obedience, respect, offering and immolation. It must tend to the absolute, and demands the removal of everything that may seek in various ways to occupy its place.

In fact the Lord says: "*You shall have no other God before Me (Ex 20:30; Dt 5:7).*"

Things often enter into the life of man that attract him to such an extent that he is led to depend on them and turns them into true and proper idols. In this way wealth, pleasure, beauty, power and glory enter: men become attached to these misfortunes like the Hebrews to the golden calf, taking away from God, in part or totally, the love that is due to Him.

Should man then renounce every human thing? No, he should not renounce, but to use everything wisely as a means entrusted to him to ascend to God.

If a material thing were to interrupt the bond of love that must unite you to God, well could that what I say in the Gospel be also applied to you: "*If your arm, your eye, your foot scandalize you, cut them off, because it is better to save oneself with one arm only, one eye only or one foot only (Mt 5:29-30, 18:8-9; Mk 9:43-47).*"

Then there is the Commandment that says: "*Remember to sanctify the feast (Ex 20:8, 31:14; Dt 5:12; Neh 13:22).*"

Doesn't it seem to you that in the love that is due to God be included the renunciation of servile works and to employ the hours of that day in another way honouring God? How sad it is to think that the festive day, the only one that God wants completely consecrated to himself, is the day in which sins are committed more insolently and in which, neglecting religious duties and good works, amusements are made the only purpose.

So, children, without forgetting that the body has its needs, I invite you to defend this right that God has of being loved and served in the way desired by Him. Many say they love their neighbour, perhaps only because they know how to protest and make themselves heard in favour of the poor and the workers. But how can the love of neighbour be efficacious, if it is not based on the love of God, the only source of true charity?

Many justify themselves saying that loving one's neighbour is like loving God, independently of the faith and the observance of his precepts. No, children, just as true love of God cannot subsist without the love of neighbour, so there cannot be true love of neighbour without the

love of God: these are two distinct things, of which one is the base and the other the building on which it stands

The human face of God you have seen in Me, who made myself one of you. To know whether you truly love God, you can say to yourselves: *“All that I do to my neighbour, I do it to Jesus. All that I deny to my brethren, I deny it to Jesus.”*

Whatever harms the brethren, pains my Heart and throws back the harm on whoever does the evil.

One only bond must unite, in faith and in love, the children of God. All under the gaze of one only Father. All geared to honour Him and to work for his glory, calling everybody to love Him. So be it.

To you therefore this double task: to return this love and to do all you can so that it may be known also by others. Children, be filled with love and bring everywhere a fire of charity.

I bless you all, pressing you close one by one to my most Sacred Heart.

TO THE PRIESTS: BE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

November 8, 1973

Beloved children, so dear to the Heart of God, peace be to you all. I am Jesus, the Good Shepherd. I look at you and I bless you for that desire you have for Me and for the aspiration and the incessant desire that you have to be good.

What good are the other things without goodness? Whoever is good already enjoys deep down that happiness, that he goes distributing to everyone and everywhere. Be good, children, because goodness is the means that is given to you to attract the lapsed to my Heart.

I said to you that I am the Good Shepherd and my anxiety is always the same, like an unquenchable thirst. I desire souls and I go in search of the lost sheep to bring them back to the fold and render them the object of my tenderness.

I use you if you are good. You help Me to find and to heal souls that, like sheep prisoners amongst the brambles, are wounded sometimes even fatally.

Yes, help Me and, if you wish for Me to indicate a particular category, I indicate to you the priests and the consecrated. They being healed, the people of God are formed in holiness.

I would like to make you comprehend how much I love them and how much I desire that they be truly mine. In Heaven there is a great

celebration for a sinner that returns to God more than for the ninety nine just ones who have always stayed close to Me. But if a priest finds the way again, truly the whole Church, triumphant, suffering and militant, rejoices over it.

You should think briefly about the actions that a priest does to understand what happens when he is unfaithful and what happens when he is holy.

The role of the priest is extremely precious, since he is a means chosen by God to permit man to communicate with Him. Even if anybody can raise his own thought and prayer to God, the priest occupies a place of importance in the life of the Church for the power that God himself confers on him.

It is true that if you have sorrow for your sins, they are already implicitly pardoned; but the priest is the ordinary means to have this pardon. If then you wish to communicate, and you can do it even spiritually, it is in the Holy Mass that you are able to feed yourselves with my Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, in which the bread and the wine are transformed by the words of the priest. Perhaps you don't think about it enough, but without the priest the world would be impoverished. That holy Sacrifice instituted by Me in which the justification of man is renewed through the bloodless immolation of the Man-God would be missing.

And see still to what high task the priest has been called. I am the eternal Word of the Father who, having come into the world, was communicated to the disciples and to the apostles, who recognized in Me the way, the truth and the life. But who could have perpetuated in the centuries the announcement of salvation to mankind, if not the priest who, drawing on that patrimony of which the Church is the repository, is called to spread it? And if to these tasks, entrusted by God to the priest, you want to add all the rest, from the administration of the Sacraments to the exercise of charity, you see that his greatness exceeds by far that of the powerful of the earth.

You understand against what a great ruin of gifts, how many persons deprived of eternal goods, how many souls led to perdition, when a priest, by abusing his authority and not corresponding to the grace of God, wastes my Blood and does not spread, by word and example, the divine teachings.

A holy priest is instead a herald of the great King; he is like a tower that the blowing of the winds cannot knock down. The holy priest is the admiration of God, who sends him to distribute his goods to his children and subjects. What a responsibility and what an honour!

Priestly authority is so great that, at his word, in his hands, the Lord of Heaven and earth becomes man for love of mankind and renews his

sacrifice. And again in the name of God, the priest acquires the power to command and to expel demons; such a special power is derived to him from a holy life, made of chastity and mortification.

Even the angels at the service of the priests are ready, respectful and particularly active, knowing how much they need their work.

And you what will you do after what I have told you?

Insist, ask the Father that He send numerous and holy priests into his vineyard; pray and suffer, so that those beloved sons whom I love so much be truly the salt of the earth. Call everyone back next to my Mother, so that from her, Teacher and Mother of the Church, may come that help that turns back to children those that pride and immodesty have pushed far from her and from Me.

I bless you all, children.

MAY DEATH FIND YOU PREPARED

November 15, 1973

Dear and beloved children, peace be to you and every blessing. I have sent you my minister so that by example, presence and word, he may be a stimulus to you to continue in that mission of reparation, indispensable in this hour in which heresies, outrages and sacrileges make a real destruction of the Eucharist.

You have heard from his mouth what I desire and how I am always waiting for loving souls. Well then, don't disappoint Me! Do so that your life really becomes a continuous Mass, your Mass. Do so that your communions may be an encounter of love with Me, heart to Heart.

In this way it will be enough for one soul alone to console Me over the thousands and thousands of souls that flee Me and do not listen to Me. Through your souls, living the Eucharistic life, the cold, the indifferent and the lapsed, will catch a glimpse of my presence as through a monstrance.

Children, I am always with you, but many do not know Me or know Me as just any man who, though having taught good things, ended up on the gallows.

The knowledge of God comes through wisdom, which is a divine gift; God himself, infinite Wisdom, who manifested himself through Revelation and who spoke, through Me, to mankind, still makes a gift of his wisdom to whoever wishes to draw from it, through a more perfect knowledge.

This is what I desire to give you in these encounters. Learn to profit by them, learn to enjoy them; learn to inspire your life to these principles dictated by Eternal Wisdom, so that you may be gradually transformed and render yourselves worthy of your encounter with God.

There are many who at the thought of death are horrified and worry over what they will have to leave behind and would like, at any cost, to live forever. Unfortunately death arrives for everyone and for each one. Anyone who, with the help of wisdom, prepares himself for that moment so solemn and sorrowful, is freed from all that can be a hindrance; and while he desires the great encounter with the King, he prepares the nuptial robe, that renders him worthy of participating in the banquet of Heaven.

Children, death is inexorable and comes like a thief during the night to mow down its victims. But if you wait for it every day, like a good friend who will introduce you to the other life, if you keep your suitcases of good works which must fill your days always ready, death will no longer frighten you, but will be welcomed like the way many saints considered it. You ask yourselves sometimes where will you die. But what does it matter whether at home, on the train, flying or sailing: the most important thing is that death finds you in a moment in which an act of pure love for God erupts from your heart. It will be because of this act of love that Heaven will open itself to you.

