

THE IMAGE OF THE MERCIFUL JESUS

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

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

The Merciful Jesus in the excessive goodness of his Heart promises that: "Whoever venerates with love and devotion in his house my Divine Image will be preserved from the chastisement. In the same way as the ancient Hebrews marked their houses with a cross made with the blood of the paschal lamb and were spared by the exterminating Angel, so it will be in these sad times for those who will have honoured and exposed my Image." Milan, September 5, 1968.

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

Milan, January 25, 1972.

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

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

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

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

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I CALL MEN TO LOVE

October 12, 1975

Beloved children, I am amongst you. I am Jesus, friend, brother and father of your souls.

When I find myself with souls that love Me I open my Heart, and if I receive one, I give a hundred. Therefore I invite you to trust and hope. Worry only over loving: it is your mission, your call; I'll worry about the rest.

When a soul loves Me, it burns its failings daily in the burning furnace of my Heart and, acquiring strength and light, it becomes capable of walking in the way of perfection. Love gives wings, it overcomes every difficulty, beats every enemy, it makes one capable of heroism and strong as steel.

The world needs love more than wealth and material goods. It is love that must change the face of the earth.

Every heart carries in itself the seed of selfishness which, left to grow, is fatal for itself and for others. Love also germinates from the heart and, if it is developed and directed, it is changed into a river of goodness and mercy that no dam can contain and stem.

From always God had called men to love, but few had corresponded to the call.

I came into the world in the fullness of time to save what was lost and for men I offered up my Blood, calling again everyone so that they would correspond to love. Many refused to come to the nuptial banquet that the Father had lavishly prepared for his Son.

Few came and even among those few there were and there are those who participate without putting on the nuptial garment.

That is, there are believers who do not observe the Law and forget the goodness of the Father who has called them and of the Son who has redeemed them. They forget that their behaviour must give witness to their faith.

There are those who, having known the fount of love, have quenched their thirst there, but then negligence, failings, rebellions and many other serious things have taken over.

The sacrament of Love, the Eucharist, has become the centre of profanations.

The nuptial garment of grace is indispensable to be able to approach Me. Nevertheless how many with the most indifference place on the same level good and evil, prayers and sins. Children, I would like for you to be those generous souls that would repair and make Me forget not only the refusals, but also the continual offences that come to Me from the many Communions badly made.

Know that at times a sacrilegious Communion is enough to give the soul to him who then will lord over it.

Therefore, approach Communion with fear. I'm not saying that you sin by scruples, because scruples offend Me more than sin itself, but use that reflection and that recollection that permit you to know the state of your soul.

Children, let my blessing be an encouragement and a help to you, that through your example one may have for the Eucharist that respect and love that befits her.

Call my Mother insistently beside you. She, the most humble one, the all pure one, who welcomed Me in her virginal womb and was able to give Me perfect joy, will prepare you also.

The great nuptial banquet of Heaven awaits you all who are predestined.

Death must not catch any of you without sanctifying grace.

It is an infinite sorrow for Me to say: "Bind him hands and feet and throw him outside in the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Mt 22:13)."

I wish to be able to say to you: "Come, blessed by my Father to enjoy the reward reserved for you (Mt 25:34)."

Always be ready, always vigilant and have no fear.

I encourage everyone to trust in the mercy of God and to commit themselves by exercising love.

If you need spiritual and material graces and would like to be heard straight away, ask Me for love, grow in grace. The quicker you grow, the quicker you will obtain the divine favours.

I love you and I bless you again.

SANCTIFY YOURSELVES IN ORDER TO SANCTIFY

October 16, 1975

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

I look at you one by one and I shower you with grace. Whoever is generous and magnanimous is capable of receiving a greater quantity of divine gifts. Whoever is mean and selfish instead is like he who wants to put many things in a small receptacle: it doesn't depend on Me if he does not receive many gifts, but on himself.

Always come here with a large heart, make present to Me the necessities of everyone and I assure you that you will leave here with an overabundant and pressed measure of graces.

My love for souls is so great that to save them all I would immolate myself once again on the Cross, but many however, would refuse my gift of love and for them my sacrifice would still be vain.

Besides, the Eucharist is the renewal of my offering as victim to the Father and as gift of love to men, and yet it is not accepted, preferring in this way the death of the soul, eternal death.

You who come here and who have faith must be like my emissaries. The river of love, which has its source in my Heart, must, even through your means, communicate itself to souls. You must transmit my word without deforming it, without falsifying it, after having made it live in you in the practice of life.

There was a day in which I accused the Pharisees because they had built tombs for the prophets: "Your fathers", I said, "killed the prophets and you build their tombs (Lk 11:47)." My listeners were offended considering my words insulting.

Now I repeat to you: "*Don't bury my teachings as a dead word*." Whoever does not believe and does not accept the truth of the Gospel, whoever prevents from deepening the knowledge of divine truths, is guilty on the level of whoever does not welcome the prophet and like whoever, having received the word, then leaves it a dead letter.

I have said to you, children, that of my Gospel, entrusted in deposit to my Church, not one syllable would be lost and I confirm this truth. Men believe themselves to be authorised instead to tamper with and remove from those pages written by divine inspiration, what pleases most, what is most agreeable to their own habits and inclinations. They are guilty like those who tear my Body to pieces. You who accept the truth make every lesson that you receive an object of reflection. You must sanctify yourselves in order to sanctify. How will you be able to draw profit if, returning to your homes, you take up again your habits without asking yourselves if there is something to add or take away? It is true that many times you have the fortune of acknowledging yourselves defective and guilty: woe if you were to find yourselves perfect! But why don't you do what a good farmer does, that is, prune the dead branches or those that do not permit a stronger vitality to the trees? And what are those dead branches if not those defects in which you deliberately fall, without giving it a second thought?

I desire that you take into account this reality and I am continuously close to you. The word that you receive must be for you a nourishment for your spiritual life. If you are desirous of nourishing yourselves I will give you this precious food and I will bring it to your mind and heart even when you are far away from here, so as to conserve in you an exuberant vitality.

Beloved children, I here teach you to love the cross even if I give you help and raise you up from your sorrows: do not be rebellious and do not make others suffer.

Many times you see elephants in the place of gnats when it concerns the offences you receive. Think and think again if its up to you, and rather not others, to ask for pardon.

But do you ever ask yourselves how many times you are pungent with your neighbour and how many times you try the patience and virtue of others?

Truly, man often reveals a particular characteristic, that of being a burden and a cross for his fellow man. Everyone can be so, whereby each one has something to be forgiven for.

The study of the word of God makes you discover where you must arrive in the journey of perfection and makes you see where you limp, where you are failing, where your energies must be applied more and where you need the help of God more.

Slowly as you grow you make others grow and, if they find it hard, with patience and goodness, you become means of conversion.

Children, I see the requests of everyone and I promise you help. Not always do I take the cross away from you because it is the most precious gift I make to my friends; but, believe Me, patience is a strength that comes to you from above.

To everyone the invitation to be apostles of my word everywhere. Let the times that present themselves not trouble you nor make you afraid. Live in

the grace of God. Live day to day and in the light of the sun: the divine Sun. Every mind will draw from it reason for happiness.

Goodbye, children. I am with you now and always.

TRUE MISSIONARIES

October 19, 1975

Children so dear to Me, peace be to you! I am Jesus, the divine Teacher, among you to give to your heart desires more and more ardent with good and to give to your mind that light, that makes you appreciate the gift of faith and to feel the need to communicate it to others.

The baptism that you have received and which has inserted you as members of my Body obliges you to become apostles in the fulfilment of a specific mission. Each one has his field of labour, but all are tended to one unique end, the salvation of souls and to one unique destination: Paradise.

Justly it is said that the Christian is not an apostle he is a traitor, because he becomes like that someone of the parable who, having received a talent from his master, hid it under the earth and delivered it back to the master without giving a return.

You know that the judgement of God is severe and that you will have to answer to Him not only for the evil done, but also for the good you have omitted to do.

I want you to be true missionaries who think of the brethren with that love with which I think of you.

You have the gift of intelligence and the word: use them to shake the minds and to call back to the practice of the Law of God those who surround you. You have the possibility of praying: pray and give to your prayers that warmth that may render them true love.

But if the time that you can dedicate to Me is little, give soul to your actions, whatever they may be, and make them become apostolic actions. Whoever lives next to you must feel that your ideals of good are not fantasy, but product of those truths in which you believe.

All this behoves a continual reflection and presence to yourselves. You must not immerse yourselves in yourselves, but in God, because He himself makes you act as He sees best rendering your apostolate efficacious. Sacrifice however, cannot be lacking.

You live in a world that does not live according to the Law: you are going against the current! You will have to undergo derisions and scorn, because in

this way men treat my followers; but your sacrifices, your tears and the apparent failures will be a fount of grace for you and a means of conversion for others.

Who more than Me is capable of understanding you when you are not understood? Who better than Me can love you when men despise you or move away from you or fear you like the plague?

Yes, be missionaries and as such detached from yourselves, that the success or the failure of your works do not change your temperament and influence your spiritual life.

Make Me the object of your love, grow in love and I will occupy myself of all that concerns you and I will give you true happiness.

Children, I bless you. Continue the distribution of the Rosaries.

I bless everyone: a great good will come out of this cenacle that will be providential for the Church. To each one of you I give my attention: with the same promptness with which you have corresponded to the call, I will think of your needs, first the spiritual, then the material ones.

THE SOUL OF PRAYER

October 23, 1975

Beloved children, may the faith, the grace and the love of neighbour be always in you so that life may be more easy on you and so that you may be able to overcome the difficulties that you encounter every day.

I am Jesus, the divine consoler of souls. I am here to accomplish the mission of consoling those who are in sorrow. The desire that you have had to console my Mother, I make it mine in your regard. I ask you only not to be like those souls who, while they talk of giving, want to receive continuously. Serenely place yourselves before the heavenly Mother and say to her simply that you wish to gather her sorrows and give them to the Father that they may fall again on humanity as a beneficial shower of graces.

I watch the world and, if on one side I grieve over seeing those who refuse salvation, on the other I see many good, who in silence learn to pray, love and suffer and turn their life into a continual immolation.

Do you think that your prayer is nothing, only because you do not get what you ask? No, believe Me: it is a sea of tears that is dried by means of it. How much that phrase of distrust is sympathized with: "*I prayed much and I got nothing*." It would require that everyone had the eye of God to measure the effect of a prayer made well. The indispensable thing is that the soul is not

lacking to the prayer. That it not be simply a scaffolding or a sound of words, even if placed in good order.

The soul of prayer is the love that renders it omnipotent before the Heart of God. The prayer can be silent, but it is a music when one loves. You have it as an example in that which my Mother raised up to Me continuously, so as to put into practice what I went around preaching: "*Pray without ceasing* (Lk 18:1)."

There are those who believe that it is no longer necessary to pray: it is reputed a useless action; it is thought that God, being good, cannot but provide for our needs.

It is true that God is infinite providence, He loves every creature, He assists and helps him, so that each man can live and bring his mission to conclusion. But, even though being infinitely good, He has the right to ask to be loved and the prayer well made is none other than a demonstration of affection, and an opening of a marvellous dialogue with Him.

One talks to God in prayer and comes out of it transfigured, one brings the fruit of this conversation of love to the brethren and works are done that smell of fragrant bread, of fortifying wine, of harmony, of collaboration and of joy.

If dialogue were to end in prayer, you would not have done but half your duty as Christians.

I have given you the example and if it was very dear to Me to turn to the Father it was equally pleasing to Me to work in the house of Nazareth first and then on the roads of Palestine, healing, converting and preaching, giving consolation to everyone.

Follow my example and, if your family and social duties occupy your hands, your heart and mind, do so that everyone of these actions, even if small, may become luminous out of love which has the power to transform. In every action make also the intention of consoling and helping everyone. There is the neighbour who is close to you and then the others a bit further away: they are all children of God, redeemed by Me, your brethren.

Your actions, which become prayer, must benefit them also.

How sorry I feel for those who accompany their work with blasphemies and curses, becoming in this way collaborators of the demon. It is true that God would not change any of his qualities and his being, even if all the men of the earth were to curse Him.

The harm goes to those who do evil, to those who are scandalized by it and those who suffer it.

Sometimes souls weak in the faith and in the grace of God, absorb evil like sponges, and spread it.

Beloved children, a brief lesson can be of use to you and be a reason for firm and sincere intentions.

The life of each one of you is infinitely dear to my Heart: do so that it may not be a stumbling block for anyone but that it be lived in the light of God to the consolation of my Mother and in aid of all those children who have distanced themselves from the house of the Father.

Children, I love you and I bless you.

I would like to repeat to everyone that invitation intended to obtain for you the graces that you desire: "*Grow in love, I will hear you.*"

FAITHFUL TO THE MISSION

October 30, 1975

Children so dear to Me, peace be to you and grace and blessings without end. You have come to console Me and to repair the innumerable sacrileges that are committed and I thank you.

Your prayer descends on the wounds caused on my body like a precious balsam, like a delicate ointment.

You will be rewarded by Me every time that with considerate thought, full of faith and love, you wish to repair not only the profanations made to the Eucharist, but also to those failings of respect which my Tabernacles, relegated sometimes in unworthy places, are made an object.

If it is true that I loved poverty, I did not disdain however, the homage the Magdalene made Me when she broke the jar of precious ointment to sprinkle my head and feet with it. It was an act of faith and love and I would like that only faith and love should press you to surround the Tabernacles of all the world with that decorum and with those valuable things which represent your virtues.

The love for the Eucharist and faith in my Real Presence is lacking, therefore my presence in the world is denied, the priority of the love of neighbour is affirmed, almost as if God did not exist or was relegated to the highest of the heavens. That if then the love for the brethren were true, God would be able to rejoice over it; but unfortunately often it is limited to words or gestures that remain sterile or are downright harmful. Numerous then are the sacrileges that are committed receiving Holy Communion in mortal sin. It is true that everybody is invited to feed on Me, but the nuptial garment of grace must not be missing if one does not want to run the risk of not having part in the eternal banquet.

You do well to repair everywhere: in Church with your respectful demeanour, with your Communions made well and in your homes uniting yourselves in thought with Mary, the first reparatrix, and with the angels who tirelessly surround the altar of the Lord.

I now want to remind you of a small passage from the Gospel for your instruction. You know that the Gospel is always relevant and that every one of its passages can be applied to your life.

I was in Jerusalem exercising my mission: converting, healing and preaching, when some people came to Me who invited Me to leave the city saying to Me: "*Herod is looking for you to kill you* (Lk 13:31)." I answered them that I would continue on my way, since a prophet cannot die outside Jerusalem.

Try to reflect on my behaviour that you may be able to draw an example. Often in your life you do some rethinking and you are tempted to change course. Perhaps you regret taking the road you have chosen. You thought that you'd find serenity and peace and you realize that there is nothing but troubles. You feel desolate: all your aspirations, your dreams seem to melt like snow in the sun.

Well then, this is the right moment to say: "I'll continue on my way."

If the temptation becomes stronger and it seems that to which you aspire is the solution to all your problems, don't trust it: leaving by your own choice the work in the vineyard to which you have been called, it will happen to you like the vinedressers who, the master having returned, were found dancing and singing and were condemned by him.

In this moment I would like to address myself to those spouses who leave their family because it has become unbearable for them: there is always a reason to justify one's choice; but in the meantime, for a fleeting satisfaction, one renounces the pure joy which derives from the conscience of doing one's duty.

In this way I would like to address myself to the youth who, thirsting for novelty and happiness, do not care about the sufferings they sow around, they distance themselves from the family, from the school and, yielding to temptation, go and seek their fortune outside their own field.

Sometimes then they can be also the same church going people, who in some way dissuade you from good: you examine your conscience and ask yourself what the Lord wants from you. The fulfilment of one's duty out of love for God sanctifies souls, which in this way finds the indispensable aids in their life.