If, therefore, you wish to learn from Eternal Wisdom that prudence that makes you fearful of losing your soul, do not hesitate to find out that the most sure means of saving oneself is to love.

Fill your days with love so that in whatever moment and place death will find you, you may be already so intimately united to Me and to the Father in the Holy Spirit as to leave naturally what you are doing. Pray with love, act for love, sanctify your life by loving. All questions are superfluous when one loves. "*When, where, how will I die?*" It doesn't matter. If you love, you are in God, who in the moment of death does nothing but bring you from earth to Heaven.

And now, children, as I make a gift of my mercy to you, remember the many thousands of people that at every moment lose their lives. Some, and they are many, lose it inexorably since that which they will begin will be for them a real death, a night without a dawn. There will be neither love, nor light for them, forever.

How I would like that you were to truly understand what an eternity like that means: time without end, which always starts again and goes on, deprived of love and with untiring satanic hate. Pray for those who everyday risk entering into this life of darkness, of suffering and hate.

An act of love can be the spark that can light a thought of faith and hope in the mind of a dying man. Listen to how many mysterious and heartfelt

cries are raised from every side: they are the S.O.S. to which you cannot remain indifferent.

I love everyone and I want everybody saved. In loving Me and loving Mary, think of all those who everyday are called to the final account.

I bless you all and I make you all an invitation to love and honour Me evermore, living and working in the holy Eucharist.

Goodbye, most dear children. Peace and good to everyone and to each one of you.

FAITH IS LIGHT THAT ENLIGHTENS

November 22, 1973

Beloved children, peace be to you and every good! I am Jesus of mercy and of infinite love and I have no other desire than to extend my mercy to all men. Unfortunately, many refuse it and prefer to live in sin, cursing against God whom they consider unjust or denying his existence.

But there are many, even among those benefited by Me, who place doubts on my love, my goodness and my mercy, so as to fear Me more than love Me.

Despair of eternal salvation is a temptation that meets always more those who go along with it: in such a way peace is lost and the work of the Holy Spirit in the soul is hampered.

Children, if thinking that neither prayers nor works are necessary to save oneself is a great defect, despairing of eternal salvation is no less grave, so much so as to put seriously into doubt your salvation. I desire that you possess that spiritual equilibrium whereby you may be able to truly behave with justice before God and neighbour.

What does God, in fact, demand from men? He knows their weakness and if He asks everybody to observe his Law, he desires that when weakness or temptation induce you to sin you turn to Him asking for forgiveness.

There are children who, having committing some damage, run straight away to the mother or father, and accuse themselves, ready even to receive a punishment. What do the parents do then? They willingly forgive, touched by so much sincerity. That's what the Lord does with anyone who humbles himself after sinning. Declaring oneself guilty and promising not to fall again into the sin is already an implicit means to obtain pardon. Confession is necessary because, by a human means, I wanted certainty given to the sinner of being returned to the friendship of God.

Children, Confession is a great richness that you have at your finger tips. Whoever uses it gives proof of humility; and beating ones breast and accusing oneself before a man, who in that moment represents God, permits you to exercise justice with God and from Him to use much pity on you.

I would like that at each Confession you would bring your tears of repentance and I would give you back your baptismal innocence, which renders you an object of attraction and admiration in the eyes of God.

I insist on speaking to you about Confession in this period of preparation for the Holy Year, called by the Church by the will of the Holy Spirit.

What would a Holy Year be for you, if it were not to bring you the certainty of the forgiveness of sins? Your justification will be, by my means, through the Sacraments. You must work in yourselves a true transformation: the thought of the mercy of God must be a stimulus for you not only to flee sin, but also to advance in virtue.

You will ask how is it possible to grow in virtue, while the world seems a forge, where it goes continuously building evil upon evil.

Children, if the world, like the five foolish virgins, lets the oil to the lamp fail, more than ever you must symbolize the wise virgins who are waiting for the bridegroom, always supplied with oil.

Never let the faith, a theological virtue, pass away, which permits you to know God and to trust Him. Faith, children, is a star that indicates the road to you, to light it up. In its light every problem becomes easy and finds its solution. Not for nothing did I say to you that a grain is enough to obtain miracles.

The more you want to be illuminated and helped, the more you must seek to increase this faith. Just as a gymnast increases his ability and strength with exercise, so also the faith is gradually increased, by exercising it. If you trust Me, it will not be difficult for you to grow every day more in the faith. The greater it is the realer you will see the things of God.

You know that you have an angel close to you : if you turn to him often and, though not seeing him, you feel guided by him, your faith in him increases. This is a little thing, but of all the supernatural that surrounds you and in which you are immersed, you can make an exercise of faith, and it will increase, up to making you enjoy a Paradise anticipated.

So, children, in the midst of the world that is tossed about in the mud, you bring the light that comes to you from above.

Don't get frightened in seeing the work of the evil one in the midst of the nations. You heard in the Gospel what I replied to those who wanted to pull up the darnel which grew in the midst of the grain: "*Let them grow together because, by pulling out the darnel, you do not run the risk of pulling out the grain* (Mt 13:29-30)." What did I mean by those words?

In the world there are the good and the bad: it is only at the end of time that the Judgement will separate the one from the other; meanwhile, one needs a spirit of patience while combating evil in its diverse forms. You must keep yourselves good, you must become holy in spite of the battles and struggles of life.

Let your praying be accompanied by sorrow for sins and by trust in my mercy and your example and your activity draw the lapsed to the good and serve to stem the flow of evil.

And now to everyone my blessing! How many graces I wish to give you and you do not ask Me for them! Look at the sky and ask Me as many graces ordered to the eternal life.

BEACONS THAT INDICATE THE HARBOUR

November 29, 1973

My children, peace be to your hearts and may you be filled with the Holy Spirit so as always to be able to understand better the divine teachings. I am your divine Teacher, your Redeemer, and I desire to make you know the road that leads to life and apply my merits to you, so that you may be able to save your souls.

I give you my love and my mercy, so that you may be able to spread trust and hope everywhere.

Nevertheless never forget the justice of God: you must always hope, always love, but also always fear. The behaviour of God with mankind is not that of a creature which, brought to the limit of its patience, avenges himself or defends himself even with force; it is rather that of the Father who, after having tried all the ways to persuade men to act justly with everybody, having seen every other means vain, uses chastisements.

In this way you can recognize how mankind by denying the faith and forgetting morals, and how is multiplied on the earth the reasons of apprehension for those catastrophes that, produced by the wickedness of men and by the work of the evil one, become in the hands of God means to call back to the good.

If I tell you not to neglect all that can invite you to trust, I beg you to consider calamities and disorders as a heavy caress of the Father, who asks to be obeyed and loved, so that justice and peace may reign in the world.

You must build your sanctification: let it not be like the statue of Nebuchadnezzar with a head of gold and feet of clay, but very solid so that nothing is able to knock it down.

The wounds inflicted on the Church are numerous and they make my Heart bleed which, on the eve of death, in the institution of the Eucharist, hoped for a union so deep that it would make of everybody one only thing with Me.

It happens instead always more often that my beloved are a cause of divisions and errors. My priests are many, whom I love like the apple of my eye, who in the name perhaps of a misunderstood sense of sociality, neglect piety and go in search of human affections to fill the emptiness of their souls, they abandon religious practices, willed and given from the abundance of my Heart out of pure love.

Children, it has been said to you that, when the fig tree puts out its first shoots, spring is near. Well then, I say to you: you are not yet at the height of wickedness and the chastisement is not yet so near. But you are walking in great strides towards the worst. What will you do, children? I don't want to disturb your minds, but I want to put you on your guard. I don't want to curse the workers of iniquity, I want to call them back.

And you who love Me be attentive and vigilant, as not to let yourselves miss any occasion to overcome evil and spread good. I applaud when an initiative, aimed at damming the river of mud that goes corrupting the youth and ruining families, becomes a community effort. Your work in the defence of truth is blessed by Me and draws my graces on you and on your families.

Negligence in religious duties in general marks the beginning of those irreparable descents that leads one to lose the religious sense and respect for all that concerns the Church. Watch and intervene!

The deleterious work that the demon pursues is that of producing in the souls of my children first coldness, then indifference and, finally, hatred for the practices of piety and those who follow them.

Having repudiated the Gospel, materialistic theories and values are accepted, the family is broken up, divorce and concubinage is resorted to, and so on.

What to do before the reality of the facts? Watch with that serenity that is derived to you by the presence of God in your heart. Learn also to distinguish that which could be a weakness of the moment from that which is stubbornness and vice.

Let your simple and sincere word be the weapon that you must use with prudence, but let your prayer be the divine means with which to win every battle. If it is said that the children of darkness are more astute than the children of light, you give proof of prudence and wisdom. Not everyone receives what you receive. Not everyone can give what you are

able to give. You have everything. I give you my grace, you have the light, you have my Mother who guides you always.

May the novena that you have begun and the Advent which will commence shortly, mark a reawakening and a desire of sanctity in you all.

Every saint is a beacon of light: may you also be beacons that indicate the Harbour.

Close with your prayers to the Pope who, on the Calvary of his life, bleeds and suffers for the entire Church, be always ready to defend its infallibility and teaching.

Children, I bless you all with paternal affection. I bless the Church and those who work for its unity and its glory.

I DESIRE THAT YOU KNOW THE FATHER

December 4, 1973

Beloved children, I am your Jesus, present here to tell you all about my love. My love has no measure, it is so true, that as I have already told you other times, I would be disposed to immolate myself again and always for each one of you.

Many do not know Me yet. For this I desire to make myself known: because it is only through knowledge that one can love. I said one day to the apostles: “*Whoever sees Me, sees my Father (Jn 12:45)*”, and again: “*The Father knows Me and I know the Father (Jn 10:15)*.” But you cannot know the Father if I don’t make Him known to you.

The reason for which I desired to see you here at my feet, is that you may know the Father and this knowledge must bring you to love Him with true ardour.

Religious instruction, so necessary, is much defective in this age. There’s a tendency to make a personal interpretation to the Scriptures, so errors and truths are confused and mixed together.

So that my doctrine is safeguarded from error, the Holy Spirit, now and always, acts through the Church and illuminates the minds of those who constitute the teaching Church. Therefore, it is necessary to obey the Pope; assiduous and humble prayer is necessary so that the light makes progress.

Nobody knows the Father, if the Spirit does not reveal Him to him, but it is the deepening of the interior life, the life of union with God, which permits the Spirit to act in you.

I’ve called you here to speak to you in the intimacy of the heart. Pastimes and amusements, that many choose as a way of life, do not give

joy. I promise to give you joy, since communicating with God is communicating with happiness *par excellence*, and I speak to you, even if you don't perceive the sound of my voice.

Tell Me, in fact, how would you explain otherwise that zeal whereby, heedless of sacrifice, you leave home to go where the Spirit calls you? And from where does that fire that urges you to speak with love to the lapsed and to all whom you meet come from to exercise the apostolate nevertheless?

If you have made progress in virtue, is it not perhaps because you have understood from your divine Teacher what it was necessary to do to please Him? If you have become wise, as to know how to give things their true value, it is because you have heard things that many would have desired to hear and did not hear, you have seen things that many would have liked to see and did not see. It is a gift that I have made you and you have welcomed it like a precious talent and you go about trafficking it to the glory of the Father and mine.

Children, let my Word never fall in vain into your hearts! It is the seed, it is the precious pearl that God has given you. Learn to verify the teaching that here you receive with the Word of which the Church is the repository and then compare it with your conduct. Comparison with the truth is always necessary for the assurance and peace that derives from it.

If, by looking at the life that you lead, you find something to correct, do not be disturbed. I know the human weaknesses and I am ready to give you sufficient help and strength to raise you up again. If you feel calm, don't think you've reached the apex of sanctity, since the perfectibility of man is always ongoing. The point of arrival is Heaven. Therefore always have the desire to improve.

Only then will the religious instruction that you receive be efficacious and your apostolate will be a living sermon even if your word is not accepted.

I will make you always more and always better know the eternal truths and you will continue to enjoy them, like those affectionate children who love to hear from the mouth of their parents the stories of what has filled their lives.

I love you and I wait for you in your Churches with an ever greater number of souls, all united, in company with Mary, in prayer and adoration. I will call many to imitate you, I will reveal myself to your intelligence and I will give strength to your will.

Today you have offered your sacrifices here, in the cold surroundings; learn to understand my suffering for the coldness of hearts and, in the semi darkness, learn to see the darkness of which the people of God is surrounded. Let your small sacrifices be a comfort to Me and help to those have need of warmth and light.

I bless you all, my children, in the name of the most Holy Trinity. May Mary Immaculate bless you. To everyone, with my embrace, I give encouragement and trust.

GRACE IS LOVE

December 5, 1973

Dear and beloved children, I am amongst you as I was amongst my disciples when I lived in the world. I am Jesus of mercy and of infinite love.

I desire to encourage you to make prayer a means of personal perfection, of sanctification for your family and conversion of society. I will tell you things ever so simple that I desire you impress in your minds, so as not to forget them and to know how to teach also to others.

What is prayer? Prayer is a gift that the Lord makes to his children, granting them to put themselves in communication with Him. It is a dialogue that takes place between man and God, between the creature and his Creator.

If you were to understand the true significance of prayer, you would not let one moment go by without taking up this contact with Heaven, to tell God himself what you desire, first of all, to thank Him for what He does for you. You would not cease for a moment to ask Him pardon for your sins and for those of the whole world.

Prayer is an act of graciousness on the part of God for mankind, who are admitted like this to a special audience. Look instead at how the powerful of the earth make it difficult for their own fellow men to approach them.

How does this audience come about? There is no place on the earth where your God is not listening; but He is above all in your Churches. From the Tabernacle, I, your God, your Father and your King, speak to you and listen to you. I interpose myself also between you and the Father so that He may exercise mercy to you and help you reach salvation. I mystically immolate myself still on the altar for you. It is the liturgical prayer that makes Me act and pray with you and for you, and it is the most important prayer, because it is the whole Church that, as my Mystical Body, is represented.

How much it pains Me when habit takes over this prayer and, almost absent in heart and in mind, one assists at it with a purely physical presence! Prayer without love is like a body without the soul.

What can I say then of those Christians, who assist at the Holy Sacrifice in mortal sin, without feeling the urgency of reconciling themselves with

Me and the need of feeding themselves with the divine Food that I go giving them? They render themselves similar to those who, assisting at my Crucifixion, gave an extra blow so that the nails would penetrate Me more deeply.

The main condition for rendering the prayer valid is that of making it in the grace of God. What is grace if not love? So, while many souls say they love Me, sometimes they pray keeping in their hearts feelings of vengeance, resentment and envy towards their neighbour.

How can a prayer made in such a manner be valid? I have said to you: *“If you are bringing your offering to the altar and you remember that your brother has something against you, go first to make peace with your brother, then come and make your offering (Mt 5:23-24).”*

In that way I meant to teach you how to make your prayer valid by reminding you that God’s pardon for your sins is strictly tied to that which you give to others. In this way good is rendered for evil, since with the liturgical prayer, that is the Mass, you invite Me to grant to whomever does you evil, the help to obtain his conversion, and this can be the beginning of harmony and peace between the brethren.

Children, the prayer that you do every time that you gather together with other people to raise your supplication to God or to the Holy Virgin, is beautiful: in the union give force to your request, through my promise of being amongst you, to ask the Father with you of what you need. It is necessary however, that you create among yourselves that unity of mind and heart, whereby one can truly say of you that you are like the early Christians, ready to give and sacrifice yourselves for each other. In this disposition of charity be always assiduous at these meetings. I will establish between you a bond of true affection.

Unfortunately the demon works assiduously to break up families and society is tormented by endless discords: from this Cenacle a ray of sunlight can leave to illuminate the others; from a small thing, with my help, will come a great benefit for all.

I bless you all, I bless your families, the pupils of your schools, the parishes, the youth and all the Church.