Beloved children, staying at one's post means staying in the obedience of the Church, that is being good Christians, good priests, good religious, good parents. The Church is the bride of Christ: to obey the Church is to observe not only the articles of the Creed and accept them as a divine code, but also to observe the Commandments of God which impose a morality.

Therefore fear giving in to flatteries and threats that can come to you as much from the outside as the inside of your heart. Remain faithful to Him who has chosen you as workers of his vineyard.

I bless you all, one by one.

YOU MUST IMITATE ME

November 6, 1975

Children so dear to Me, I am amongst you and I desire to give to your prayer a not so common strength, that'll serve to obtain many conversions.

I am the Son of God and my mercy and goodness know no limits.

I love all men of earth and there is no fault, no matter how great, that avails to deter Me from my love for souls. Today more than ever it is necessary to make an appeal to this love so that life is communicated to all.

I am the God of the living and the dead since they are all my children: open your heart and embrace all men in it.

Never try to judge who merits and who doesn't. Perhaps you think that a good father gives his help and his benevolence only to those who merit it? Must he not be impartial and must he not love everyone? And what a father according to the flesh can and must do, do you want for God not to will and not to do? Moreover, in a thousand ways I've revealed to you the mystery of my mercy. Take away from the Gospel all that speaks to you of love and you will annul all its pages. And the history of the world is a history of love, since, even in those terrible days in which the justice of God had to manifest itself, the call of love did not remain hidden under the warning. I spoke to you about the good shepherd who goes in search of the lost sheep and the woman who seeks the lost coin, but, together with the parables that signified Me, I demonstrated concretely my love and mercy in every moment and in every event of my life and above all with my death accepted out of love.

I desire that all return to my Heart and I've said to you that in Heaven there is more rejoicing over a repentant sinner than for ninety nine just ones who have no need of conversion. This anxiety for salvation must be the same that guides your life.

I lived and died to bring salvation to the world. You must imitate Me and learn to live and die for this same purpose. Everything will be transformed in you if the salvation of souls will be your programme.

What happens when a person is about to drown? There are those who remain indifferent, those who suffer but do not have the courage to throw themselves in and those who, not caring for themselves and the danger they are facing, throw themselves in the water and attempt the rescue. You must all be of the courageous ones. You are supplied with the lifejacket which is prayer. You have beside you my Mother, ready to come to your aid. You must not fear anything.

Utilizing your true riches, your sorrow and your will for good, and uniting all to Me, behold the accomplishment of the greatest miracle, the miraculous haul of fish: not that which stunned the apostles and which made Peter say: *"Go away from Me, Lord, because I am a sinner* (Lk 5:8)", but the true haul is that which draws souls and brings them to the Father.

It is true that you encounter and will always encounter difficulty. The demon persecutes the works of God and places ever new and unthought of obstacles in the way. If however, you keep faith to the programme that I've assigned you, even the difficulties will become a means of conquest.

How beautiful it is to see my followers so sure of their faith as to feel ready to give their life to give witness to it! How beautiful to see them so convinced of the value of the soul as to renounce everything to keep it in grace! And to see them still so certain of getting to Heaven as to convince others, all the others, to walk on the right road.

In this way, full of humility and charity, you go on forming that great unity, that unique sheepfold in which souls labour for one unique end.

Beloved children, doesn't it seem strange to you that, while in the world the idols of violence, lust and selfishness dominate, I go about seeking fervent and zealous souls who, forgetting themselves and their own interests, occupy themselves with saving their brethren?

Even if the sun were to darken and the stars to fall and the springs of water to dry up and the earth not to produce a stem, I would always remain the same to myself, I would remain a God of goodness and love and I would call incessantly, also through your means, souls to my Heart.

I love you, children, and my blessing needs be an aid for you, so that, always with more fervour you are able to do all that good that your strength consents you to do.

I bless the youths present that they may be the magnet that attracts other youths to good.

I watch over all of you. My thirst for souls is inextinguishable: do so that it be the same also for you.

Peace be to your hearts.

THE CRAVING FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY

November 8, 1975

Beloved children, with love I welcome you in the house of my Mother and in the cenacle of my mercy, where I call souls to comfort them, help them, convert them, bring them to sanctity.

I enjoy your presence: you are links of that long chain which departing from my Heart wishes to embrace and unite all loving souls. That this union of yours with Me and between yourselves be never interrupted!

Let that light not be darkened which, departing from my Heart, is communicated to those who live for Me in a continuous communion!

It has been said to you that you cannot serve two masters. Stick to this principle in every situation. Having chosen a road for your spiritual life, do not give in to the temptation of undertaking others in the conviction of getting a greater abundance of graces. What you go on receiving here is enough for you if you wish to deepen the truths and not let yourselves be taken in by the craving for the extraordinary.

You have my riches, faith, grace, good will: learn to utilize them. They are talents that you must traffic.

Your profession of faith can be summarized in those twelve articles of the Creed which are the compendium of the revealed truths. Do not belittle the greatness of the mysteries enclosed in the Creed. Have fear of denying even one alone and do so that every word becomes for you a message to rediscover and to announce.

And grace? What a great gift! The sacraments are the means that transmit and produce grace; if only you made your Confessions and Communions a true encounter with the Lord, what an increase of holiness you'd get!

If then you wished to grow in love so as to transform your actions in an act of charity towards God and neighbour, who do you think is able to put a limit to the grace of God in you? Only a little good will is needed, confirmed by the help of God, which comes to you through prayer, to accomplish in your life those marvels that accompanied my life as man on earth.

You have received many graces and you will receive many every day. They are riches that you not only must guard, but also spread. They are material and spiritual graces, and they have been given you so that you may be able to praise God and make your brethren sharers of them.

Wasting graces, considering them personal merits and making them private property, is to serve mammon.

You are depositaries of marvellous gifts of faith and grace: only if you are convinced of your nothingness, will you be able to be in truth and your humility, attracting the gaze of God, will render you capable of communicating it to the brethren.

Let my blessing descend on your hearts like a beneficial dew.

Make Me known and loved with all the means that you have at your disposal. Never forget that my true followers do not disdain sacrifice and sorrow with which I enrich them.

If you will love Me, immense and very vast horizons will open before your eyes: all beings of earth will be reached by your will of love and you'll have no more need of anything.

The Gospel message and my Heart, my Mother and her school, will be that "non plus ultra" in which you will find peace and joy.

I bless you, children.

All that which concerns the spreading of the Word of God and the Rosary is very dear to the heavenly Mother who takes you under her protection.

To all and to each my embrace and the password: "Believe in love to be able to spread love."

WHOEVER DISTANCES HIMSELF FROM YOU

November 13, 1975

Children so dear to my Heart, peace be to you. I am Jesus of infinite mercy and I am here to encourage you to continue with ever growing fervour this mission of yours.

In life, sometimes separations occur. There is always someone who leaves and someone instead who stays. I don't intend speaking only of those painful separations which will end in the next life, but also of those that take away your loved ones from home for reasons of work, study or rest. I myself am victim of these separations: think of the long hours in which I remain alone in the Tabernacle with the only company of those who populate Paradise.

The most painful separations for Me are those produced by sin and coldness or by the negligence of souls.

There is however, an efficacious way for the pain or the worry produced by the absence of loved persons to be relieved in you. There is a triple bond that can unite you in a real and marvellous way: prayer, love and suffering.

Prayer, putting you in a relationship with God, makes you meet in Him all those whom you love. Love, which knows no distance, keeps you close to your loved ones with the same ease with which you clasped them once to your heart. Suffering, by incorporating yourselves with Me in the sorrowful passion, permits you to help the persons you love and render them sharers of my merits.

They are three things that you have heard many times, but which you must with greater promptness and ease allow to enter into your days.

When your loved ones leave you, the separation is only apparent. The continual recourse to God that He may give help, peace and light to their souls, must be the demonstration of your affection for them. The pain which separation produces must be continuously offered up and so to say consecrated, that it may become a common wealth.

In these times many children abandon the paternal roof and trust themselves to luck and parents and relatives are tempted to despair. No: the common Father watches over these children, you must only multiply your requests for protection. The heavenly Father wishes this bond with Him to render efficacious the help to the children and the brethren.

Love must be purified and sanctified. Many times one loves too humanly: this love is not the fulfilment of the divine command, but it rather seeks itself in the love of neighbour.

In order to be able to strengthen the affection that ought to unite men amongst themselves, it is necessary to begin to love God with a sincerity of heart, with a purity of thoughts and with a strength of the will, and the sacrifice becomes the best manifestation of a will determined to love.

The social and family bonds are perfected in this way, turning one's life into a continual return to God, speaking to Him about everybody, loving everyone and offering the best of oneself to witness one's own faith in Me, Jesus the Saviour.

My children, look at the separations that afflict you and strengthen the bonds with prayer, love and sacrifice. I will be with you to help you and give you comfort. Finally, do not forget that for separations I mean also those divisions that exist in many families because of diverse ideological opinions and because of that complex of habits that divide the old from the young, the parents from the children and the spouses between themselves, creating some real barriers: the remedies are and will always be those, since God never changes.

I bless you, children! May the love which devours my Heart be constantly present to yours.

THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

November 15, 1975

Beloved children, so dear to my Heart, let Me, at the closing of your prayer, make myself present to you with an invitation.

You have conceived good thoughts and you have formulated some intentions. I desire to suggest one to you that may stand for all and be appropriate for every category of person.

Be holy! Be that royal priesthood destined to make the Church come to life again and flourish.

I am Jesus, the eternal priest, and my desires in your regard go beyond simple mediocrity. Mediocrity resembles coldness and indifference, but you know that the Holy Spirit says: "*Since you are neither hot nor cold I start by vomiting you out far away from Me* (Rv 3:16)."

Let this torpor never descend in you. If equilibrium is to direct your life, let it never lack however, that enthusiasm which is synonymous with zeal, fervour and apostolic love.

As priests, you are instruments of God in the midst of the Christian people and "bridges" bridged towards those who do not believe in Me that I may be able to draw all to my Heart and renew the Church with a new light.

The priest should distinguish himself by that dignified reserve that awakens in my children the thought of God. You also be like so and without speaking you will be a living sermon, a living Gospel. The priest should be the man of God who gives to everyone with absolution peace of heart. You also be like so and, without approving evil, always learn to find a reason of goodness to excuse whoever makes mistakes. Perhaps from this goodness a friendship will derive and from that salvation.

Children, you have a privileged place in my Heart: learn to keep it and live your interior life in the way which the saints live it. When the life of the body ceases, the soul enters the light and understands the greatness of God and all his other virtues; but if, for as much as is granted to you with the light that comes to you from the Holy Spirit and through prayer and invocation to Mary, you study to practice the Christian virtues, what happens in you is like a marvellous transformation and the life that the saints lead in Heaven becomes a reality for you.

Even the presence of sorrow will not be able to take away the intimate joy given by the presence of God in you. The will to sacrifice yourself for the brethren will lead you to realize a true priesthood.

I bless you, children. Your name is written in my Heart and the abundance of my gifts will be reserved to all those who go along with my desires.

I am with you: you will see faith, charity and hope flower again.

Fear nothing, believe in mercy and spread trust and peace!

LIVE LIKE OTHER CHRISTS

November 20, 1975

Beloved children, peace be to you! I rejoice over your intention of giving to the Pontiff, by sacrifice, prayer and action, a tangible sign of your affection and an efficacious help.

This gift of yours is truly necessary to sustain him in his difficult ministry so loaded with responsibility and so misunderstood. I applaud therefore, all that you address in his favour and I will and I will return everything even little ones with a divine generosity.

You have read in the Gospel of my disconsolate weeping over Jerusalem. Well then, today's Jerusalem and of all times is the Church, over which, like then, I weep desolately. I weep over souls who do not accept my word and loving calls, over those who sow ruin everywhere, inside and outside themselves.

The commandments of God are neglected, obedience is refused to the Pontiff who leads the Church and sin extends its dominion everywhere.

If, in time of war, enemies enter into a city, they turn everything upsidedown, they destroy everything. Today also is a time of war: the war of sin against grace: of the prince of darkness against the Prince of Light and the battle takes place even between the walls of the Holy City, the Church and of my Kingdom, which is that of souls.

I weep and call loving souls who want to come to Me to do ordinary deeds for their defence. I call everyone. Who will listen to my voice?

I beg you, forget your personal interests. Don't lose heart over those adversities that hurt you. Look to the end. The Church needs you. It needs everything: your tears, your sufferings, your deeds and above all your prayer that gushes forth from the heart as an act of love.

Today it is more that necessary that you be available and that you renew your offering with which you put your soul and body at the service of God.

I cannot be silent to you about how marvellous and how pleasing to the Father the offering of Mary was, who, a child, placed herself as a pure and immaculate host in the heart of God the Father, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Even then the world lay in death because of the corruption of morals and the lack of faith. Mary was the aurora that began to dissipate the darkness giving reparation to God.

My children, in the memory of she who was my Mother and who preceded Me in the offering, renew your complete giving to God. Whoever is consecrated in the religious or priestly life, let him strengthen his bonds of love and live holily this call corresponding to my gifts. Whoever is lay, married, single woman or man and lives in the world, let him learn, by combating sin in and around oneself, to give witness to the Kingdom of God.

There are many who criticize society and the Church, almost is if they were an entity outside of them: society and the Church are you, each one of you. You will not be able, therefore, to transform one or the other without transforming the individuals, and the first step is to turn your own existence into a gift to God the Father in union with Me, animated by the love of the Holy Spirit, soul of your soul and of the whole Church.

If the past disturbs you, if the present is painful, if the future is uncertain, you must rest yourselves alone on Him who remains immutable in time and who will be your reward and your joy for all eternity.

Live like other Christs. Live in my light, in my grace, and you will have my strength even in the sacrifice driven up to immolation. Only in this way one becomes lightning rods and means of salvation.

Offer up to the Father the children of the whole world, their innocence, their goodness and the marvellous beauty of grace that they possess. Offer up to the Father also the holiness of many priests since, parallel to those who fall short, there are also saintly ones who suffer in seeing so much depravation and in feeling incapable of combating it.

You also be all those loving parents, like Joachim and Anne, who brought to the altar of the Lord the most beautiful flower offering up to the Father all that is pure, holy, beautiful that there is still in the world; give Him consolation and graces will come to the world and help to the Church. Children, live in grace, because all that you say, do, think and desire, may become like a spark and from it may come that fire which destroys all evil. I bless you all, one be one and I give you my love.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

November 23, 1975

My children, my conquest and my glory, peace be to you. Here I am amongst you. I am your divine Sovereign, desirous of having you close, to give you a gift of my grace.

I am King by right, but I desire that my creature serve Me out of love. To serve Me is life and grace and whoever professes himself my subject in the same moment is enriched with those spiritual gifts that he needs.

It is necessary to have faith. When the Magi, overcoming many difficulties, came to Bethlehem, they weren't dismayed in finding a child like all the others and a mother poorer than the rest; they believed, they recognised Me as King and they adored Me. It is necessary to have faith, the faith that the good thief demonstrated who, crucified like Me, commended himself to Me that I would welcome him into my Kingdom.

You must welcome Me as King always, even when things don't go too well and it is difficult to accept the cross.

The inhabitants of Jerusalem who saw Me pass by their streets before my Passion acclaimed Me King. They thought of Me as an earthly king and willingly they would have wanted Me as their sovereign having done many miracles and multiplied loaves and fishes. Their faith was not what it was supposed to be. They had to learn how to welcome the Son of God who called everyone to conversion and holiness.

When the events changed, the way of behaviour of the people changed and they did not hesitate to cry out the "crucify him".

You have wanted Me as your King and I desire to be it. You must welcome Me with faith even if it can be inconvenient to accept a crucified King, a King who invites you to fight your evil inclinations, your defects and to live entirely his Law and his Doctrine.