I INVITE YOU TO A DEEP CONVERSION

December 5, 1973

My children, so dear to my Heart, peace be to you and grace. I am Jesus, your divine Teacher. I am here again to instruct you and to point out to you my Heart, fount of life and sanctity, so that you may be able to draw strength from it to overcome yourselves and to acquire that perfection which I desire from all my followers and in particular from those who have left the world to follow Me more closely.

Behold the thought of a true conversion comes more than ever appropriate. You have all received abundant graces in the order of nature and in that of the supernatural. What use have you made of it? Haven't I perhaps given to you more than to others? Haven't I drawn you close to my Heart, making you understand how little the things of the earth are worth in comparison to the things that will last forever?

Why then that attachment to what passes? Why don't you use creatures as a means to arrive to the Creator and instead you make yourselves slaves of things?

I have told you repeatedly: "*Seek the Kingdom of God and his justice, the rest will be given to you in addition* (Mt 6:33)." Children, this precious time, which has been given to you like a treasure to spend in serving Me, how can you dissipate it in futile and harmful things? And why is your heart, of which God wishes to be the absolute master, still so occupied with worldly sentiments?

That's why I desire your conversion. I want your lives from now on to be transformed into mine: therefore one must be the aim, one the will and, having reached the eternal Jerusalem, one the banquet.

Perhaps you will retort that of all that I've told you, you do not feel guilty. And yet, if you look deep into your souls, you will find that you have taken very few steps on the road to sanctity and that there is still a long way for you to go.

I would like to say to you, as John used to say to the crowd that listened to him: "*Let the valleys be filled and the hills lowered* (Lk 3:5)." The spiritual preparation to my coming cannot be but this. To fill the valleys of the failed generosity with those good works, that serve to confirm the faith; to lower the pride of the mind till you make yourselves little, babies, children, who entrust themselves to the Father and from Him expect everything; but also little between yourselves, till you forget the offences with the same ease and readiness with which children forget; till you have trust, confidence and esteem for whoever is near you and to welcome with serenity even those insults, that would give you the wish to return perhaps doubled at the first opportunity.

Talking about the generosity that ought to characterize your conversion and to render it fruitful also for others, refashion yourselves to the example of Zacchaeus who, after having received the invitation to dine with Me, knowing how much his fellow citizens murmured against him whom they knew to be a thief, he decided to hand back to each one what he had subtracted, quadrupling its value.

“We haven’t stolen anything from anyone!”, I seem to hear you say. It’s true: no money, nor goods; but how much you have stolen from God, when of each thing of the world or of your own person or of your comforts or even your opinion, you have made an idol! So with the same generosity you ought to say: *“For a past lived in mediocrity, in coldness, in inactivity or in sin, Lord, I want to increase my fervour a hundredfold and give to God what He deserves.”*

May it never be said of you like the young man of the Gospel who, having asked Me what he had to do to reach eternal life, when he heard that he had to sell what he possessed and give the proceeds to the poor, went away sad and disconsolate.

I do not ask you to sell all your goods and give them to the poor. I ask you to help everybody and I ask you for detachment from everything, but especially from yourselves.

Perhaps my Word sounds strong to you, but it will be sweetened by my Immaculate Mother to whom I entrust you so that, by imitating her in the practice of the virtues of which she has given you the example, you may become worthy of her.

I welcome you into my Heart and, if I speak to you of a deep conversion, it is because I know how necessary sanctity is to the world.

Children, words are no longer believed in. A behaviour of an exemplary life is needed to convince people. Your faith lived out will do so that others may believe. Your practice of charity will speak to the hearts of many and they will believe in love.

Hope stops in a much happier tomorrow, in the glory of Paradise, it will give to the disconsolate and to the despaired the joy of hoping. And it will be your goodness renewed and promised again for yourselves every day, which will help you to understand others, to rejoice in their joys, to suffer their sorrows.

So, renewed in the spirit with a lively desire to please Me, give a hand to the work of your spiritual construction: that it may be erected like a tower towards Heaven.

I also, like Mother, help you blessing every effort of yours.

And now, before you depart from this blessed place, receive the promise of my assistance, even material, in all your necessities. Remember that everything is guided by Providence and that the Lord never closes one

door if not to open a bigger one. Trust and prayer: the will of God will accomplish its plans over you.

My Mother waits for you here every month to give you abundant graces. All those who pray here will have special gifts.

Goodbye, children, now and always animated by desires for perfection.

BE PRUDENT

December 6, 1973

Beloved children, here I am to receive and to give.

In the measure, however, with which you receive you must also force yourself to give. Behold then generosity becomes for you a command, since much will be required to whoever has much received.

I, Son of Man, made myself like you, so that you could imitate Me in everything.

I want to give you today a teaching ever so necessary. It happens at times that it seems that you are flying and the fervour and the faith stimulates you to do good, sacrifice does not cost you and it seems impossible that that fire which makes you act with enthusiasm can pass away in you.

These are precious days, in which I give you, like to children, a kind of sugar. It is necessary that I make you taste the sweetness that comes from serving and loving Me, but the children must grow up. And just as you cannot continue to feed the children with a too delicate nutrition, so in the spiritual life consolations are not enough. A trial is necessary. That's why I permit from time to time the taste for spiritual things to lessen in you, that rendered the duties of piety and the state in union with God easy for you.

If coldness or apathy are not caused by a venial sin or by laziness, you must remain calm, since all that you do in those moments of little or no fervour, is very precious before God.

There were great saints who for many years continued to serve the Lord with generosity, even though shrouded in the darkness of doubt, in the toil of accepting those same mysteries which in its time had been the object of a lively and passionate faith.

There were also chosen souls who, by accepting to resemble Me in my agony in the Garden of Olives, chose to endure the suffering, not only physical but also moral and spiritual.

I warn you and I advise you so that, if you should happen to find yourselves one day deprived of fervour, you must all the same out of love do your duty, certain of having the reward increased tenfold.

But now I intend to put you on your guard against another danger that could harm you and more still that apostolate which must constitute your first preoccupation.

When, filled with joy, you would like to run and announce to everybody the truths, which you have been told; when, in the height of the enthusiasm, you would like to make your generosity a heroism, I say to you: be prudent!

Prudence is one of the cardinal virtues which permits you to build your house on the rock and not on the sand. Acting with prudence does not mean being slaves of human respect, but it is rather to use words and manners at the right time and with persons who can understand you.

Prudence is, in this case, a virtue that puts you on your guard not so much on somebody's else's behaviour but rather on yours, in the fear of not knowing how to say with competence what you have taken in, thereby distorting the truth.

I said one day: "*Be prudent like serpents (Mt 10:16)*" and this responds fully to the preceding thought: prudence in fact characterizes the behaviour of the serpent who wants to escape the snares of man.

Be prudent in talking about extraordinary things, since whoever does not believe will easily judge you as mad. Invite rather to have a look at each thing and all being done in the light of the sun it will be easy to make a judgement.

Prudence ought to be the virtue that gives equilibrium to your generosity so as to not render it intrusive nor to make you proud for those undertakings which, with the help of God, you are able to bring to completion.

Be prudent so as not to be an obstacle to other organisations that, in the Church, can and want to bring souls to the good.

Be prudent with your superiors, that they do not have to think that you in some way want to take their places or take a job that is not due to you. Learn to, when you are asked or when you see an opportunity, explain the truth with sweetness, with serenity and with grace, invoking the Holy Spirit that He may give efficacy to your words and light to the mind of whoever listens to you.

And now allow Me to express my joy to you for what you will do, so that my holy Mother may truly enter in the life of everyone. You will become missionaries of Our Lady. You will assume, therefore, a specific charge that will spur you on to act.

With my approbation, one more time, I join the recommendation: be prudent! No spirit of rivalry or of pride must enter in you but, so fervent and loving, aim only to make your Mother and mine happy.

She is so good and indulgent that she is happy with everything and forgives you if you aren't able to do much. You have but to accept the task and ask Her to bring it to completion by using you.

I bless you, children. Be prudent, in order to preserve that truth which is unique and do not let yourselves be attracted by theories that can entice but which then are revealed to be false. Be united in the affection that I give you, since all that produces discord does not come from Me.