When Pilate accused Me of wanting to make myself king, I did not deny it, rather I proclaimed my royalty. God the Father had already confirmed it and I myself, who did everything in obedience to the Father, had taught to pray that the Kingdom of God would come and extend itself into the world.

Millions of Christians daily repeat in the Our Father the invocation: "Thy Kingdom come". It is necessary for this hoped for Kingdom to be extended along with prayer by action. There are those in the front line who work for this purpose and they are the ones called with a particular vocation.

But when I said that the harvest is great and the labourers are few, I wished to invite everyone to work in the midst of this abundant harvest that are the souls, to render them sharers of the Kingdom.

This loving and insistent invitation I still address to everyone.

You have a flag to defend: your faith. I have given you the arms: the sacraments, prayer and mortification. You have a universal law which is the love of God and neighbour. Who would want to desert the ranks? Who would want to deny Me royal recognition and reject his work?

See how the world is heading into evil times. Enemies attack my Church, my most sweet bride and destroy the royal cloak that covers her. See the bitter fights that the demon stirs up everywhere and how many collaborators he finds in every field.

It is necessary that you openly declare yourselves my soldiers and that you not be ashamed of Me if you don't wish to become victims to the snares of the enemy.

The Kingdom on this earth is a preparation to the eternal Kingdom. There you will have the palm of victory. There you will be judged on the basis of your works and rewarded in a royal manner; but you have no time to lose.

You have no choice but to follow Me in this long struggle to react against evil and to bring the flame of love everywhere.

I have said to you that in the Last Judgment there will be the great separation of the saints from the reprobates, but who will be the saints? They will be those who, in the example and in the following of their King have exercised charity, first towards God and then towards their brethren. I repeat to you the command. I repeat to you the invitation that moved the hearts of men of all times: *"Love one another as I have loved you* (Jn 13:34)".

You have no other choice. Either you are in love and you are and will be with God, or you are not in love and you will be with the reprobates, far away from your King forever. I do not admit distinctions nor privileges. I desire that love be extended, like a force that renews, over all the world. Let whoever has a leadership role love those who are subjected to him. Let whoever is wise, love the ignorant and whoever does not know place his trust on those who know more.

Let whoever possesses be generous and whoever receives be grateful to him who gives.

Children, all on the same level, all heading for the one unique destination, all animated by the same spirit, all inflamed with love, ready to forgive, to understand and to give oneself for the common good: the salvation of souls.

When I shall come upon the clouds to judge the living and the dead, I would like to see you all luminous because of the faithfulness to my teachings.

Let no one regret of not possessing gifts of grace and fortune.

The love, which in this moment I give you, is worth more than any earthly good. Receive it like a burning torch and illuminate your homes and your streets with it.

I am your King by right and conquest. Follow Me, you will be happy! I bless you, children, one by one.

WORK WITH ME

November 26, 1975

Beloved children, how much I like your faith and the charity by which you are animated.

I am your Jesus and I am amongst you as I was once with my apostles.

I have lived your life and I know well all the situations which every individual encounters.

My Mystical Body is still an object of persecution and struggle on the part of many: the demon incites one against the other and the members of my Body are truly tormented.

I said to you one day: "*Blessed are those who undergo persecution for my name* (Mt 5:11)." And truly being Christians and declaring oneself such means being targeted. The demon uses men or sometimes he acts directly striking good families, priests and laity. Sometimes one's health is harmed, at other times work or situations rendered unbearable. Whoever has constancy in faith and learns to fight his own battle will be victorious.

The most difficult thing is to learn to uncover the diabolic art to be able to combat it.

I want to give you light and constancy, but, I beg you, work with Me. Never let yourselves be beaten and overwhelmed and remember that God is the Father of all and will never permit for you to be tried beyond your strength. Be humble workers in the vineyard of the Lord. Consider how many graces you have received more than many others. All you who are here are amongst the number of those to whom were entrusted the five talents.

If you consider the gifts of intelligence and grace, the gifts of a holy and religious family, you see how much you have been loved.

It's up to you to correspond and to accept with serenity those sacrifices that a particular state of things can impose on you. It is persecution which, if you learn to accept it, will make you blessed.

I know that you suffer also for the others and this returns to your praise.

But always have words of encouragement for everyone, because discouragement is the worst disease for the Christian.

When I found myself in the midst of men who treated Me like the son of Beelzebub, I would have had reason to cry out at my failure. All your crosses have been and are mine.

Never consider yourselves as failures and learn to raise up the morale of everyone with this assurance.

The things of the world pass away, the sorrow suffered and offered up is the precious coin with which Paradise is gained.

Children, love everybody and be humble.

Get in the habit of thanking rather than complaining. Everything can be a reason for thanksgiving in your life.

I bless you all.

MARY, THE ANCHOR OF SALVATION

December 3, 1975

Beloved children, peace be to you! I am Jesus, Son of God and Mary, present amongst you.

Today I would like to outline to you the beauty of my Mother and show you her greatness so as to increase the love and trust that you have for her, so as to compel her to obtain for you all the good that you desire. What child would not want to sing in verse the goodness and the holiness of his own parent?

Therefore, I'll show her to you in this way.

When sin entered into the earthly paradise with the demon, God made foreknown as in a glimmer a marvellous woman, who would have crushed the head of the serpent: it was Mary. Her person was a light that projected itself on the world. She, who would have helped Me as Co-Redemptrix to save the human race, appeared on the horizon like the aurora which precedes the sun.

Then, along the centuries, women of beauty, of goodness, of strength, of exceptional chastity or strong maternal sense in some way prefigured her. Just think of the beautiful Esther who saved her people from extermination, the good Rachel, the strong Judith, the chaste Susanna and Rebecca, the mother of Jacob. It is all a succession of precious images that help to keep alive the promise made by God to his people.

Finally, in the fullness of time, this holy child came to light who wasn't even in the least touched by sin. So much so that the angel of the Lord who announced the great event to her was able to rightly call her *"full of grace* (Lk 1:28)." Much later Elisabeth declared her blessed amongst all women and Simeon, through inspiration, predicted that a sword would pierce her heart. The extremes of holiness and sorrow came to coincide in my Mother: her sanctity was as great as the sorrow which with full knowledge and spirit of submission she accepted.

So as Mother, Bride, Queen and most pure Daughter, Mary looks at the men that God has entrusted to her and which constitute her great inheritance. She, who knew no sin, makes herself everything for everyone, so that, healed in the spirit, they may be able to feel the joy of getting back that divine paternity lost with sin.

With her gentleness she overcomes the rebellion of sinners. With the fragrance of her virtues she calls souls to her following, she elevates and perfects them. With her innocence she presents herself to the Father and begs Him by spreading out a cloak of mercy over the world, that He now and always may have pity on all. Her strength is her virginal purity.

Justly the Church proclaimed as dogma of faith her Immaculate Conception before the Virgin at Lourdes was to confirm this truth of faith.

In her and for her every creature can hope for graces and favours and can ask for pardon when evil spreads. The work of my Mother is more than ever indispensable! When there are no longer limits in sinning and heresy and error are exchanged for truth, when the war of the demon against the Church attempts to unhinge what in it is of the most sacred, one can well say that it is the hour of Mary.

She is the anchor of salvation to which you can and must attach yourselves.

While in Paradise with her presence she gladdens angels and saints, the serpent who lords it over the earth is terrified and trembles at the mere mention of her name.

Mary was the aurora and is the star that points out the harbour. Whoever loves and honours her loves and honours her Son.

It is painful that there are Catholics who reject her adducing as an excuse love for Me; growth in the faith and in the fervour of Christian life has always been indicated by the love that presses my children to have recourse to the most tender of mothers.

Even in the life of each single soul the sign of progress and of victory of good over evil is given by the increase of devotion towards the Immaculate One.

To this I call your attention and, while I invite you to perfection, I remind you that without the help of Mary it is very difficult to reach it.

Love this privileged creature, who from eternity has been chosen and loves you. I entered into the world through her and whoever wishes to love Me and follow Me finds a perfect copy in her and a help on the journey.

Children, I bless you all one by one. May the feast of the Immaculate One mark the beginning of a spiritual improvement and a marvellous progress that leads you to live Christianity as a true testimony and to be living stones of the Church.

To the religious women my greeting. You shall renew your vows of chastity which will unite you more intimately to my Mother and to Me. May she truly be Queen of your hearts and her kingdom an omen of that beatitude to which you are called.

May the Immaculate One watch over the youth and obtain for them humility of mind and heart that they may be able to maintain that purity which is for her the most precious pearl.

SHE IS YOUR MOTHER

December 4, 1975

My children, redeemed by my Blood and called by a special vocation to my following and to bear witness for Me in the world, peace be to you, grace and good will.

I am here with you, children, and I wish to dispose your hearts to celebrate the most pure creature come out of the hands of God. I desire that your hearts burn with love for her. I wish to give you my human Heart of son so that you also may be able to act as good, affectionate, devoted children towards her, who is truly a Mother to you, even if she is not according to the flesh. I desire that all that concerns her become a commitment for you. A good mother has the aim of the good progress of the family and whoever is close to her and loves her, collaborates so that everything proceeds with order and so that wellbeing may flourish and establish itself.

Mary is your mother, Mother of the Church and the human family. All that you do in her collaboration must aspire to this: to make your soul blossom in virtue, to make your family progress in harmony and reciprocal charity, to make the Church triumph and lead all creatures back beside her, and through her, to Me.

Who would not want to propose these ideals to be attained gradually, but also really? If you love the Mother, this has to be the way to demonstrate your love to her.

I had and I have for her the most tender love. Every word of hers is a command for Me. Remember the wedding at Cana? I could have refused her the miracle. In the end it was a material thing and perhaps superfluous what she was asking Me; but who could have been able to resist the sweetness and the strength of her prayer?

It is still so even now. Mary commands in Heaven and on earth. God cannot resist her, who lives solely by love for Him and makes herself the voice of all those who live on the earth. Children, love Mary and work with her to reestablish in families the faithfulness and peace which they need: she always brought peace. The amiability of her voice and her smile truly touched hearts. You also make use of these means that she gives you. And the Church truly needs such a Mother! It is still necessary to collaborate. The priests, to whom is entrusted in a particular way the task of spreading the good news, must be sustained by you.

When, after the Ascension, the apostles approached Mary, they heard from her the marvellous stages of her life so rich with grace: filled with zeal they felt burning in their heart the desire to extend, even with the extreme sacrifice, the Church to the furthermost ends of the earth.

If the ministers of God were to approach Mary with faith and love, they would feel the holy desires that had given rise to their vocation revive in them.

To you this delicate task! May the love that you nourish for the Mother of the Church arouse a deep vibration in priests. They must be reborn so that the Church may flourish again. In this way, by drawing near to them every time that you assist at religious functions or you approach the sacraments, do so in a way that a new and vital strength be communicated to them through Mary and in Mary. The more you love her the more your life becomes an instrument of life since it is impossible to love her and not live in grace. Whoever then lives in grace becomes like a tree that gives abundant fruit or a fount of spring water. Children, the whole human race is the family of God and Mary. This family is going through dramatic times. The demon is lashing out with harsh battles. Who will place themselves with Me between earth and Heaven if not that creature sublime by purity and sanctity, that the Father looks upon with satisfaction as one captivated by her beauty? Mary, the holy one, the good one, the beautiful one.

When the children busy themselves at the approaching of a family feast, to make ready what's necessary to create an atmosphere of serenity and joy, they accomplish a humanly good work; but when the Queen of Heaven and earth is feted, the whole of Paradise is truly moved. The exchange of gifts and benefits is therefore total. The Church militant, suffering and triumphant renders solemn honours to the victor over the demon, the world and sin.

Prayers rise up from earth, purgatory and from Paradise, graces fall down like showers of blessings. They must not be prayers made any old way. Prayer is love and what is given to you is a gift of love. Only love is capable of giving life. From the beginning of the world up to the end, only love has been and will be the fount of life.

I give you my love, children, with this Heart of mine which beats in unison with that of Mary's and which started for every blow and for every human misery. Love my Mother and may Heaven bless you!

THE EXAMPLE OF THE HOLY BISHOP AMBROSE

December 6, 1975

Beloved children, may you be welcomed in the house of my Mother and may you be blessed for those prayers which with so much fervour you elevate to Heaven and which in these days you will raise up still. You sow the cities and the streets with roses while in the world sins and disorder are sown.

May you be blessed and may you will to grow more and more in the faith.

May the example of the holy bishop Ambrose, who strongly combated the errors and evil of his time, be to you a stimulus.

Defend your faith. Let the twelve articles of the Creed be truly the codes to which you give a complete loyalty.

By denying even one only of these truths one becomes a heretic.

Learn to meditate upon the truths of the Creed and live them out. In that way you will honour my Mother and you will prepare yourselves to celebrate the greatest feast in her honour.

Defend your faith from those who with too much ease transform the dogmas to their taste and liking. Do so that your conduct mirrors your faith in everything.

May that communion of saints in which you believe teach you to love everybody and to look out for what could harm your neighbour. And may the hope in the eternal life give you courage to bear all those crosses that accompany the life of each one.

May peace be in your hearts so that you are able to spread peace everywhere.

A Christian that does not learn to make peace in the place where he lives does not deserve the name of Christian.

Children, love one another and help one another always and in everything. I bless your intentions and I will grant you no ordinary graces.

CALL EVERYONE BACK TO MY HEART

December 11, 1975

Beloved children, I am with you. I am Jesus of Nazareth, prophet, man, priest, Son of God. In this last appellative you can summarize everything: light, wisdom, goodness, justice and mercy.

I desire to draw to Me and to save all men. My salvific mission, begun after the fall of your progenitors, was realised with my passion and death, whose effects extended themselves beyond all time to include also those just ones who had lived on earth before my birth in the expectation of the promise of God. It continues and will continue to be fulfilled in the world through the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and the sacraments which, giving grace to men, allow souls to purify themselves and to insert themselves into my Mystical Body which is the Church.

The passion continues and salvation is realised, but, just as in the Old Testament there were the prophets who announced salvation, so today there are those who, reawakening faith in Me and in the divine truths, invite souls to have recourse to the means of redemption and salvation.

My invitation today is addressed to all of you who wish to propagate good, to live Christianly and lead others to conversion. Therefore I say insistently:

be prophets! Who are these if not the announcers of the Kingdom of God? Well then, you be it also.

The word of God, which resounds in an easy way and which penetrates your mind and heart, must not be a dead letter. You must be like John the voice that cries in the desert. The world is the great desert where men die of thirst and hunger. You have the possibility to proclaim the word of God which is like pure spring water and it is tasty and nutritious spiritual bread. Announce it and let your words descend like precious dew to water the little plants withered and burnt by the sun of the passions.

Be prophets who announce salvation. Do not extinguish the smouldering wicks, nor break the sagging reeds.

If you all have need of help and comfort, those who are far from God because of sin or because temptations have gained the upper hand, all the more reason need it.

Call everyone back to my Heart and say that I am the Doctor of souls, that I desire to console by healing. Did I not perhaps say to you: "*Come to Me all you who are tired and oppressed and I will refresh you* (Mt 11:28)"?

But why do men not understand Me? The moral and spiritual problems can be resolved only with faith and the problems that concern work, progress and wellbeing can also be resolved by applying those moral principles that religion gives, because it alone teaches to overcome selfishness and selfinterest and to surpass that mediocrity to which laziness and indolence leads.

Children, I want you all to be announcers of truth. First of all by example. John in the desert preached penance, but he first practiced it. So, I can say of every other virtue.

It was said of Me that I began by doing and only afterwards to teach; in fact I spent thirty years in obedience and in assiduous work before commencing that public life in which I had to make known to men my announcement of salvation.

In this way you'll commence to do and your prophesying will then be efficacious.

For that which concerns the content of your prophecies, do not preach anything else beside my Gospel: it is the book of all times. Even the teachings that are given to you here are only explanations of it, that every mind can understand.

The Gospel is based on charity. Some confuse charity with alms. In reality charity is love: in the world everyone needs others. Everyone can say of himself: "I am poor amongst the poor" and not disdain receiving help from others.

Be prophets of God, announce to men his infinite mercy, but remind everyone that beyond this life which ends quickly, another life begins and there the justice of God will be manifested in its greatness rewarding the good and chastising the bad.

Remember, children, that God is not a despot nor is He like men subject to mood swings. You cannot express the sentiments of God but with human words.

God wants everyone good: spread goodness. He wants for his light to illuminate your minds: spread truth. He wants for his infinite mercy to be believed: therefore be merciful, so that in seeing you others can believe.

I accompany you on your prophetic mission. If you listen to Me everyone will benefit by it, since I will give the grace and light according to the needs and the field of work.

When John spoke in the desert, few people listened to him, but from one person to the next the word got around and called the crowds.

In this way from the family to society, to the Church, good is spread and grows bigger to the glory of God and for the good of all.

I bless you, children.

THE FAITHFULNESS PROMISED

December 16, 1975

My children, I am Jesus, your Teacher. Today I desire to direct a warning that is valid for those couples that do not know how and do not want to keep themselves mutually faithful, creating disorder, desolation and sin.

The commandment of God: "You shall not say falsehood (Ex 20:16)" reminds you how binding that oath is which the spouses make before the altar of the Lord. Every oath, made in the name of God, calls Him as witness to a promise that one is obliged to respect.

In matrimony this oath comprises love, faithfulness and mutual help. The oath binds the man to love the woman like I love the Church.

I founded the Church and I wanted it without stain and wrinkle, but you see now how torn and suffering it is. Well then, the man must love the bride even if he becomes aware of defects in her, which on the other hand are common to all creatures, just as I continue to love the Church in spite of the betrayals, the errors and the imperfections of its members. The oath binds one to love in a complete way and forever up to the point that one spouse can become adulterous even solely by desiring another person.

When the demon enters into the heart of a spouse, he burns him with the fire of the passions and upsets the mind, so that it becomes very difficult to see right. Faith is weakened, love of prayer is lost and the thought of God no longer surfaces to the mind to induce it to reflection. The children then are those who pay the penalty of a disordered situation, since their innocent games or problems no longer attract, but they become unbearable and even hateful, so as to desire not seeing them.

Faithfulness, which in matrimony, by the will of God, can never be lacking, is considered an irrational fear and in pleasure and in the variety of loves are sought the satisfaction of the senses and the joy of living.

It is all a ruin.

The good who endure these affronts suffer and do without any enthusiasm those family duties that ought to bring to the members of the family wellbeing and happiness.

Egoism, sadness and misery are the fruits of those divisions which are real, even if the living together goes on, because the parents treat each other like enemies and treat the children solely like a burden or like intruders.

What can be done to heal these wounds which, with families, ruin society?

First of all it is necessary to believe that God can and wants to help his children.

It is necessary to have thoughts of peace and a desire to forget in the most complete way the infidelities endured in order to take remedial action and heal those break-ups that could become definite.

Generally everyone has some defect which they have to accuse and correct themselves of, whereby recognising them can be a great help.

Every means must be attempted to call back the unfaithful spouse, but above all firmness and charity is needed.

Firmness in recalling the sacred oath made to God before the altar, charity in understanding the other's weakness in meeting halfway and helping the unfaithful spouse to raise himself up.

SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD

December 18, 1975

Beloved children, I am amongst you, I pray with you and for all of you.

I am Jesus, infinite mercy. Our prayer is addressed to the Father in favour of all humanity. I desire that every day you put this intention: that men may understand the values of the spirit and learn to live thinking of Heaven more than earth.

Materialism, which overvalues the wellbeing of the body, health, riches, honour, prestige, is to be condemned and cannot give men a true satisfaction. The spiritual values derive from the soul, from grace and only they can give peace, security and lastly salvation.

Peace, in fact, is fruit of a spiritual order whereby man, by obeying the Law of God, feels that tranquillity of conscience that has nothing to envy from human successes.

The Law then, for whoever loves God, is never a burden: whoever is in the service of a similar king does not feel the burden because of the pleasure that this service procures him and for the honour whereby he is called to do the most demanding work. When I came into the world I did not come to destroy but to perfect the Law and I made love its soul.

Observing the Commandments is for the faithful servant a joy.

You are all called to be such and you are bound in a particular way to spread peace, fruit of the observance of the Commandments. Peace is also in the moderation of desires. Not of those aspirations that aim at the realization of the Kingdom of God whereby the desires are more extensive and the merit much greater, but of those that turn you into the eternal dissatisfied, so that you desire to add, in earthly things, goal after goal. Here is the need to say that whoever has no desires is happier, since contenting himself with little he has no worries that torment his mind and heart.

If you wish to live in peace, the two teachings that I've given you can be enough for you. However, do not confuse peace with quietism. No, since it is my desire that you perfect yourselves in everything. Instead, exclude those ambitions that are not in agreement with the poverty of spirit so much lived and praised by Me.

But there is also an important consequence in the search for spiritual goods. It is that sense of security that can be mastery of self and exclusion of doubt. The insecurity that many have of everything is generated sometimes from wanting to be self-sufficient, whereby one does not feel neither the duty nor the need to rely on others whether for spiritual or moral help. Sometimes however, it is a real diabolical temptation that undervalues the faith and the help of God. Doubt is like a weakness that interrupts life. Whoever is in doubt is like groping in the dark or like one that staggers and is always about to fall. The security in what you believe gives you serenity and trust, it gives you the strength to continue and accept life in its reality with its highs and lows and with its difficulties.

When a soul, in spite of temptations, makes its acts of faith, it encounters straight away the benevolence of God which comes to dissipate the shadows with its light.

I cannot hide from you, in preparation for Christmas, the atrocious doubt that tormented the mind of Joseph. He was a just man, he lived by faith, he observed the Law, and God sent an angel to dissipate his apprehensions. That's how it has to happen to you when some uncertainty comes to disturb your trust; continue your life of good Christians and be certain that, while in this trial your faith is strengthened, you will become holier. The salvation of the soul is the point of arrival.

There are men who fight each other to obtain results in their doing even at the cost of crushing their neighbour. Notice how in workplaces, in the office or in the exercise of a profession abuse often prevails. Competition or contest is argued, but in substance, many times it is the imposition of arrogance on the timid, the needy, the meek. The salvation of the soul is the most important contest to be won, in which whoever learns to carry the cross and follow my footsteps arrives first.

It is great to spread these principles and practice them. Peace, security and salvation become for everyone a joy and a conquest.

I bless you, children, and I protest to you my love without measure. Seek the Kingdom of God and the rest will be given you.

SEE ME IN CHILDREN

December 30, 1975

My children, I am amongst you. I am the Child Jesus. I open my little arms to you and I invite you to come close to Me to draw from my example those virtues that must define you in the Church and in the world.

Yes, come, I call everyone and through my Mother to you I reveal many secrets as one day she revealed them to the shepherds who came to the cave to see Me and bring Me their gifts. You come also with these desires: to see Me and to bring Me your gifts. I show myself to whoever desires it. I show myself in a way a little extraordinary, not to the eyes of the body but to those of the mind and by means of faith. The wax or plaster image is nothing but a sign of that divine presence that those who seek Me and love Me learn to guess.

What good is it to find a child if it were not to speak and express its thoughts and desires to you? A baby is always lovely and it is hard not to grant its requests. When however this child is God, who would want to deny Him what He insistently asks?

I ask you for your heart, I ask you to love Me, to defend Me from the wicked who threaten my life. I ask you to be for Me my adoptive mothers, fathers, shepherds. I need you. My humanity must be helped and protected by you, since my presence is multiplied as much as there are children in the world.

New Herods, under the guise of unconscionable men or heartless women, threaten to destroy the tender bodies of babies that have not asked to come into the world, but through the will of God have received life.

Scandalous people do not hesitate to destroy with the flower of innocence the best that the child possesses, faith and grace.

Diabolical people are not ashamed, rather they enjoy, to teach their children to blaspheme and sin.

So I suffer for it. I suffer in the Church and in the world. I suffer persecution and ignominy as one time in the cave and still more on Calvary and on the Cross. My open arms are an invocation so that how many are still possible to be saved are saved.

It is painful to know that the children of other lands, of underdeveloped peoples die of hunger and privations and all that you do for them is pleasing to Me; but what are you doing for those babies that are left to die under the dominion of the prince of this world?

It is painful that so many babies, that form my delight, are prevented from knowing Me through a correct religious education and are brought up in a practical and theoretical materialism that cannot reserve for them any true joy neither in this life nor in the next.

Come, my brothers and children, save the divine life in these children to whom I wish to give with my spiritual gifts, true happiness. Be present in those organizations in which society is structured: bring with your testimony the light of my word. Don't wait to see an atheistic youth develop, deprived of values and incapable of great ideals. If your children receive erroneous teachings in schools, learn to intervene and condemn them. Be courageous, defend Me in your children. Instil those truths that are eternal and of which not even one syllable will be lost. Say to your children that God exists and that, if for a time He took on human nature, He did it to teach everybody how one must live.

A life well spent is worth an eternal paradise. A life badly spent is the anticipated acceptance of an eternal condemnation.

I teach you humility. The world is based on pride, on ambition, on power which generates arrogance: I invite you to goodness, simplicity, poverty and to submission.

Who will come out victor in this battle in which the forces of evil must at times get the upper hand? My Kingdom, children, and you, if you are with Me, if you pray and exercise those virtues

The shepherds gave Me what their hearts suggested to them. You give Me yourselves, all that you possess, intelligence, speech, work and above all the heart, which, the greater it is, the more it is able to understand and make the necessities of others its own and correct mistaken situations.

I desire to enter into all families to be among you when you gather to pray, I wish to be with you to defend you from dangers and to teach you to practice all the virtues, especially charity.

I bless from now on your family and the persons whom you entrust to my protection as the Child omnipotent.

I desire that at my cradle come to court, together with the angels, also those angels in flesh and blood who are innocent babies: to them I will give special help.

With my Mother and St. Joseph I bless you wishing you every good and much holiness.

FOREVER WITH YOU

January 8, 1976

Beloved children, here I am, I am Jesus of Nazareth amongst you to gather up your prayers with which you intend to repair the many sins that are committed and especially the sacrileges against the most Holy Eucharist and you wish to intercede for graces of light for the whole world.

I bless your intentions. By instituting the Eucharist I foresaw also the outrages that along the centuries would have made Me suffer, nevertheless my love and my desire for salvation did not lessen: one could say almost that the thought of your love and your reparations encouraged my desire of giving.

When I found myself in the desert with thousands of hungry people, yes for the word of God but also for food, I managed, with only five loaves and two fish, for them all to be filled and in addition twelve baskets of fragments were left over. In that multiplication you are able to read what happens every day on the altars of the world: though remaining one, my Body, my Blood, my Soul and my Divinity under the appearance of bread is multiplied. I would like for the same care that was had in gathering also the leftovers of the miraculously multiplied loaves, to be had in regards to the most Holy Eucharist.

The force of habit, the lack of faith and love and too much permissiveness render possible that lack of respect which at times becomes sacrilege.

Let not your reparation stop here but let it turn into communions made well and into those external attitudes of faith and seriousness that always manage to edify.

Just as you would not let a child fall from the arms of its own mother, so it must be important to you that the Eucharist not become an object of scorn or carelessness on the part of those who, in as much Christians, are part of the same Mystical Body of mine.

The Eucharist is the greatest gift of love that I was able to give you. It is a gift that the angels envy you for and which the saints of the Old Testament were not able to taste, even if it was prefigured. Even my good foster father, St. Joseph was not able to receive Me in Holy Communion, even though just and of upright life.

You have this fortune of being able, everyday even, of uniting yourselves with Me and making Me live in you: appreciate this gift and make it respected and valued.

When the parents leave an inheritance, the children enjoy it, but at times abuse it: riches found as by magic often change the thoughts and habits of the children that use them to live evilly.

I have left you my life, I have willed to remain with you so that your strength would never fail. I have willed to be in the Tabernacle to be your Cyrenean, your friend and brother. Learn to believe in this Real Presence and learn to consider Me not a thing, but a living being.

When the children lose the father, in the long run the memory of what they received from him fades away. I have not left you: the memorial of my Passion and Death makes Me a living and working presence in your mind and in your hearts. I hid myself under the species of bread and wine to indicate to you that, just as these two foods are necessary for the physical life, so the Eucharist is necessary to maintain your spiritual life.

I would like to make everyone understand this great truth: I am with you and I will be with you till the end of the ages! And yet my children are many who forget Me, reject Me, trample Me and blaspheme Me.

Yes, children, repair and if you truly love Me, add some sacrifice to prayer and the holy communions. I put out my hands to you. I am your Beggar of love and I repeat to you just as to the apostles and to the disciples: "Go throughout the world and announce my Gospel to every creature (Mk 16:15)."

The reality of my Eucharistic presence is written in the Gospel: "*This is my Body, this is my Blood* (Mk 14:22, 24)", I said to you. These words are still said by the priest in the Mass and even if he were unworthy I do come down on the altar and I immolate myself mystically and I offer myself to the Father.

How would this world full of sin be able to stand if I weren't there, as mediator, to intercede for mercy? *"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do* (Lk 23:34)", I repeat at every Mass.

If you are able to have trust and hope, if you are able to believe in mercy and have the certainty that the Father will not want to put his justice into action yet, it is due to my living, true, imploring presence in the world today, just as on Calvary.

Value the Mass, offer reparatory Masses, unite yourselves with Me. At least may the good unite with Me: they will receive my recognition and will hold back the grave evils of the world.

Go and preach: teach by word and example, always fortified with that divine grace which unites you to Me.

In the name of the most Holy Trinity I bless you!

DIFFERENT ROADS TO SANCTITY

January 13, 1976

Beloved children, peace be to you! I am Jesus, Son of God, amongst you to increase your faith and help you to grow in sanctity. You see well how quickly the days go by, the months and years of your life and how necessary it is to progress in virtue and do good.

In fact, this is the only period of trial reserved to you. There is no possibility of reincarnation, therefore you cannot defer to another life your spiritual improvement. You have available the day that is about to be born to decide to do the will of the Father, which is that you be perfect like Him, that is, that you sanctify every day, rendering it pleasing to Him in the fulfilment of your duties with which you glorify Him. Every loss of time is wasting a gift. Using the speech, the sight, the touch, the taste badly is wasting gifts.

Your life must be a continual ascent towards Him who from all eternity awaits you to be your reward and your joy. Therefore, it must mark a progressive detachment from what is earthly to you and distances you from God and fill itself gradually with the divine and the infinite since souls, created for God, in Him find peace, joy and happiness.

You must in one word sanctify yourselves as and in the measure requested to you by the Father. There are those who sanctify themselves in physical, moral and spiritual sorrow, and the sorrow must be seen then as a means of personal and collective purification.

There are those who can sanctify themselves with a life of intense apostleship, with all the difficulties that it presents.

There are those who, in the simplicity of daily duties, can and must perfect themselves making of the little family world the place in which with sacrifice, good example and prayer they bring forward a discourse of truth and faith and keep and guard the flame of love.

There are those who must sanctify themselves by widening more and more their viewpoints to suffocate their own egoism and give themselves to others and there are those who must content themselves with a more limited action based almost exclusively on prayer.

The greatest thing that I must be able to say of you is that which the evangelists referred to Me: *"He passed by doing good and He did everything well* (Mk 7:37)." This programme would be enough to sanctify your life. Doing good and doing it well. This is my invitation and my command.