WORK TO SPREAD MY KINGDOM

December 12, 1973

Beloved children who, called by grace, have come even with sacrifice to listen to my Word, may you be blessed! I am Jesus of Nazareth, your divine Teacher. My voice today resounds sad in the Church and in the world, though my love and my mercy never grow less.

I go about calling everywhere those sheep that, after having enjoyed my tenderness and having shared my secrets, have now abandoned the fold and go about disseminating discord and confusion, right there where they received my benevolence.

I turn to you who love Me, understand Me and participate in my sorrows, that you may increase your faith for so many faithless ones, and so that in the intensity of your affections you may collaborate, for the purpose of arousing in those who err the conscience of their own errors.

Revive the faith, children. Compel Me to work miracles amongst the Christian people. Renew yourselves in the spirit of faith, taking care to guard intact those truths that neither time nor man can ever change. Error, under different forms, tends to make headway and deceives those who do not stay united to God by prayer or who, by the absence of a good will or out of ignorance do not have that solid base that everyone ought to have. But they are drawn into deception even very simple ones, those who are won over by sweet words or by a false light.

Learn to counter error with a complete and constant religious formation. I address not only my beloved children, to whom the duty of evangelisation is binding, but to each one of you. Everyone has his field: you've bought it like the good man of the Gospel and, knowing to have found in it the treasure, you have renounced everything that could be futile. In this field, which is my vineyard, you must work for my name and for the spreading of my Kingdom.

It is a command that I give you. Do not be lazy or indolent but, utilizing what you have, don't let any opportunity escape you.

Is it too much if I desire that you ask Me that contribution of sufferings that serves to give value to prayer and efficacy to the word? I know your generosity and I know that you do not wish to deny Me what I ask. Your offering will be the measure of your love and will give such a vigour to your spiritual life as to transform it as in a power source that carries the others.

The measure of my mercy is infinite and I go about showing it even with those chastisements that the wickedness of man calls for and which I would like you to interpret as a loving recall.

Why isn't love accepted and lived by? There are those in the world who believe and those who don't. There are those who fear chastisements more than offending God. There are those who would like to love God, but do not know how to renounce their own views, their own desires and their own comforts.

I, to everyone, repeat the Word that for two thousand years echoes in the world: "*Whoever wishes to follow Me let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me* (Mk 8:34)." To everyone I repeat: "*Whoever believes and is baptised, will be saved* (Mk 16:16)", even if to these words you have to add that faith without works is dead.

If you reinforce your prayers and accept suffering, your faith will not grow less, rather, overcoming difficulties and obstacles, it will press you to intensify the action.

It is the moment to act, the hour of darkness is in full swing: you must fight your battle with intelligence and with joined hands.

To the many sacrilegious Masses that are celebrated, you must oppose a participation filled with recollection and devotion and a purity of soul all the more exemplary. And to all that happens in the world of the diabolic, marked by the liberty of ideas, by the press and the word, you must counter your thirst for souls, driven to resembling my "sitio"¹ pronounced from the top of the cross.

Beloved children, I have enjoyed this meeting of souls and the Rosary, but especially the concelebration of the Holy Sacrifice and the hunger for Me, which you have brought to Communion. Always be very thirsty and hungry for the things of the spirit and you will be satisfied.

Satisfied how? I will give you that intimate joy that will never be taken away from you, not even when difficulties or sicknesses should arise.

Dear children, I wish to bless you with a broad heart. I'll draw you nearer, one by one, to the wound of my side. Take large sips of that Blood and that Water, symbol of grace, and be at peace.

I bless everyone. Be serene and united.

GOODNESS IS A DIVINE VIRTUE

December 13, 1973

My children, how dear it is to my Heart your desires and intentions to be good. Goodness is truly defective a bit everywhere and it for this that so much unhappiness reigns in the world.

I am your God, immensely good, and to whoever ardently desires it I communicate a ray of goodness that renders men similar to Me.

I am your Jesus, children, and if my Heart were not a furnace burning with charity, goodness and love, the world would already have been destroyed under the weight of its sins.

The world exists and is preserved through the goodness of God. Goodness is not an easy virtue, but I myself, giving you the example, taught you how to practice it. You must not confuse goodness, however, with weakness of character or with that softness that renders you incapable of reacting to evil; just as you must not confuse wickedness with a wilful and strong character.

Goodness is a virtue: it is cultivated deep down inside yourself. Goodness is wanting all that is good for your neighbour and not to desire anything that can bring him harm. Goodness is something that comes from Heaven, it is communicated to the soul and brings everyone to think of Heaven.

It is a virtue: therefore it's to be cultivated, even when the natural inclinations urge one to act in a different way. It is necessary to love this virtue, to ask for it tirelessly from God, to be ready to go back on oneself a thousand times to correct those rough edges and that hardness that are contrary to it.

If goodness can be more easily practiced by those who by nature have had a good heart, those who are deprived of it and who are rather hard and insensitive, must not, on their part, renounce doing on themselves that continual work that brings them to correct themselves.

Being good means having a compassionate heart towards those who suffer and learning to sacrifice oneself to help them. Being good means do not judge, do not criticize, do not slander and, above all, do not harm your neighbour in any way.

Whoever is good knows he is short sighted and therefore does not incur the danger of judging and leaves to God the task due to Him. The true good man always fears of offending: he is therefore considerate and delicate with everyone so as not to run the risk of making one suffer.

Goodness is an angelic virtue. In fact, when you draw close to good people you enjoy and you feel better, because from the good emanates like a beneficial flow which counters the maleficent waves of the wicked.

The best creature to come out of the hands of God was my Mother, who moulded her heart so as to render it compassionate and delicate with everyone. She loved with a most tender affection and loves now and always all the men of earth good and bad, of whatever condition, race or level of civilization. She loves those who love her, but also those who make her suffer much by offending Me and herself with blasphemies and sins. Her incomparable goodness is proposed for your imitation and certainly she will help you to attain it gradually and with patience.

Everything is possible with my help and with Mary's. I help you, therefore, with joy, if you will it, so that this preparation for my Birth be all on the basis of great goodness.

Good in mind, good in words, good in works: that's the best way to sanctify the waiting.

If on the day of my birth you should feel more good, you will thank Heaven and you will understand better what was said in the Holy Scripture: that man was made in the image and likeness of God. How could he resemble God, if He is pure spirit? Here, children: when a soul, using its intelligence and its will, tries to be good and to conduct itself with God, neighbour and with itself so as to practice goodness, it truly resembles God, Highest Good and infinite Goodness.

I want to clarify to you the expression "good with yourselves". How will you do it? Goodness with yourselves will be very different to that which you have with others. The severity and the austerity that, you use with others, could become wickedness, will be praiseworthy if you were to use them on yourselves. I said to you in the Gospel: "*Whoever loves his life will lose it* (Mk 8:35)." If you were to be too indulgent on yourselves, if you were to always look for a way to justify your errors, if you were to give in to your inclinations, you will not be good to yourselves, but you will harm your soul and lead it to ruin.

Be good, children: good in everything, good with everyone, except with the demon, never giving in to his temptations. Be good; but if you see evil, do not shut your eyes just as John the Baptist did not shut them, when he had the courage to call "a brood of vipers" those who did not want to be converted.

Let severity in condemning evil be not for you an occasion of lack of love towards your neighbour, but an ardent desire that all may enjoy the Highest Good.

I bless you all, my children, and I love you. Graces be to you and to all the Church.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

December 20, 1973

Dear and beloved children, peace and joy to your hearts. I am Jesus, your divine Teacher. I desire to make you know my will so that in the recurrence of my birthday you may present to Me pleasing gifts.

When I lived upon the earth, in the three years of my public life, I had the chance many times to speak to you about my great love for the children and I gave you them as a model, up to saying to you: *“If you do not become like these children, you will not enter the Kingdom of the Heavens (Mt 18:3).”* Desiring for them to be preserved from dangers, I said to you: *“Woe to anyone who scandalizes one of these little ones. It would be better for him to put a millstone around his neck and throw himself into the sea rather than scandalize them (Mt 18:6).”* I wanted also to say to you that the little ones are to be helped and not neglected when I said to you that you will be rewarded even for a glass of water given to a little one in my name.