Prayer is like the oxygen of your soul, especially if understood as participation to the divine Mysteries and as reflection or meditation. Prayer is to be done well. Praying is not a joke and it must not be a sound of conflicting voices, but a harmony that rises from the heart. The action is done conscientiously and well.

How much time lost for the poor precision in the fulfilment of those duties that require attention and love. Even humanly the good done well brings no ordinary advantages, which if then the thought of the presence of God accompanies you, how much glory will be reserved for you for all those labours that seem purely human.

Learning to love in the way willed by God is much greater and more perfect that can exist. You see souls in the light of God and you think how much they cost Me and how much I desire to see them united to form the reason for my joy and conquest. All the souls past, present and those that will have life from God in the future are the pearls of my royal crown. It is souls that form my attraction. I did not spare any sorrow that they would all understand the infinite love that I carry for each one of them.

Well then, to the care of each one of you are entrusted, like flowers in a flower bed, the souls that surround you. In this way your love for them must be sanctified from that similarity of love with which I look at these souls.

Are they in sin, unfaithful, rebellious, evil? As I love, you also must love. You must love in order to please Me, to love the souls redeemed by my Blood, destined for Paradise!

Will they be saved? Will they be converted? Yes, if you truly learn to love them and if under a skin of evil you learn to see my good, that good which not even the most hardened sinners are deprived of.

In this way the days will pass by and it will be for you like a climbing the ladder of perfection to arrive at the destination. Time passes on, a new year, that can be the last, must urge your will so that nothing gets lost.

Children, I bless you all saying to you once again: be holy! Let priests sanctify themselves with their spiritual children. Mothers and the fathers with their families, children with the parents. Let everyone grow in sanctity, for that unmistakable note which characterizes the Church may be manifest to all.

The world is transformed in this way, by your transformation and perfection.

Bring to your parishes, to your institutions and to your families the fragrance of holiness that I myself, Son of the living God, can communicate to you.

MY PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

January 15, 1976

Beloved children, here I am with you! How pleasing to Me is the reparation that you offer Me for the many sins that are committed.

You become like living lamps which burning before my Heart give Me comfort and joy.

Everyone of you has some cross to carry and I promise you that, in the measure with which you will give Me reparation, I will render light your cross. I will not deprive you of sorrow and suffering, just as you will not

succeed in preventing the evil, but I will sweeten the suffering and you will learn to love it and to see in it a sign of my mercy and my friendship.

Yes, children, the allowing that you suffer and the giving value to your suffering is a stroke of the mercy of God. In fact, your sorrows united to mine have a redemptive, salvific value: it is being chosen as my collaborators in the sacrifice of the Cross. It is hard to understand that the Cross is a sign of your friendship with Me. And yet, if you think that even human affection at times requires to be testified with sorrow, you understand the reality of my words.

In reminding you of how your reparation must be, I desire to show you in how many ways I make myself present in the world, that you may understand how my presence is made a sign of outrage.

When I said to Peter: "Simon, you are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church (Mt 16:18)", I was announcing a great truth, and when I said to him: "I will be with you until the end of the ages (Mt 28:20)", I was asserting that my presence in the Church would never fail and that the Pope would have represented Me.

Whoever despises, insults, disobeys the Pope, offends Me in his person. Humanly the Pope is the neighbour of everyone and the duty of charity, before anything else, must concern him. In respect to the Church then, he is the father and an offence made to him in a particular way concerns the fourth commandment. If one offends the Pope as my beloved son, truly the pupil of my eye is touched and the sin assumes the character of a blasphemy that directly offends the heart of God.

When I invited you to form a holy militia to help and defend the Pontiff, I was asking for reparation for the sins that men were directing to Me, present on earth in the person of the Pope.

I am present in the world also in another way. I said one day: "*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life* (Jn 14:6)." Truth is my word which is mixed with my same person, I being the Word, that is the Word made flesh.

Whoever changes my words, whoever twists the truth, whoever sows error, offends my person. These sins also need repairing. You have to be heralds of truth, always disposed to announce it even when the truth hurts.

Why did the Pharisees hate Me so much during my mortal life? Why were the prophets of the Old Testament up to John ill-treated and martyred? Because truth can wound self love, generating in this way rancour and hatred.

I am the Truth and you must follow Me announcing it even if it can be inconvenient for whoever does evil. Let your speech be "Yes, yes, no, no (Mt 5:37)", according to my invitation. Sincerity is a way of announcing my word and of guarding my presence. Therefore, children, be vigilant: error must not make headway. Accepting error is equivalent to tearing my Body to pieces. It is to make Me suffer.

Love my word and spread it: it is light, strength, love and life.

Error is darkness, mud, destruction and ruin.

Finally, children, remember that I am present in another great and marvellous way: I am present in souls. In those that possess grace, in a radiant and operative way; in those who live in mortal sin, in a suffering and sorrowful way. But souls are my dwelling.

I love the souls of all men and whoever with his own life, with the prolonged offering of his own cross and with prayer, helps Me to move the heart of sinners, deserves and certainly has my gratitude.

Do you wish to have graces and favours? Look at my Heart. Go along with it in this hunger and thirst for souls and I will be obliged to hear you in everything. Ask Me for the conversion of sinners. I am the father who from the top of the tower awaits the return of the prodigal son. I am he who seated beside the well of Sychar awaits the more and more numerous Samaritans. I am the Good Shepherd and the Samaritan who welcomes the wounded in soul to heal them again.

My children, when you look at the Tabernacle and you see the little door closed, consider that my Heart is open to welcome everyone.

When you consider the Pope, know that I am with him.

When I announce my word to you, see Me in the midst of you, and if you consider the men that inhabit the earth, know that I desire to have in each one a radiant presence and to live with everyone that life which will continue in Heaven.

I am Jesus, eternal Word of the Father, your friend and saviour.

PRESENT IN THE SORROW OF MAN

January 22, 1976

Beloved children, I am here with you. I am Jesus, your Redeemer. Today I want to speak to you about my redemptive presence in the world. I have told you of being present in the person of the Pope, in the divine word and in souls, but I do not want to keep quiet to you about my presence in the sorrow of man.

Already in the Holy Mass the sacrifice of Calvary is constantly renewed and I suffer in it mystically, but really, all the sorrows of the passion: to men I ask their contribution to bring salvation to souls.

In the mystical Body, of which they belong, besides the Catholic Church, all the churches that live in the love of God and neighbour, there is really this possibility to contribute to the redemptive action of God through sorrow.

How I would like to make you understand the value of human suffering as a completion of my Passion! Many times in hospitals or in homes where the infirm groan you find discontent and often desperation. Pain is looked upon as a chastisement and they would like to eliminate it from the face of the earth. That is humanly understandable, but I would like that you made the effort to understand that if it were so it would not have been worth the while to show you by example the value of suffering. It is true that from the beginning of the world God would have wanted happiness for everyone, but with sin entered sickness, pain and death.

I was sent by the Father to repair and I was able to do it since before being the Man of Sorrows, I was loaded down with the sins of all humanity.

But meanwhile one continually sins and one continually needs to repair. Every soul ought to feel in himself a certain responsibility for the sins of everyone and accept therefore, a part of the suffering.

If the good that is done in a place has the power and the force to expand itself so as to reach the furthest regions, likewise evil with great force communicates and dilates itself. If from a personal good everyone can rejoice, from evil, common must be the suffering.

If for every even little suffering you learn to say your thanks and you feel worthy of it and learn to offer it up to the Father as reparation, certainly a spiritual benefit will come from it to very many souls.

How you ought to take in this lesson and make it yours, so as to change into means of penance all those evils that afflict you in mind, heart and body! If you learn to live like this, it will be very easy for you to say words of comfort to those who suffer.

When moral sorrows strike a family and particularly the parents, one thinks of taking remedial action straight away and priests and laity are interrogated to obtain help. How much more useful would a quiet offering of one's own suffering be for the salvation of souls.

When in adversities, in misunderstandings and in the difficulties of life barriers for the good that one wishes to do are found, how useful would a silent offering of one's own sorrow be to confirm the desires of good and render them efficacious. When a physical or spiritual evil arrives as a consequence of an error committed, how more useful it is to acknowledge oneself guilty and to repair with much humility to obtain those virtues that perhaps you lack.

In this way, in social relations the evil suffered, the orders of the superiors accepted, offered up for the healing of society, how many fruits of grace would they bring to everyone. It is true, there are the intractable, the rebellious, but there are also those who in good faith suffer the ideas of others and let themselves be lead to evil.

Suffering offered up and borne with serenity is like a precious life chain that you cast and which attracts souls.

Certainly it seems many times strange to you that the Lord, God of goodness and mercy, permits so many cataclysms and so many disasters in the world.

In fact there are many who with ease assert that if God existed and were truly good, He would prevent the grave evils that afflict his creatures.

God does not wish affliction, my children, but He does not want sin either, and if man persists in it, the consequence also persists. However, it happens that many times the good pay for the wicked.

I was innocence personified, my Mother full of grace, the saints gave the example of fortitude, faith, goodness and we were all subjected to sorrow.

The just man is he who can pay; but what can the sufferings of the earth ever be in comparison to the reward prepared for the elect of Heaven? I would like for all of you to feel yourselves guilty of all the sins of the world, so as to admire and thank the divine justice even when you feel struck.

Children, my word must generate joy and peace in you and these fruits of God's grace you must communicate to others so that in the world there may be less desperation.

The hospitals that you call houses of suffering must be houses of love.

Your homes must be like a nest in which all those who are a part of it, in reciprocal care may find help in every necessity.

I call you my collaborators, my heralds and I bless you saying to you: Love the Cross, the sign of salvation.

I bless you, children, I embrace you and I clasp you to my Heart.

MY FACE IN YOUR FELLOW MAN

January 29, 1976

Beloved children, peace be with you now and always! I am present in this place and I bless your thoughts and desires and I give you the go-ahead to your good works that they be worthy of God and merit a reward.

I am your Jesus, brother, friend, father, bridegroom of your souls. How joyful it is to be together, to form a beautiful unity and all love each other, to love others like you love yourselves. It is my great desire that I expressed to you on the vigil of my Passion: That you be united to Me like I am united to the Father and that amongst you may not exist divisions of any sort.

Before my Ascension to Heaven I promised the apostles of not leaving them orphans and this promise continues and will continue right up to the end of time. I am with you with a living and true presence in the Holy Eucharist. I am present by means of my Gospel and by means of grace. I am present in souls and I am present in every human person that walks on the face of the earth.

And how come I, Son of the living God, willed to make myself one of you? Why did I will to assume your same human nature? Because each one could see Me in their own fellow man. You must see my face in the face of each one. When you meet with people in the streets unknown to you, you can give them a name: Jesus.

When Paul, then Saul, was persecuting the Christians, he was called by Me so: *"Saul, why do you persecute Me* (Acts 9:4)?". In reality I was and am present in everyone, therefore the good that you do to one of my brethren you do it to Me and the evil that you do to them causes Me great sorrow.

If this thought is not enough to arouse in your heart thoughts of goodness and mercy, know that, if there were someone whom you do not wish well, just he will enjoy my predilection and you will be unable to please Me if not by loving that person for whom I immolated myself on the Cross.

How great it is to see generous souls who forgetting the evil received, trying to do good to, helping and blessing those very same persons who procured it to them!

How much peace, how much joy, how much serenity is derived from rendering good for evil!

Even in speaking you can do the good actions of which I spoke to you about if you learn to highlight the virtues of others and forget the defects. Each one can and must be my portrait. He must have my features impressed.

If however, sin is not taken away, the features of my face remain as if obscured. It is as if a veil were to conceal my beauty.

It is therefore necessary to watch attentively that the work of God is not ruined and what you do with yourselves you are able to do it with others.

An artist would not succeed in bringing a work to perfection if he were not master of himself and did not exercise patience to a heroic degree.

My face present in your fellow man requires your help so that, freed from the impurities that cover it, it may be able to show off its splendour. Goodness, patience and desire of other peoples good must be your weapons to succeed in bringing your task, your mission to a conclusion.

Parents ought to be like this and in particular the mothers towards their children. So to each other between friends, relatives and acquaintances. So you can desire doing with everyone.

There is however a difficulty that I wish to smooth out for you. Unfortunately in the world all are brought to see the defects of others and not their own and many times your same imperfections diminish the beauty of my features.

What must you do?

The same work of correction that you do towards others, you must patiently bear that others do towards you.

So, if you are advised of defects, you must be grateful and accept the admonishments as if they came from Heaven.

This exercise of humility will be very pleasing to God who will intervene to bring and maintain peace between you all.

The most important thing is learning to notice my face and love each other reciprocally like you would love Me.

There are some persons who in a special way resemble Me: the poor, the sick, the children. To these three categories of persons I beg you to turn your thoughts with a particular diligence.

I loved poverty which I willed as companion of my mortal life and I loved those who, detached from everything and everyone, chose Me as teacher, but I still love today all those who serenely accept not possessing riches and being deprived of what is theirs. I love those who seek the Kingdom of God more than the things of the world and they resemble Me.

Even the sick had my predilections and I cured them in body so that they would be able to grow in the love of God.

This I desire that it may become your aspiration: to approach the sick, that you be able to uncover before their eyes the quality of having this resemblance with Me on the Cross and so that they are able to enjoy my company. Lastly I remind you of the children who with their innocence reflect the beauty of the face of God.

Bring them close to Me, speak to them every day about Me. When the struggles of the world will try their faith, let them be found prepared.

That my face does not become spoiled in them pray, pray!

Do not let yourselves be frightened by false preconceived ideas. Scandal kills them. You preserve them and help them, they are mine.

I bless you, children!

I LIVE AND WORK IN YOU

February 5, 1976

My children, I am Jesus amongst you. I desire to restore your faith so that you may give witness to Me better and better in the world.

Your work is needed urgently, but even more urgently that you become holy because holiness is a sure index of my presence always operating in the world. Who is God if not the Holy of holies?

And how can men believe in God if they do not see the followers of his Son tend to holiness, acquire it and live it?

From since the world exists there were men who, called by God to special missions, were enriched with grace and corresponded to it by the practice of a life of perfection.

There were prophets and saints who, even if they fell into grave sins, then bitterly wept over them and repented, demonstrating in this way of believing in God.

In the fullness of time, having come into the world, I gave myself to my followers as a model of life: the apostles and the disciples imitated Me; and after them, there were many who, along the centuries, bore witness to Me by the sanctity of their lives made of heroism and by a holy death.

All my children are called to continue and to demonstrate my presence in the world by putting into practice the Commandments and accepting the truths of the faith, ready for the sacrifice of their life and hoping in the future life, the true life that will last eternally.

Therefore, faith, hope and charity is indispensable as a means to sanctify oneself and to resemble not only Me, but also that host of saints, whose imitation is proposed to you.

When therefore, you are taken by the desire to do something that is liked by God and you ask yourselves with a certain anxiety: "What will Jesus want

from Me?", here's the answer I give you: "Show that I live and work in the world and in you by means of your sanctity." If then you wish to verify it, see at what point you are in the practice of those theological virtues, on which, even in an heroic way you must base your life.

An heroic faith will make you believe even when all seems to fall around you, when health, wellbeing and interest are failing. You will learn to say: "*I believe in the goodness of God and in his providence*", even when not only the superfluous were to be lacking to you, but also the necessary.

"*I believe in the mercy of God*", also when the weakness of your flesh or the dangers that surround you should make you fall.

"I believe all that Jesus teaches through the Church", even if on the part of those who ought to teach good were to come evil examples.

"I believe that God does not want evil, and that it is man who, using his liberty, commits it and therefore, I cannot and do not want to attribute to God that which is only a fruit of human and diabolical wickedness."