What I said to you then, I repeat incessantly, especially in these days in proximity to Christmas. It is said that Christmas is the feast of the children, but its true significance is not understood. They think of the squandering of gifts, obtaining toys for them or useless things and the deep meaning of a feast is not thought of, that recalls a God who humbles himself to being born in a grotto, in everything similar to a normal baby. They do not think of letting the children know that I made myself little to teach them also to be good. The why of my birth, which for the grownups can be an unexplainable mystery, can in this way be clarified to whoever is capable of understanding: I made myself little to raise the little and to render them children of God.

I would like this Christmas for you to bring near to Me many innocent souls, that they may give Me that love which men deny Me.

And again, as two thousand years ago, I repeat to you from the heart the invitation: *“Let the little children come to Me (Mk 10:14).”* Simplicity of life and humility of thoughts, not separated from purity, turns adults also into children dear to my Heart. Look my invitation becomes ever more pressing so that, having become again little children in the spirit, you may all be worthy to approach Me.

I am a child in the crib, but it is in the Eucharist that I offer myself true and living. I am there to nourish my little children and I desire that they ask Me with insistence the Bread of Angels which gives eternal life.

I would like for my children to be hungry for Me, that they would think of Christmas like the grotto of Bethlehem in which the Bread of Life comes to gladden hearts.

I would like for the preparation of Christmas to coincide with the preparation of Holy Communion, in the most perfect way. Only in the living desire to possess Me I possess you entirely so as to make a true unity.

Desire, love, humility. That's what I want you to bring Me.

What will happen on this Christmas day in which men, at least for a day, seem to be much better? I will transform you. Next to my crib, the little children well prepared will come to give Me their affection, and I as on the roads of Palestine will bless them.

You say that a good day can be seen by the dawn. Bring Me your little children! They are at the dawn of life. If you sanctify this first encounter with Me, if you will make Me known, the benefits will also be yours, you will gather the fruits. To your little children, educated at my school, I will teach respect and love for parents, and the help that you will give Me to bring them up according to my Heart will be returned to you in that help, even material, that many times is lacking in old age.

Certainly the path of life is difficult!

There is always someone who, either in good faith like the apostles or through bad will, seeks to distance little children and souls from Me, but it is I again who say with great authority: "*Let the little children come to Me, since theirs is the Kingdom of the Heavens* (Mk 10:14)."

It has been said to you that the angels of the little children see the Father who is in the Heavens. They are a means of uniting men to God. The ladder, on which Jacob saw angels going up and down, is always current.

Next to my cradle, be it in your Churches, in this place or in your homes, my angels still, as above the grotto of Bethlehem, exercise their function: they give glory to God and bring peace to simple men.

Live these truths and make them understood to your little children. In this way Christmas will be sanctified and it will mark the beginning of radical changes. It will be for the little children the main road, the following of which they will be able to resemble Me, their Child Jesus made little out of love. Children, I bless you all and I thank you for the particular devotion you show Me.

IT IS SWEET TO LOVE THE LORD

December 27, 1973

Beloved children, who gathered here in community prayer want to give Me consolation, be blessed.

Today I want to tell you all about the love of which my Heart is full and all the bitterness that I feel in seeing it so little understood and so little loved, when not despised and offended.

I'll speak to you about it today, in which the liturgy presents John the Apostle as a model to you. That beloved apostle who for his purity had, at the Last Supper, the luck and the gift of leaning his head on my Heart, so as to comprehend the depth of its love; he who again gathered, at the foot of the Cross, my last words and to whom I entrusted, as Mother and Teacher, my Mother.

Children, if love made Me come down from Heaven to earth and made Me a little child, it was only because under its disguise, you would be able to love Me with a true heart and, in simplicity, in humility and in poverty, you would be able to imitate Me.

If I made myself so little as to be able to enter into your mouth and if I hid my person under the plain species of bread, it was only so that you would be able to understand the beatings of my Heart, which had to beat in unison with yours. Why am I outraged with so much malice? It's true, that blasphemous cry that my crucifiers addressed to Me is still repeated: *"If you are God, come down from that cross ... give us some proof. Look: we squash You under our feet, we break and destroy the sacred vessels, we rob the Churches and the Tabernacles and You let it happen. Where is your power?"*

In this way, they deride, insult and respond to my infinite love; the gestures of the traitor are repeated and the shouts of the executioners still rise to Heaven, certainly not to invoke mercy, but curses.

And I keep quiet, still and, like a docile lamb, I let myself be led to the slaughter. Will there be someone who is moved by pity for men, in this state of affairs? Don't you see, children, that my Body is still torn to pieces by the blows of the scourging? Faith in the Eucharist grows less because the love of God is not believed. Love is not believed and therefore the world destroys itself, urged on by hatred and selfishness.

Return, children, back to the Tabernacles! See Me there: I am the brother, the father, the friend; I am there to be your food, but also your light and your guide. I am not a stranger: I am the Son of God, in all equal to the Father and to the Holy Spirit.

It is not in the crib that you adore Me and the image of Me as a child is offered only for your veneration, but in the Tabernacle I am living and

real and your adoration can be offered up still, like two thousand years ago, with Mary, with Joseph and with the Angels that surround Me.

I did not come down from the Cross to avenge myself as mankind deserved. God is love and his way of acting is always the same: He loves, He forgives, He calls back to the good. Even Longinus, after having wounded my Heart with the lance, descended from Calvary beating his breast and saying: "*Truly this man was the Son of God (Mt 27:54)!*"

To those who outrage my Tabernacles in an act of defiance I respond with love, but you pray that there be more fear of God in the world. Fear is the beginning of wisdom. One must fear God, since his justice is not less infinite than his mercy and his love.

Let your behaviour be so devout, so full of respect as to grab the attention of everybody. Not out of ostentation, but so that even with this respectful outwardness you make it understood that you are in a place sanctified by the presence of the Son of God made man.

I am moved and I give my most beautiful graces to those who, in the Eucharist, find the moment of encounter with Me and who make the Eucharist the centre of their day.

My children, those whom I love like St. John with a particular affection, understand Me and while they give Me their act of love without a break, they desire that the brethren also would love with a true heart.

John, the beloved one, understood Me well and it is for this reason that, after having demonstrated to Me by sacrifice the tender affection that he nurtured, after having looked after my Mother, he was capable of preaching continuously the sermon of love.

I had said: "*Love one another as I have loved you (Jn 13:34, 15:12)*", and John took up the discourse again and continued it, bringing love amongst the brethren.

Do then always like so: repair sacrilegious Communions, surround your Churches and Tabernacles with love and devotion and give to everybody that example that will be the best sermon: that one of mutual love.

I bless you all, children, and I welcome you into my Heart to make you taste how sweet it is to love the Lord and to serve Him alone.

THE INFINITE GOODNESS OF THE FATHER

January 3, 1974

My beloved children, I am Jesus, your divine Teacher. You have asked yourselves how come I've desired to have you in my company and you have understood that it has been a privilege.

Even when I lived on the earth, during my public life, I often withdrew in prayer to a solitary place and I called to my company my faithful ones, Peter, James and John. I could have invited many and they would have come, but I preferred sometimes to communicate the sweetness of prayer to my close friends. On Tabor, after having prayed with them, I transfigured myself before their eyes and they were able to hear the voice of the Father as a cloud enveloped Me.

This is what I desire from you: that these encounters with Heaven become a means to understand in a clearer way the will of the Father in your regards. I said to you in the Gospel that I and the Father are one thing alone. We are in fact with the Holy Spirit one God only, though in Three distinct Persons. And nevertheless my recourse to the Father was so habitual in my earthly life, that I never did an important action without asking his consent through prayer.

You do likewise, my children, and you will feel his paternal voice answer your supplications.

There are unfortunately, Christians who enjoy little turning to the Father and seeing his supreme authority, infinite goodness, marvellous providence and continual assistance. But you, to whom it is given to know Him, do not relegate Him to the high Heavens as an old man indifferent to what is happening in the world. See Him bent over each one of you in an act of protection.

Whoever loves Me must love the Father; and just as from our reciprocal love proceeds the Holy Spirit, so whoever loves Me and loves my Father, becomes filled by the Spirit of the Lord which is the Spirit of grace, of wisdom and of joy.