That's how from these acts of faith, which can become heroic, follow the intentions that are the actuation of charity. Then you will become capable of saying: "Lord, I love you even if everything goes wrong for me. I love you even if people persecute me, even if the most disparate misfortunes sweep down on my home, even if I am surrounded by people who curse and blaspheme you. I love you and I want to observe your Law, from the first to the last Commandment. I want to honour you as the one and true God. I do not want to say your name ever in vain and to combat blasphemy. I want to observe the Sunday precept and recognize the right that you have of having a day reserved for yourself.

I want to dedicate to my next door neighbour, parents, children, relatives, all my cares and my affections. I do not want to take away from anyone theirs, but to be just with everyone, and I do not even want in any way to take away the grace of the soul with the sin of scandal and with those means that are often exposed as diabolical instruments.

To each their own: respecting that is, in all things they possess, the bonds they have contracted and the grace that is in them."

Children, I've made you review rapidly that moral law which is necessary to observe in order to be in the love of God and neighbour and to be saints.

Finally, I wish to remind you how Christian hope is not compatible with those materialistic concepts that affirm that everything ends in two metres of earth, deny the immortality of the soul and God who has created it beautiful, spiritual and immortal. You know that another life awaits you beyond this one! Children, let faith, hope and charity be your badge, the practical demonstration of your holiness. Only if you will be holy will you be witnesses of which I will never have to be ashamed, neither while you live, nor before the Father to whom I will present you as my conquest.

To whoever departs for a day of prayer and recollection, my special blessing. Remember that it will not be what you feel that will transform you, but my grace, of which you will seek to amply stock up with in order to be able to exercise virtue.

To all my embrace and an affectionate goodbye.

BE INSTRUMENTS OF SALVATION

February 6, 1976

Children so dear to Me, peace be to you! Here I am amongst you, I am Jesus the Saviour. I am here living and real and my most sweet Mother is with Me. This is how the peace that you have in your hearts is explained and the fact that your prayer assumes a very special importance: it, accompanied and confirmed by ours, becomes really efficacious and serves to repair the evil that exists in the world, in souls and even in my Church.

If I have called you here in preference to others, it is because I had need of this prayer made with a great spirit of love. I have called you to inflame you with love even more and so that you may be able to, in the world that surrounds you, returning to your homes, awaken the sleeping, shake the indifferent and the apathetic and give a hand to those who lie on the road of life waiting for someone to help them.

I need you and, while I pour into your hearts the precious treasures enclosed in mine, I beg you not to be greedy, but to transform them in aid of the brethren.

When a soul comes close to Me desirous of pleasing Me, I become tender towards it and I conquer it with my caresses; then, little by little as it grows in love, the desire to resemble Me matures in the soul. Then it notices that it cannot seek only consolations, but that it must make itself similar to Me above all in generosity and also in sorrow.

You are here to draw from my Heart these virtues: generosity and love for suffering. You are no longer little children who ask only for sweets. You have been following Me for years. I have seen your spiritual progress, but there is always room for improvement.

You cannot ascend the mountain of perfection in one moment and not even in one day. You must not marvel therefore, if, after many lessons, at times you let yourselves be beaten by moral tiredness, by boredom, by doubt and by impatience towards yourselves and others.

This time of reflection aims to strengthen you, to give you a certain equilibrium, a certain stability, so that I may be able to say to you as to my apostles: "Go and do good everywhere." You have some arms for yourselves and you have some efficacious means for everyone: use them, and do so that at the end of your day, that is at the end of your life, I may be able to say about you what the evangelists said about Me: "He did everything well and passed by doing only good (Mk 7:37)."

Your days are usually full of actions that are as good as works of mercy: do so that it be I myself who does them in you. This is the unbeatable weapon which transforms everything in the eyes of God: grace, children! What strength, what power does grace have! It is a fire that destroys a sinful past and makes one live again, to be reborn and it carries in you a lifeblood, it carries the Lord, God of Heaven and earth, master of the world. And God, which the heavens cannot contain, chooses to live in your heart as a sweet guest and makes you live his life.

When the sun shines and sends its rays on the glass windows of your house, you see its rays and its light reproduce and multiply themselves. Sometimes those reflections are so powerful that you are unable to distinguish them from the sun itself.

Children, grow in grace and keep it, so that the action of God in you may by so evident as to become like a powerful magnet or a mysterious light that leads souls to Him. Be therefore, instruments of salvation. Through grace let your thoughts be purified, let your words carry a stamp of sweetness, let your affections be so sincere as to make you desire that all hearts be united in Me and with Me.

Children, grace is like a delicate and gentle flower that you must guard and defend.

There were saints who from a most tender age understood its worth and they promised never to lose it at the cost of great sacrifices.

This I ask also from you, and while I assure you help and assistance I promise you that, in the measure in which you learn to combat yourselves, the demon and the evil present in the world to keep yourselves in my grace, I will make you happy and I will render the apostolate that you carry out efficacious even amongst your loved ones. You know well how dear to my Heart your children are! I take on their problems and yours.

Sometimes you let yourselves be taken in excessively by material things and I let you go. You want to have everything and I draw back. If you were to entrust everything to Me, I would make myself completely responsible.

Observe what the saints used to do. As great and heroic was their faith, there was even among them those who, on the point of death, complained judging it still too little.

You are far from them. Try at least to imitate them. Have faith. Think of loving Me and keeping yourselves in grace.

I labour for you, for your works, for your children and I work miracles. Children, I bless you all.

Have faith and believe in my infinite love for souls.

What I give you, give it with generosity. I give you love and trust and you do likewise and never let faith and grace fall short in you.

FRUITS OF GOOD

February 7, 1976

My children, how beautiful it is to find ourselves together, to communicate our thoughts, to decide our activities.

I am Jesus of Nazareth, the same who, having gathered the apostles, sent them two by two along the roads of Palestine. I am here to repeat to you once again: do good, do it well and with speed because you do not know how much time you have left still to live.

You are all headed towards death in order to be able to enter into the heavenly Jerusalem.

You know the Last Things which one time were taught with care everywhere from early infancy. Now they are almost forgotten, or rather the judgment of God, hell and Paradise are put into doubt.

There is however, a truth that no one can deny because its reality is more than ever evident: death awaits everyone inexorably.

You here feel full of joy and as long as you are well it seems that even death must be joyful. In reality, death, even if it is the handmaid of the Lord that opens the door of eternity, is without doubt an extremely important, painful and difficult step. Did you see how sorrowful my agony in the garden was, when death presented itself to my gaze? In that moment you will find comfort only from your conscience if it is able to say to you reassuring words. It is a matter of fact that you will die and you do not know neither where nor how. You do not know whether in your bed or on the street, if you will have the good of receiving the last sacraments or whether you will die suddenly. Of one thing you must be certain: in that moment the demon will launch his last battle, but your mother, Mary, will watch over you.

However, I desire in this moment to clarify with you the thought of death as a call of mine: I will approach each one of you and calling you by name I will ask you for something to eat. Do you remember the day in which I approached the fig tree full of leaves? It was out of season and I sought some fruits. I did not find any and I cursed that tree which immediately withered.

I call at all ages and approaching myself to the tree of your life I shall want to see the fruits. All that which you have done without love, without a right intention, for purely human motives, will be like leaves that shall be destroyed in the very moment in which you die.

Of the fruits instead you shall be amply repaid. But what fruits will you bring Me? Those that, originating from a seed put inside you as in a good soil, will have produced an increase in the spiritual life and will have brought you to maturity. It would be difficult for you to grow left to yourselves, but there is your farmer who cultivates you and knows everything that has to be done and does it all well. He only wants docility and collaboration. The good seed that the Master of the field throws in you must not fall neither on the road, nor between the thorns, nor amongst the stones.

You have come here and we have sowed. Woe if the wind, the birds or the passers-by should destroy in you, once having returned to your homes, all that you have had the opportunity to hear. Whoever welcomes my word and then lets himself be distracted again by the thousand worries of life and by that spirit of light-headedness and worldliness that reigns in the world cannot make it fruit. You would become again like those persons who think they can build the house on sand: the winds blow and destroy everything.

Therefore, let yourselves by guided by that wisdom that comes from God. If the thought of death must not disturb you and rather must be habitual to you, it must however, stimulate you to behave in the way that you would like to be found in that moment.

There are two equally important actions in the life of man: Holy Communion and death. It is necessary to predispose oneself to one and the other thing with these sentiments: to receive Communion always as if it were to be the last one of your life and to think of death daily as the most perfect Communion to be realised in the last moment of life. Children, let your death be always prepared and thought out with the last sacrifice of Mass that will be celebrated in that moment, so that my merits may cover you and yours be confirmed.

Many of you are no longer young and already the aches and pains and the different demands due to age make you think of the little light that is about to go out. Don't get alarmed: if you follow Me and understand Me, you will not feel pain above your strength. Let the flame of love shine more and more bright, the enthusiasm for good accompany you always and the break-up of death will do no other than open wide that door that will introduce you into eternal light.

Prepare good fruits and let sadness occupy the heart only of those who, not believing in the Last Things, think of being able to amuse themselves in deplorable and unhealthy pleasures.

Children, I bless you and I desire that this blessing be a pledge of that which you will receive from Me when you will see Me face to Face.

ENCOUNTERING THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD

February 8, 1976

Dear children, all that has beginning even if beautiful ends and you are here still a while longer, after which you'll return to your homes to take up your cross again in the fulfilment of your daily duties. And nevertheless the memory of these encounters with the Lord must not vanish from your mind and rather it must strengthen you in the conviction that staying with Me is truly a sweet paradise. What has taken place here can continue for your whole life, even if in place of your beautiful rosaries you must place roses of goodness and love that will be your works.

Our delicate and attentive assistance will never fail and you will be able to walk through the streets of the world as victors if you learn to flee sin which keeps you slaves. Even if moments of discomfort were to come, the memory of the days passed in my company will make you relive tranquil and joyful hours in serenity and in grace.

Now, as your Teacher, I wish to give you a little lesson.

I've spoken to you about death which inexorably cuts down every creature born into this world, but I desire also to remind you that at my call the judgement will follow that will be severe and minute.

I'm not speaking to you of the Last Judgement, which will be the glorification of the Son of Man and the Cross in the Elect and therefore in

those whom by sorrow and love will have collaborated for the salvation of humanity, but of the particular judgement that will follow immediately the death of each one.

The soul shall see in that instant all the good and all the evil committed in life, all the good done badly and all the good that it should have done and which did not do. This means that the sins confessed well will be completely erased and will serve as reason for thanksgiving and praise to God.

What a terrible moment, children, that of the judgement of God!

The soul that, as long as it is in the body, does not learn to understand the greatness of God and the ugliness of sin, sees before itself, after it has been liberated from its covering, the immense majesty of God in his infinite justice.

Those sins that in the moment in which they were committed seemed trifles, so as to be committed thoughtlessly, will become as monstrous to the eye of the soul and all that good that could have been done with perfection will be seen so imperfect, that the souls, horrified, will spontaneously seek a place of purification that will render them pleasing to the eye of God.

When good inspirations follow each other in the hearts of men to invite the good, many reject them, and as they themselves avoid doing good, they also prevent others from doing it. In the other life the sins of omission will appear as great blanks and the responsibility for so many missed graces and so much evil followed by neglected good deeds, will be severely punished.

You will discover the secrets of God and they will be marvellous, they will form the reason for a perennial gratitude.

I've spoke to you briefly of infinite justice, but now I want to point out to you the means to avoid condemnation and so enter more quickly into God's embrace. I have said to you during my life: "Do not judge and you will not be judged. By the same measure by which you measure will you be measured (Mt 7:1-2)": this is the secret.

When your zeal leads you not to be capable of patience, when it becomes too easy for you to discover the speck in the eye of your brother and you forget the beam that is in yours, when you expect that others do what you do not do, and you are more ready to accuse than to excuse, you place yourselves in the condition of that servant who being unable to pay that large debt to his master was forgiven, but who then, having to receive a small sum from another servant, was so severe as to strike him and put him in prison.

The prayer of those souls who do not learn to forgive is not acceptable. The Our Father which many recite with such thoughtlessness is often a condemnation the Christian subscribes to by his will. When the thought of God's judgement should lead you to lose trust in his infinite mercy, reflect on your behaviour with your fellow man: if it turns out for you that you are generous to forgive, ready to see the good and the virtues in others more than their defects, take courage. Whoever uses mercy will find it. Let your judgements therefore, be always benevolent. Often those who do evil think they are doing good and the Lord judges them according to their intention.

Reflect that those persons, to whom by murmur and by slander you could take away that moral life so precious, are my children whom I love infinitely. Those whom you see do evil, do not be in a rush to criticize them: instead, learn to take upon yourselves their sins, offer them up to Me and expiate them.

If I had not borne the sins of men, what would have happened also of you? Let goodness, charity, mercy, be the guide of your thoughts, your words and your actions. God's judgement, I promise you, will be spared you.

Then my Mother's devotees will receive from her merciful goodness an intercession so strong as a result of which even purgatory will be much shortened.

I bless you clasping you to my Heart. Remain in my love today and always!

REPAIR FOR EVERYONE

February 12, 1976

Beloved children, so dear to my Heart, peace be to you! I am here present as I once was amongst my apostles. I am here because I desire to help you make of your life a continual reparation.

If in a family there are those who behave badly, the good children squeeze together around the parents to render their sorrow less painful and to give to them what others take away.

I am the father of your souls. They belong to Me because they were redeemed by Me: in them I desire to live with my grace.

Now, if there are those who reject Me, despise Me and do not want to recognize Me, to you who love Me I ask to make up for the wickedness and the ingratitude of many. I will be grateful to you.

You will be the voice that implores, that asks pardon, that cushions and disperses the wave of mud with which they would like to suffocate the presence of God in the world.

I said to you at other times that I am present in souls. Baptism incorporates them into Me, it renders them members of my Mystical Body. Well then, the sin of scandal disfigures my Face and my presence is deconsecrated in souls.

I would like for you to understand the gravity of this sin and for you to commit yourselves to repair it by your good example and becoming, every day more, a living testimony of Me.

Scandal is thought of at times as consisting only in committing very grave sins against the sixth commandment in the presence of others. But scandal is all that can leave a deleterious imprint in the mind, in the heart and in the soul of others and all the neglected Commandments can be an object of scandal.

The temple that God has chosen and in which He establishes his abode is the soul in the grace of God. Whoever gives scandal, deconsecrates this habitation of the most Holy Trinity and renders himself responsible. Scandal is not a sin that limits itself to the person scandalized. It is like an endless chain that adds link to link, so as to have the force to drag behind itself a greater number of souls. Justly I warned you in my life, that it would be better to put a millstone around the neck and throw oneself into the sea rather than give scandal to one soul alone.

I offered my suffering in reparation for the sins of men, but whoever gives scandal jeopardizes my salvific action for himself and for others. Repairing the sins of others, means placing virtue where others place vice. It is no mean thing. Your life in order to be an example must be heroic: this I ask.

In your speech, in your demeanour, in your actions, let there never be anything that can generate any evil. Let everything be constructive and those who live beside you and surround you do not learn but good things.

The soul is the temple of God, a sign of my presence. There is also a temple made of stones more or less valuable where I live: the Tabernacle. It is my home, it is the place where I have chosen a little throne or, if you like, even my little prison, from which I talk to my children and I call them so that they may learn to love Me.

Unfortunately even this presence of mine is combated and with sacrilegious actions churches and tabernacles are deconsecrated; the Eucharist is approached in mortal sin or Communion is reduced to a simple fraternal gesture. Often then, through lack of faith and love, the Tabernacle is relegated to neglected places without any external sign that indicates my presence. Repair for all this and make Me feel the vehemence of your affections so that I may be able to forget the coldness of many.

Repairing means edifying and giving a testimony of that faith which is certainty. In the Church your Jesus, Son of God, your brother but also your King, is present. Do not let lack that respect that you would show alone even before a celebrity of this world.