The men of the world enjoy vile things, but whoever possesses the true Spirit of God possesses the true joy, that is God himself, the true wisdom that lets one penetrate in Him and lets one know His secrets.

To serve Me is to serve the Father. How much the prayers you make Me fill Me with joy so that the service that you render the Father be more perfect! Then the "Our Father" that you recite becomes a real act of love: the coming of his Kingdom becomes the desire which with Me you seek to realize and his will of perfection becomes for you a programme that

makes you compete with the saints and the angels, who already serve Him in Heaven.

How lovely if then you ask the Father also what material needs you have: bread, health, work and whatever is necessary to live! When you have learnt to know Him, love Him and to serve Him, you understand that everything depends on Him and that He wants and can provide for everything.

Yes, immerse yourselves in my Heart during prayer, be it day or night and with Me adore the Father prostrating yourselves at least in spirit. In spirit and truth the Father wants to be served; therefore the more you make yourselves simple and little in his presence the more He bends over towards you, He draws you to himself and fills you with the gifts of the Holy Spirit which is his Spirit and mine.

Children, I bless and I thank you. My Mother also blesses you.

May the evil that leads the world to ruin find in your prayer and in our blessing that barrier that serves to check it and that strength that serves to beat it.

Remain in my peace even if your body demands a just rest. Know however that this sacrifice you have made watching and praying for the benefit of humanity will not bring any harm to your health.

THE HOLY MASS A SALVIFIC EVENT

January 3, 1974

Beloved children, here you are united with Me in community prayer. I am Jesus your Saviour and I desire to teach you a little lesson to invite you to love always more the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in which the salvation of the world resides.

There is someone who asks: *“If Jesus made reparation and paid for the sins of everyone, what need is there to renew the mystery of his Passion and Death, every day and in every moment?”*

Yes, I have paid and made reparation for everybody and one only drop of my Blood would have sufficed to erase the sins of all humanity, but the Redemption is not a deed that God imposes on man. It is necessary to adhere personally to the Redemption. It is indispensable that is, to want to be saved.

I'll explain myself with an easy example. To illuminate your house it is not enough that there be an electrical system, it's necessary for you to turn the light switch on. Men of all times must be saved by the Man-God, who as such, is able to present to the Father his request for pardon, by the

offering of his Blood; but, if having obtained the pardon man does not want to take advantage of it and refuses it by continuing to sin, will the Redemption still be valid for him?

Rightly it has been said that God, who created man without man, without his contribution cannot save him. He in fact must insert himself in the divine life to participate in his gift of love. And what is the sacrament that makes man a unity with Me and with all Christians, like one body only, my Mystical Body? It is the sacrament of the Eucharist that is perpetuated in the Holy Mass. It is through this sacrament that your Jesus perpetuates in the world his living and true Presence.

It has been said to you that the suffering of the Christian serves to complete what is lacking to my Passion. It is, in substance, the active part of the collaboration to the Redemption, to which each man is held.

The acceptance of man to the salvific design of the Father is manifested in sorrow which, if freely welcomed, I add it to mine, transforming it into an instrument of Redemption.

And where does this mystical fusion of love and sorrow happen if not in the Holy Mass? Don't those few drops of water signify the divine union of He who wanted to assume the nature of man to raise him up to Himself?

So, my children, who just recently celebrated Christmas and think of renewing its memory by putting a small effigy in your homes, why don't you believe that every day in the hands of the priest, I become living and real? Is it not perhaps an Incarnation that happens on the altar and which perpetuates in time what happened two thousand years ago?

The Holy Mass is necessary because it is an incessant offering to the Father to invoke pardon for that evil which is committed daily through one's own weakness and to repair that refusal of salvation that reaches Him from every part of the world.

The Holy Mass is necessary so that you may never feel alone, but inserted in the Body of Jesus your brother, friend, teacher, shepherd and redeemer. It is necessary that your soul has from Him that food, that light and that strength that only the Eucharist can give.

The Holy Mass is necessary, so that in the crossroads of life you learn to find the Cyrenian who helps you to carry the cross, while you yourselves, having made Cyrenians of your brethren in the donation of your sufferings to Me, are able to be like the grounded grains of wheat that forms that unique host or those grapes that give the same wine, that will be miraculously transformed into means of salvation.

Every Holy Mass is the greatest gift from Heaven, it is a precious talisman. When you fully understand these divine Mysteries you will be able to relive them, but by then you will have already reached the Heavenly Fatherland and you will be fully blessed.

Thank the Father who has given you the Son. Thank Me who has loved you so as not to want to leave you orphans not even for an instant on this earth. Thank the Holy Spirit who makes all the members of the Church the family of God and take care that, after having assisted at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, your soul be filled with deep sentiments of love for God and neighbour.

I embrace you, my most dear children, and I give you an increase of grace and love. Make these truths known, so that ingratitude may not constrain the Father to take away from you these precious gifts to give them to someone who may correspond better.

I CAME TO SAVE WHAT WAS LOST

January 10, 1974

Beloved children, peace be to you and every good! I am Jesus, your Redeemer. I am here amongst you to express my desires and to give you some clarifications.

When I lived in the world, I worked the most astounding miracles, without which for this the faith of my people increased. Not even those whom I had chosen, so that they would be the continuators of my mission, understood Me. You had a proof of it during my Passion, when the apostles fled and the others shouted the “crucifige”.¹

But today also, after two thousand years, my mission is not understood. They ask for miracles and graces because they want to be well off in the world and they don't think that, if I came to earth, it was only to save what was lost and the miracles were and are only the means to reach a higher end, that of the salvation of souls. When will they want to believe and understand all this?

You have heard the Gospel story of the multiplication of the loaves: with that miracle, besides satisfying the hunger of those that followed Me, I wanted to signify another bread, my Flesh which, in the Eucharist, would become nourishment for souls. Even the apostles understood nothing. When, after a night spent in prayer, I showed myself to them walking on water, they mistook Me for a ghost and they doubted over Me so that Peter asked Me another miracle as confirmation of the preceding ones.

It's always like that. Miracles do not increase faith. Men are insatiable for novelty and they quickly forget what they receive.

Many times you also do like so. A good part of your journey has been sown with graces not inconsiderable. Sometimes you have escaped death, other times physical dangers; but how many more graces for your

spiritual life! And yet, if a cross takes you by surprise, you forget all that you have received in the order of nature and in that of grace and you supplicate the Virgin, the Saints and God himself, so that you may be freed from it.

Not so did I behave before the cross that awaited Me and on which I would be nailed out of love for you. I met it halfway and I embraced it with an infinite desire to save you. And yet on that cross there were all your sins that I had to expiate with an atrocious death. My children, how many merits you let escape from you, how many souls you could help to be redeemed, if you knew how to treasure your sorrows!

I know well that suffering is repugnant to human nature, but no one is exempt from small or great sorrows which the Lord permits to the measure of your strength, and rebelling against them does nothing but aggravate your evils.

Try to believe with more faith, with greater certainty to what awaits you. If you were to live hundreds of years, your anxiety to live well would perhaps be more justified; but don't you see how short life is in this world? And there is no other money to pay eternity than this: to do daily the holy will of God.

You ask for miracles and graces, and you do not realize that the greatest miracle is that of being perseverant in the faith till the last moment of life. Don't you see by how many dangers you are surrounded! Nobody is sure of himself. Doesn't it happen at times that after a period of fervour, that seemed to you twilightless, you feel desolation, discomfort, outright nausea of good, as if all at once there had entered in your mind and heart the most tremendous doubt?

My children, nobody can be certain of salvation. That's why the anxiety which devours my Heart must also be yours. To save souls: this is the miracle that you must ask for yourselves, your loved loves and for all men.

There are some who smile if I say to them that I make a gift of insomnia and there are those who ask instead to be able to sleep. And yet if you knew the value of night prayer, done to obtain the salvation of those who during the night sin and die, how you would thank Me for this little penalty that can turn out to be a great gift!

There are those who weep because their relatives deny them the charity of their affection. If these persons were to think how much they could embellish this suffering uniting it to mine! My rebellious, thankless, unfaithful children keep on increasing: by the million and millions they deny Me and mistreat Me.