I am with you: do not forget my presence and my divinity, and finally, let Me say that also the world, a true temple of God, is deconsecrated by all the evil that is committed: nations against nations, in a sea of blood and hate. It is all a quick succession of crimes and death and, while creation with its marvels sings the glories of God, men transform by wars, blasphemy, lust, the temple of God into a place of aberrations.

Children, learn to repair in a universal way. Praise God for the wonderful beauty that surrounds you, for the heavens that narrate his glory, for the sun that illuminates you, for the snow and the rain which nourish life. Praise God for all that elevates man, and give Him glory even for those who deny Him or who raising their fists against Him would like to fight or destroy Him.

Let your body be considered a tabernacle, the Church my home and the universe the place of my abode.

I bless you, children.

SALVIFIC SORROW

February 19, 1976

Beloved children, here I am with you to supplicate the Father. I am your Jesus, Son of God and of Mary.

Listen to these teachings as if they came to you directly from my mouth. Receive them with faith and with desire to translate them into a truly Christian life.

Let the graces that you ask aim above all to convert yourselves and your loved ones, since this is the most important thing: to improve a little each day till you become perfect. This must be your desire.

Since then you cannot be saints if you don't follow in my footsteps, you must ask to learn to carry the cross, to accept sorrow. I myself was tempted to refuse the cross.

Speaking to my twelve whom I loved most tenderly, I wanted to remind the sufferings to which I would have encountered: my passion and crucifixion and the death and resurrection three days later. Peter, who just before had given Me a testimony of faith calling Me "*the Christ, the Son of the living God* (Mt 16:16)", did not want to hear any talk of sorrow and wanted to induce Me to flee from it. I called him "Satan" and I begged him to go away from Me, rather, I imposed it upon him as a command.

Here, children, is how you must behave when despondency, desperation and rebellion would like to make you reject suffering. It is a diabolical temptation to which you must react with the same strength of mine. "Go far away, Satan (Mt 16:23)", since, if sorrow is badly borne by human nature, it can however, become a powerful means of salvation and sanctity.

When I speak of sorrow, I mean all that which disturbs and brings physical, moral and spiritual suffering, and I don't mean only that which comes from the outside or from other persons, but also those sufferings which, caused by one's own character or by mistakes committed out of weakness or incapacity, often can have disastrous consequences.

It all can be transformed and it all can become acceptable to God.

When a defect combated by you is repeated and in spite of your efforts, you fall again, the suffering that it causes you is extremely pleasing to my Heart, since by it you express to Me your desire to overcome it. When your little daily failings are a cause of pain to you, because you note your tactlessness towards Me, I erase them immediately and I transform them into the virtue of humility which renders your consciences more and more sensitive. When, in spite of the many graces received and the calls had, souls, obstinate in sin, persisting in impure affections or bonds, and remorse becomes suffering for them, it is I who, through them, call them back and sometimes I make their lives difficult, that my children may understand that they must not rely on human creatures, fragile and sinful as they, but that they must return to Me.

In this way sorrow becomes useful and serves to break the chains, to shake up minds and to re-establish order.

Even sorrow caused by the loss of some good is equally valid: the delusions and the detachments serve in fact, to make one comprehend the true values, those which time does not change but consolidates.

When in families, a mother or a father suffer because a son has deviated or, in prey to false ideologies or to bad company, rejects the faith and rebels to their desires of goodness and peace, this sorrow offered up with love, becomes a powerful lever that serves to make the parents grow in sanctity and to obtain the desired conversions.

So, when in certain religious communities there is like a scapegoat on whom to pour on reproaches and responsibilities, the sorrow of this soul, offered up and accepted, is a means which safeguards the whole community from many woes, just like the lightning rod that draws upon itself the electrical discharges to bury them in the earth.

This happens also in parishes, where the parish priest makes himself the guarantor of his spiritual family and his sorrows are capable of saving those souls that are entrusted to him.

Every sorrow has sense if the grace that dwells in the soul allows to unite the suffering of the man to that of the Man-God and to be in that way enhanced.

How much is to be pitied therefore, he who has no faith, since suffering will be desperation. How unbearable will be the toil and the sorrow of he who lives in mortal sin, since, without the contribution of grace, he cannot be pleasing to God, nor give joy. For the Christian, sorrow is like a life-boat that the sailor launches into the sea to save the shipwrecked victims of life. The light that makes one see the reward never abandons him.

Whoever loves sorrow does not feel its weight and from the cross itself feels carried towards the heights. Some saints have well said that the day in which suffering was missing was a day without the sun.

I choose as my friends generous souls, who do not complain about sorrow and who learn to use it as a net to gather all those who without help would drown and be lost.

I bless you, children.

GOD IS LOVE

February 26, 1976

Beloved children, peace be to you and grace! I am the Merciful Jesus here amongst you and I desire to pour out over you my benevolence and my light. They are not gifts that you can see, but you will be able to observe its effects.

As father I desire to unite your hearts with each other and with Me, so that that unity which is a divine force can be formed. I desire also to open your hearts to trust, since you know that a good father cannot refuse that help and that providence which the children need. You must, welcoming Me as father, firmly believe that you will not be tested beyond your strength, even when it would seem to you that you cannot do it any longer to carry a certain cross.

My children, how I would like to convince you to abandon yourselves into my arms with serenity in spite of the raging of the storm: in my Heart you have nothing to fear.

However, I wish to warn you of one thing: many crosses that derive from your mistakes and from your character are aggravated by yourselves and therefore rendered unbearable. Learn to control yourselves and to look at difficulties with optimism and faith. For everything there can be a remedy and, if you entrust yourselves to Me day by day, I repair your mistakes, I correct what is defective and I give peace of heart.

What's the point of getting many times agitated over certain troubles when taking them away does not depend on you? Think about behaving with Me like a good son behaves towards his father and I'll make up for your incapacity.

I say to you and I will never tire of repeating to you: think about loving Me; it is all for you and for Me. Love Me even for those who do not love Me and I will know how to cast like a mysterious net that will wrap around everyone, bringing the lapsed back to the good.

Children, do you ever think what it means to Me being a father? If human paternity is a responsibility and a duty that hangs over a whole life, what will this paternity be for God?

If a father is capable of sacrificing his own life for his children, what will I not do for these creatures, made in my image and likeness?

How I would like that you understood the infinite goodness of God to make you conscious of the duty you have to correspond! If you were truly convinced that God is Love and that everything in Him emanates love for his children, everything in your life would change.

Believe in Love and do not place God below men.

Human goodness for how great it is, is always mixed with a certain self love and a certain egoism and, when you find generous persons who forget themselves for others, you consider them exceptions.

In God, love is the essence, it is mixed that is, with his same person, therefore all those consequences are derived from it that humanly can seem paradoxical to you, but which are an irrefutable reality.

God does not know neither anger, nor scorn, nor revenge, nor meanness. God loves infinitely each man of earth and wants him saved, without distinction of race, skin colour or other still. There is no misery that covers his children, which does not touch his Heart.

Every evil therefore, must be looked at with the eyes of God and how He makes use of it to validate the eternal life of each one, so everyone must see one's own life in the light of eternity.

Where it is possible to cooperate with the will, action, reason and liberty to take away and to prevent human evils, one needs to do it, because God permits them but does not desire them. So, whoever tries to keep well in body maintaining a rule in nourishment or making use of medicines, does well, just as whoever can help others to heal and stay well. Whoever being more educated seeks to go into the truths deeper and teach them to others, does well, just as whoever, having strength and will to work, strives to help others.

But when evil presents itself as incurable, when truth appears hard to comprehend, when teaching and help are refused, even then do not be disturbed. I am a father and I know well all these sorrows of yours. Learn to receive them as a gift. Love Me through the Cross and it will become luminous. I am also your Teacher. Before you I carried the Cross and I know its measure. I have felt what betrayal is like, persecution, abandonment by friends, slander.

I comprehend and I commiserate all your sorrowful situations. I lived them all. The demon who, knowing the fragility of men, tempts you, also tempted Me.

I'm on your side and you know that with prayer and fasting you can beat him and all the wickedness that surrounds you. Learn to adopt these means which I also adopted to teach you and you will see many things change and families and society healed.

Children, thanks for the sacrifices that you offer Me. Stay always united and the strength of your prayer will be like those electric turbines that illuminate towns and cities and move the machines built by man.

I bless you, children. Remain with Me now and always!

THE NUPTIAL GARMENT

March 4, 1976

My children, redeemed by my Blood, peace be to you, grace and every good! I am the divine Teacher, the Prisoner of the holy Tabernacle.

When I see good souls, desirous of repairing the many iniquities that dirty the earth, I feel towards them a sentiment of gratitude and friendship. Yes, I desire to reward in the usual way for Me, that is, in a regal way, what these souls give Me and I desire to make them sharers of the infinite riches of my Heart.

The reparative souls, who want then to console Me for the outrages that I receive in the Eucharist, I repay them making their Communions a great means of sanctity. I make whoever repairs sacrileges taste the joy of my sacramental presence.

How can you be in that number, how can you repair?

Children, one needs to understand first of all that at the Eucharistic banquet it is necessary to approach in the grace of God. Just as you would not dare to sit at table with a corpse, for the repugnance you would feel, so it is disgusting for Me to enter into the soul in mortal sin.

I loved and I love sinners intensely and I call them continually to conversion. The sorrow for sin is the first step for being able to find the right path, then Confession is needed.

Did I not say on that Holy Thursday which preceded my death, before instituting the Eucharist, did I not say to Peter that he had to let his feet be washed? And what did it mean if not the necessity of purifying oneself to welcome the Body of the Lord?

Too many sacrileges are committed because one doesn't want to detest the evil committed before the minister who represents Me and because one doesn't want to recognize the gravity.

It is true that for mortal sin grave matter, full awareness and deliberate consent is needed, but doesn't it seem to you that when one deliberately starts with disobeying the little things in the Law of God and live superficially, it then proves easier to offend God even gravely, especially if this evil thoughtlessly done becomes a habit?

My children, the nuptial garment that one must wear to go to the feast of the King is still that necessary one to enter into Paradise: grace. If in Paradise one does not enter without grace, doesn't it seem to you that also going to Communion ought to be prevented?

The conscience of Christians, hardened and distorted, puts together sacred and profane things with ease and thoughtlessness, but this is not my desire.

If to cure an invalid or to convert a sinner miracles are needed, in the one and the other the desire to heal in body or in spirit is required.

How much pain certain processions of souls cause Me, who approach the altar without a thought to make them reflect on their own state of grace.

Even more deplorable this behaviour is if it concerns the priests that celebrate the mystery of the Eucharist.

I would like that your reparation were daily and that your Communions made well would pay Me back for thousands and thousands of sacrileges.

Your adoration must remind Me that of Mary, my Mother, of Joseph, of the Magi and the shepherds and I would like that you formed a great unity with all the reparative souls and with all the angels and saints of Heaven.

Consider that every Tabernacle, every altar on which I immolate myself is the object of attention on the part of the Father who is in the Heavens. In the moment of Consecration, as in the moment of Communion, a union of earth with Heaven is realized and the Father can once again turn his merciful gaze on men.

A Mass celebrated well is a grandiose miracle of love which is realized for the benefit of humanity.

A Communion made well can be the beginning of a holy life, it can reveal to whoever receives it the wonderful plans of love that God has for the soul and it can point out the mission to be done in life in an easy and comprehensive way.

There are many who go about begging and paying dearly for some words that ought to predict the future, very often putting at risk faith, happiness and health.

Nevertheless, if one were to have more faith and were to entrust with a Communion made well, one's future to Him who is its master, He would not fail to uncover before the eyes of his faithful ones his plans of love and salvation. Vice-versa it is enough at times for one sacrilegious Communion to let the demon enter into the soul.

Wasn't it so for Judas Iscariot? As he ate the first bite dipped in the chalice, the demon took possession of him.

Children, I would like for this week to be the most fervent in the fulfilment of those practices of piety that must repair the sins of many.

The joy that I will infuse into your hearts I will propagate to your families and it will be a pledge of that which will bathe you when you shall enter to be a part of the eternal banquet of Heaven.

Children, I bless you all, one by one.

May my love fill your hearts now and always!

ONE HEART ONLY

March 6, 1976

Beloved children, light be to your minds, peace to your hearts and strength to your will that, always maintaining your good desires, you may be in life my truthful witnesses.

This is a wish that with your collaboration I can translate into reality.

In every good deed that you do, we have to be in two to do it. God must grant you the grace of the moment, exactly the one which moves your will. I do not act without you and you cannot do a deed worthy of an eternal reward without my help. Here then, urged by grace, you have responded to a precise invitation and you are here to pray and act. Pray for all humanity, pray for your loved ones, for your friends, for your relatives. Many are united with you in prayer, others do not want to pray because they don't feel the need or because they consider it a useless action or a humiliation, or even because they are busy with other things which they consider more necessary, more useful and advantageous.

You are here to make up for, to repair, to supplicate in order that that light that illumines your mind may become also for them a means to see clearly. You are here to act, in fact your prayer is a divine action.

God never ceases operating in the world. He operates in souls, in things, in the visible and invisible world. If you unite yourselves to Me, you unite yourselves to God.

The life of the Christian is like a forge, where the soul is forged in the fire of grace and love. The Christian life is all doing, even when sickness compels one to immobility. Even if he is incapable of accomplishing actions humanly useful, the Christian is an artisan who brings the masterpiece of his life to perfection by collaborating in it with the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Christian can benefit humanity also by making prayer alone a way of life, by transforming his life in a continual communion with God.

Many children through my will have chosen this life of prayer: they have opted for the better part, which will never be taken away from them.

The opposite attitude can be found exemplified in the parable of the rich lord who, having increased his harvests, planned to throw down the old granaries and build new ones in order to multiply his stocks and belongings. Unfortunately, while his mind was occupied with these thoughts, God said to him: *"Fool, this very night you will die* (Lk 12:20)."

Children, the greater part of men think only of accumulating riches and living well; they think of pleasures and enjoyments and forget the warning: *"This night you will die"*.

It is the evening of entertainment. Many young people in these hours of the night seek pleasures that bring their souls to a spiritual death, forgetting that bodily death can come suddenly and be decisive for an eternity that they themselves will have chosen.

What will I say to you who love Me? You have chosen well! What you have done tonight will never be taken away from you. You have testified to love, rectitude and faith and I promise you that the reward that awaits you cannot be compared to any human wealth.

The worldly can call you fanatics or ignorant: I call you intelligent, those who, having understood where the light is, have followed it in order not to get lost in the darkness.

When the fog presents itself in banks before the drivers who drive their cars preventing visibility, smashes and disasters happen, especially if the craving for speed renders one imprudent.

You are those who have the luck of having clear visibility: pray that it may never lessen.

You have your Mother who guides you. There is Me, your Jesus of Mercy. With prayer you will never lack that help of the moment that will make you decide, not only for the things that concern the spirit, but also for the material things, which are also guided by my providence.

Be persevering, be united and form with Me one only heart and one only soul. I am united to the Father, you to Me and to Him. Life in this way becomes sacred and even in austerity becomes joyful, since God is joy and happiness without measure.

Thank you, children, I bless you from the heart.

I bless your loved ones, your homes, your cities and countries.

I bless through this prayer the whole Church.

FIRST COMMUNION

March 11, 1976

Beloved children, peace be to you! I am the merciful Jesus, present amongst you.

Your reparative prayer is pleasing to my Heart and to that of the Father and it is the source of graces for the whole human family.

My Eucharistic presence in the holy Tabernacles is truly the divine centre of attraction: whoever adores, loves, thanks and repairs in substitution for whoever does not do such actions draws the pleasure of the Father and of all Paradise and even the request for graces finds a valid support.

Today I desire to speak to you about how necessary it is to prepare the children well for the first time they receive Me in Holy Communion.