If it were they who were born in countries where the true faith is not alive, the rebellion would be still comprehensible. Instead it is often those beloved children whom I have benefited in a generous way and have

filled with my graces who abandon Me, dragging others to evil and perdition.

Mothers, make Me a gift of your sufferings, raise them, join them to mine as prisoner so often forgotten in the most Holy Eucharist and your abandonment will be less heavy. Of every little thing make a big offering. When the dissolution of death will make you feel the end near, I will fill your heart with infinite sweetness, returning this way the gifts of love that you have made Me during your lives.

I love you, beloved children, and I desire to show this love to you a thousand and a thousand times, not by condescending to your will which longs only for things of no importance, but by making you taste the joys of an intense spiritual life, a presentiment of Paradise.

I bless you, your families, your parishes, the Pope and the whole Church.

Each return of yours here marks a step forward in virtue and good.

¹ “*Crucify Him*” (Mt 27:31; Mk 15:16; Lk 23:21; Jn 19:15)

BAPTISM OBLIGES YOU

January 13, 1974

Beloved children, peace be to you and grace and every good! I am your Jesus, Son of God, made man out of love, made one of you in order to present myself to the Father in reparation for the sins of humanity.

By reminding you today of the baptism that John administered to Me in the waters of the Jordan, I want to remind you also of that one which you have all received and the duties towards God and neighbour that it entails.

John baptised with water and I, having come not to destroy the Law but to perfect it, wished to receive this baptism which signified purification. John preached penance and I, who desired to invite men to it, wished also to give an example.

The Father was pleased with the humiliation, with which I chose to put myself in the number of the sinners needy of purification, and He deigned to honour my divine Sonship. The Holy Spirit descended on my head to signify that the love of God was the guide of all my actions and my holiness then shone forth much brighter than ever.

I baptised later on in fire and the Holy Spirit and to this baptism I call all men of the earth, of every race and of every category.

Water in baptism is the matter that indicates, and truly works, an interior purification, while the Spirit, as the vital lifeblood, penetrates into the

soul and sanctifies it. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father and mine; with baptism therefore the soul becomes married into God with whom it assumes an adoptive sonship.

Just as the branches of a tree in order to live must be joined to the trunk, so the baptised take in the vital force that comes from God and makes them live. Many branches, many children, many brothers, all nourished by the same lifeblood, all attached to the same trunk.

Baptism is the great gift that requires to be corresponded with and it carries a commitment. Living one's baptism means to bear witness to your Jesus with a lively faith.

I said one day to Nicodemus: "*If you are not reborn with water and the Holy Spirit, you will not have life (Jn 3:5).*" He interpreted this rebirth in a physical sense, but I intended it in a spiritual sense.

This spiritual rebirth comes about for man from the moment in which the divine life, the life of grace, is communicated to him. To live in the grace of God is to live the baptism and to make that sanctifying grace grow which is like the stature of a soul.

You sometimes look with compassion at persons who have not reached a normal stature and you are pained if this has happened to you or to one of your relations. But spiritual stature has an importance even greater, from it depends that degree of glory which you will enjoy in Heaven.

The gift of baptism is therefore a personal gift, that is trafficked, lived, augmented. Every baptised person is my brother. His life therefore must be modelled on mine.

There is a book, the Gospel, that relates the most salient steps of my life. Well then, each one of you, along the lines of my life, ought to write your own.

You were not born in a stable, but like Me you are called to love poverty, to live happy in your state, to moderate your desires. So in my life as worker you must discover the love for work and make it an objective to reach and love. Work, children, is a great means of purification and sanctification!

You discover then, in my apostolate life, a call to spread the faith that you have received and that divine fire, that ardour of charity that leads you to do good and to communicate with the brethren. You will also be able to say with Me: "*The zeal for your glory devours Me (Jn 2:17).*"

Children of God, my brethren, follow Me on the way to Calvary and see Me on the Cross. A second baptism, that of blood, descended on my Body and on my Soul to purify the sins of all humanity.

If you learn to imitate Me, your baptism will not be a betrayal: you will have made the tree of life that has been sown in you grow and bear fruit. Every baptised person is responsible also for the soul of his neighbour.

The gift of faith and love represented by fire cannot remain hidden, just as a flame cannot stay locked up for long.

If this responsibility is held in consideration, the spiritual life of the brethren becomes for you a just preoccupation. That's why I applaud those who pray and sacrifice themselves for the lapsed and make their lives an offering to God for their return.

To those who, desirous of doing good for the brethren learn to put in first place the spiritual good, I say to have courage, to not desist from their work. Do like Me: knock, speak, insist always with charity and respecting their liberty, but know that your responsibility before God and men will seem to you light, if you learn how to value those precious gifts of grace that were given you and which must bring you to sanctity.

Be my imitators if you want to be pleasing to the Father and your work towards the brethren will be efficacious and lasting.

I bless you, children. Extend the desire of baptism to all the creatures of the earth. Learn how to make your little children appreciate the gift of grace received with holy baptism. You will make some saints.

IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD

January 17, 1974

Beloved children, peace be to your hearts today and forever. I am Jesus, your shepherd, present in the midst of you to urge you to good and to tell you my desires.

The world is as if submerged by error: materialism makes inroads, immorality becomes, so to say, legalised and even the good are often seized by doubt and, disorientated, cannot distinguish between good and evil. What must you do, you who have been called here close to my Heart, in the house of my Mother? Have no fear of being overwhelmed. If you do what I desire, you will be the faithful ones on whom I will always be able to count on and you will be masters of my Heart, capable of getting graces upon graces out of Me.

You are all here united like the grains of one only spike of wheat: maintain that harmony which renders your meeting joyful and serene. If something disturbs your peace, distance the thought, remembering that whatever brings disturbance does not come from God.

Wish each other well here, because you are like brothers; but also bring this good accord elsewhere. How much sorrow, do envies and jealousies that enter even in associations that have holy aims and good causes, bring to my Heart! One person is enough, at times, to ruin the whole body of a

work. Be unanimous and all collaborate for the good success of those initiatives that, from time to time, are proposed to you.

You have joined willingly the militia of the Pope and I enjoyed your enthusiasm. Well then, be perseverant. Let it not be a straw fire what you propose in a day of fervour. Constancy is a virtue that gives solidity to works. Continue to be faithful to the Pope, who has a very heavy cross to carry and whose heart is embittered by the infidelities and rebellions of many among his children. Be firm in accepting his enlightened word: may the truth, maintained and observed, be a fount of joy for your hearts. I want also to encourage you to stay faithful to those moral principles that, being observed, bring serenity and joy even in the midst of sacrifices.

Be faithful to your promise of being missionaries of Our Lady. Whoever loves and serves my Mother, honours Me and enjoys hers and my attention. Listen to her teachings and spread her Rosary, certain of having with these means a sure way to achieve perfection and a weapon to combat all your spiritual enemies.

You thought perhaps you had no enemies? And yet from the time Cain killed his brother Abel, then slowly in all times there has been a struggle between good and evil, between sin and grace, between the demon and the angel. Do not be surprised therefore of encountering conflicts and wickedness. Rather learn to defend yourselves by welcoming Me in you. Make Me your leader, your shield, your strength. I mean to say to you: live in the grace of God. You also can repeat with certain saints: *“I do not fear poverty, sickness, death or the demon, because Jesus, the victor over every evil, is with me.”*

When a new day is announced to you with the rising of the sun, learn to raise your thoughts to the divine Sun who illumines your soul with his grace and to the Eucharistic Sun hidden in all the Tabernacles of the world; in that moment and for the whole day feel Me close. There is no greater force in the world to resist evil than that which comes to you from your Saviour.

The forces of evil are many. The demons make victims everywhere: under the appearance of lambs, they aim at nothing else but to devour the prey. They present themselves to you with blandishments and flatteries to convince you to adore them and to bend over to the logic of the world. Learn to recognize them with the light that comes to you from above. Prayer will give you this light. Reinforce your will with mortification, but above all make recourse to God with true humility not trusting in your strength, but in that of Him who overcame the world.

Be in the world, children, but not of the world.

This is the last teaching that I give you today, as I bless you in the name of the most Holy Trinity and my Mother.

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MAMMA CARMELA

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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