It is true that the responsibility belongs above all to the parents and parish priests, but the problem must also touch everyone closely, since from a First Communion prepared well and made well depends often a whole life. It is true that the innocence of the children by itself speaks to the heart of God, but rendering them aware of the greatness of the action that they are about to do will infuse joy, respect and holy fear in them, whereby, even having become adults, the day in which they will communicate will be truly a day of peace and festivity.

It is necessary for the children to learn how beautiful it is to have the soul clean and to possess that grace, to whose comparison all the goods of the earth are worthless. It is necessary that they learn that grace is lost with sin which is a disobedience to the Law of God.

But what is this Law? It is impressed in the soul of every man, which through the voice of the conscience can in this way understand when it errs.

Doesn't it seem to you that, if God promulgated his commandments on the tablets of stone that he consigned to Moses on Mount Sinai, it is proper for every Christian to know them to compare his own life with them?

Unfortunately often one tends not to give any weight to sin or one does not want to remind children that a code exists that comprises the duties towards God and neighbour, that is to be respected and observed.

One fears of upsetting the child, but in this way the rising up of the passions will so come about that he will quickly be subjugated by them and know vice before he learns to practice virtue.

If the grace of God gives splendour to the innocent souls, the malice that is awakened, the bad examples and the dangers that surround infancy and adolescence quickly become incentives to sin.

If the child knows the treasure that it possesses he will learn to guard it, but if, because of no preparation he does not learn to appreciate grace, how will he be able to commend himself to God and the Holy Virgin through prayer and watch so as not to become the prey of the demon?

It is necessary that the children learn that, in order to lodge the King of Heaven and earth in one's own heart, one needs to annihilate oneself before Him, since they are not and you are not worthy and at the same time they must channel their thoughts and affections on Him, because they would not behave differently before an important personage of the world.

That's why, my children, I invite you to raise your prayer for these children and for those who must instruct them.

Unfortunately many times parents neglect this, their duty, adducing incapability or lack of time as pretext. The parish priests on their part, entrusting at times religious instruction of the little ones to persons that do not live their Christianity in the grace of God and who therefore cannot have the light and grace to infuse in others.

Learn therefore, my children, to take on this commitment when it is possible for you, because at least you, who have received an abundant light, can be capable of giving it to others. If you live in grace, it will be I myself who will speak in you and I will make understood also those things that are hard for you to explain.

The parish priest always ought to and with love keep an eye out so that in what is being taught there be no doctrinal errors.

The material concerns that afflicted many parents in the past ought to disappear with the generalised introduction of tunics identical for everyone. Beyond everything it is indispensable to communicate to the children trust in the priest and respect for his decisions in merit to admission to the first Communion, above all when, due to lack of attention, of discipline and attendance at catechism, he were to find a lack of preparation.

These tender little plants, that must grow, cannot be abandoned to themselves. They could lean back on themselves and take on a bad inclination. One needs to help them, to watch and consecrate these children to the heavenly Mother, that she may care and guard them always.

Make these desires of mine present to your priests and, if they find no welcome participating at the ceremony of the First Communion, you yourselves consecrate the children to my Mother.

Moreover, I recommend to you to invite your priests to prepare well also the Confession. Confession is a sacrament which increases the grace to whoever possesses it, therefore it is never a useless thing.

The Confession of children is a preparation to a life conducted with delicacy of conscience and fear of God.

Children, I bless you all.

PRAY FOR FAMILIES

March 18, 1976

My children, peace be to you and grace and strength. I am Jesus, your friend and comfort. I am here to encourage you and to engage you more and more in a life of sanctity, grace, apostleship and of good.

What do you do in your homes when you have some sick children? Perhaps, crossing your arms, weeping you limit yourselves to say: "What must I do?". Don't you perhaps call the doctor and don't you administer medicines and don't you give your most loving care?

Well then, what you do in your life to cure the body, I and you must do it to save souls. These children are sick in soul and there are many young, old and elderly.

I am the Doctor. You call Me with your prayers, you offer Me also a remuneration of sacrifices, of sufferings and of tears and I run and I help everyone. I must be prayed to, because prayer is the means requested by God to obtain mercy and pity. Everything is tied to prayer. In life everything is gift, one needs to ask for everything. They are always free and undeserved gifts, one needs only to humble oneself and ask.

I desire in particular that a prayer be raised strongly so that the family may be healed.

Who will ever be able to stop this wild race towards the evil that ruins the family and as a consequence society? One arrogates to oneself the right to free love and if, to follow an old habit or to content mothers, many still get married at the altar, they arrive there however, already wasted away in body and soul and they add sin to sin.

Many spouses have already then in their thoughts that, if they should not get along, they will part, get divorced, so as to render the sacrament of matrimony nul.

Then there are those who, disdaining the blessing of God, prefer to get married civilly. What will become of these young children? How will they be able to carry the cross that every family carries with it?

What wonder if then children are rejected and they prefer to turn to abortion, that is to homicide?

Pray, children, for these families that are born already corroded by the worm of egoism and which go on becoming more and more numerous. Know that my Heart is exacerbated and hurt by this lack of faith and love which renders the family similar to a lair.

How is it possible for the Lord to reign in it and for Him to bless its material and spiritual interests when these children refuse to obey his Law and demand to act as they wish? How will the parents love those children who have come into the light as by mistake, without having being desired by them? And how will these children learn, who feel like intruders, to love the parents who have brought them into the world?

In this way only the pleasure of the senses are sought after, every responsibility is rejected and the matrimonial life is turned into a sequence of sins, having begun even before the wedding.

I call my children as my friends here next to the Tabernacle. The school of virtue, of sacrifice and of grace becomes a joyful school for them and for Me. Faith in my Eucharistic Presence instils the desire of making Me participate with my Mother at the wedding, as at Cana where I changed the water into wine. A suitable preparation will give to this sacrament the strength to create and maintain that love which, if in youth is like an

exhilaration, it becomes in a mature age and old age a sweetness, so as to render life serene.

If the sacrament of Matrimony is turned into a wreckage, how can love last? God is love and when it is He who unites hearts, He creates a solid and secure bond that not even death can loosen.

But how can affection last in hearts so inconstant, weak and fragile, when God is not placed to direct the fortunes of the family?

I beg you: guard and help the young by counselling. If we heal the family again, the Church and society will benefit from it.

They will say to you that these are old-fashioned things, but I assure you that whoever does not learn to observe the sixth commandment, will not even learn to observe the ninth commandment and there will be ruined families, desperation and unspeakable betrayals at the expense of the innocent.

I have spoken to you about the desacralization of my Tabernacles and the little care of the children that approach the Eucharistic banquet, but the deconsecration of the family, that should be the domestic shrine, is equally grave.

They are sins that carry consequences for whole generations, those which transform the couple into objects of scandal.

They are thousands and thousands of souls that feel the influence of the evil that is committed, even if it seems hidden, since every sin has a repercussion on the whole of humanity.

Children, act well.

Stay in the grace of God, in the presence of God, since, as I've said to you many times, death is like a good sister, but sometimes it shows itself a very severe sister who truncates your relationship with the world suddenly.

Therefore, let this thought be constant in you and keep it alive even in your neighbour: you will be doing a work of charity of which I will keep an account.

Don't get distressed about the value of money or for the material problems that hang over you. Pray and weep for those who, having lost the faith and morality, go adrift.

Pray and weep for all those who die suddenly and unprepared, since you know: the justice of God is infinite and eternal, it is not a fable and it cannot be taken lightly.

Children, I bless you one by one.

THE DIGNITY OF THE WOMAN

March 25, 1976

Beloved children, may grace and love dwell constant in your hearts that you may be able to be instruments of salvation for the brethren.

I am Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God and your Redeemer, here amongst you today, so that, being the Feast of the Annunciation, a hymn of thanksgiving be raised from your hearts to Him who sent to the earth his Son and to her who accepted to be his Mother, assuming all the consequences that such a responsibility imposed on her.

I desire in this moment to remind you to what dignity He willed to elevate the woman that God who with one act of his will created the whole world.

"Fiat": let it be done, was the word that gave beginning to the entire universe.

"Fiat", said God when He created man.

But when He willed the creation to continue, He entrusted to man particular tasks and to perpetuate the race of men and in order that they should multiply He entrusted the task to the woman. From Eve, mother of all the living, the woman is called to collaborate with the Creator by means of maternity.

This is an honour and a duty, of which every woman should be proud and happy.

To be a mother implies however, to learn to pronounce one's own "fiat".

When I speak of maternity I mean giving life and I refer myself, not only to the natural maternity, but also to that spiritual one, which is often more useful and more important than the first. Being a mother is of every woman: but to bring light, strength, help, which is like saying life, is of souls that know how to appreciate the work of God and collaborate with it.

I want to show you my Virgin Mother, who better than any human creature understood the value of creation, of life and grace.

A world full of corruption and sin demanded a rebirth, a renewal and like a new creation.

God, always respectful of the liberty and the will of his creatures, sends a heavenly messenger to propose his desires.

"Fiat", responds Mary. She is disposed to accept everything purely to conform herself to the divine will. At her fiat mine followed.

I, in fact after her said: "Here I am, Father, I come to do your will (Heb 10:7)."

Still once again the woman was inserted in that plan of love that was to transform the world.

Mary was in this way from the day of the Annunciation united intimately with Me in healing souls. From that moment she was Co-Redemptrix of the human race and her mission is identified with mine.

Children, there are grave problems to resolve in the world and women are called to give their contribution.

Their fiat can signify redemption, just as their refusal implies destruction.

The woman can bring life or death, sow peace or hatred.

A wise woman builds up the home and a wicked one destroys it.

If procreating can and must be a sacred act, destroying life becomes an act of rebellion and pride which God abhors and chastises since it hampers Him realizing his will.

The woman is considered as the heart of the family and from her must come that sense of the fear of God which communicates hatred of sin to the family.

Eve induced Adam to evil, but the new Eve, most holy Mary, brought into the world obedience to the Law and to the will of God.

It is necessary that the woman has the sense of her own dignity, returns beside my Mother, model of divine and human virtues, to learn to pronounce her own fiat.

Perhaps one will have to accept the cross, like her, but there is no other means of salvation.

The Cross is the sign of redemption and from the moment in which Mary pronounced her yes, salvation took shape on the horizon.

Children, pray and work in this sense. There are those who aim to destroy in the woman every dignity, every sense of honesty and modesty, but where the woman in the fulfilment of her duties blossoms again, society and good will flourish again.

May the "fiat" of creation and that of the Redemption, find confirmation in you in the humble acceptance of that will of God that is a mystery of love and grace.

And now say even a thousand times thanks to her who, a young woman wholly of God, offering herself up as a victim of redemption, brought the Son of God into the world.

To you the most ample blessing. Be like the strong women that were presented to you in the Old Testament: be the new Judith's who, fearless, cut off the head of Holofernes, of the sin of every day; beautiful like Esther who conquers the heart of the king; intelligent like Rebecca or Rachel or good like Naomi. But be above all the living image of my Mother. Save human life, the spiritual life of your children: your life will not be spent in vain.

I bless you, children, and I entrust you with particular insistence to my Mother. Do not disgust her, be docile. She will speak to your heart and mind and will guide your actions.

CONVERTING

April 1, 1976

Beloved children, grace, peace and love be in your hearts now and always.

I am Jesus the Teacher, here amongst you, to tell you what concerns Me so that you may learn to draw some benefit in view of your sanctification.

Easter is approaching and my call is becoming stronger and stronger in wanting to carry out that conversion without which the Easter solemnities would have no sense. Convert, children, and let your conversion be real and efficacious.

What does converting mean? To change completely: just as when at the wedding of Cana I changed water into wine.

In the spiritual sense you must change coldness into fervour, wickedness into goodness. You must work such a transformation whereby your life may become a living Gospel.

There are many Christians who delude themselves in being such because they have received Baptism. It is not enough to call oneself Christian. Christianity demands some duties towards God. You cannot put virtues and vices, good and evil together and make every blade of grass a bundle.

Converting means turning to God, the Supreme Lawgiver and to compare one's life with his Law. There are some who call themselves Christians who, having undergone many tribulations in life, through this feel authorized to make others suffer: they ignore the law of charity, which teaches to do unto others what one desires from others.

There are those who do not accept in any way the command to forgive and nurse in their own hearts a hatred and a resentment that keeps on increasing more and more, up to becoming diabolical.

How can those people be called Christians?

It is necessary to convert because the axe is at the root. It is necessary to become good, to forgive and to love because God will be inexorably just and severe with those who do not practice mercy.

In this way, comparing the different Gospel passages with your way of behaviour, you'll notice that sometimes you resemble the Pharisees. There is only an appearance of fidelity to the Law, not a living integrally the substance of the Law. Other times you're able to find the infidelity of Peter who, won over by human respect, becomes a perjurer, or even you will recognize yourselves in Nicodemus who comes by night in search of Me. Every personage of the Gospel can find his double in the world.

Your conversion must present the faith, the decision and the love of the good thief, of the Samaritan woman, of the adulteress, of the Magdalene, in order to be real. Not because you may have fallen into the crimes and sins of them, but because repentance of your sins must make you turn to God with such a certainty and good will as to make Him forget everything of your past.

Children whom I love infinitely, look at my Face, look at my Heart. Immerse yourselves in Me and let there be in you holy thoughts and holy desires. Don't expect to call back others only with your words and not even with apostolic deeds that tire the body and the spirit. I am the one who makes the conversions and I make use of you in the measure in which you make yourselves similar to Me by living the Gospel and love Me.

I desire enthusiastic and fervent apostles. I bury the past of everyone, if you detest it, in my Heart. Of it I only keep the good that you do, of which I will never forget.

But the present moment, that I give you so that you may use it for the glory of God and the good of souls, I place it in your hands.

I am happy when, urged by holy desires, you think about what you ought to do to please Me and I am even more so when, recognizing your faults, you weep over them and, confessing your limits, you entrust yourselves to Me that I may make up for your weakness with my strength.

I want you to be my heralds: this requires first of all to purify oneself and take away sin and with it self-love which ruins every action, rendering it vain or sinful, even if begun well.

Your conversion will be worked by Me, but it must be wanted by you with a decisive act of your will and obtained through prayer.

There were along the centuries persons who, wanting to reach sanctity, believed they could do it by their strength alone, by corporal penances and by important actions by which they attracted the admiration of men. They didn't learn how to avoid falling and they often with their presumption generated heresies, schisms and very grave evils for the Church and their souls. Your sanctity must be guided by Me, it must be accompanied by prayer, vivified by love. The first step consists in the flight from mortal sin then in that of venial sin. Gradually as sin, which is darkness, disappears, light enters and the desire for perfection grows.

The search for perfection involves however, detachment from creatures and from oneself, to turn every affection to God. Once you are freed from all the red tape that keeps you imprisoned like caged birds, you'll have reached the destination, even if most probably you will have to fight your whole life to arrive at that point.

Courage! A conversion for each one and my Heart open for everyone.

I bless you, children, and I remind you: do not be rose-water Christians, but fervent like the real wine that ferments in the barrels after the grape harvest.

The demon does his grape harvests, you must do yours by transforming yourselves into apostles of love.

BRING ME SOULS

April 8, 1971

Beloved children, peace and grace be to you! I am Jesus of Nazareth. I am here to make known to you the affliction of my human Heart at the approach of the great immolation.

As Man and God nothing was hidden from Me: I knew word for word all that to which I would have been subjected; I knew how I would have made my Mother suffer, whom I loved with the most tender love and the uselessness of my sorrow for many souls.

Nevertheless, the love for souls made Me ardently desire the Cross and death as the means of salvation.

The parables of the Good Shepherd and the Samaritan returned to my mind and heart in those days and made Me yearn for that gallows that would have so reduced Me to a worm of a man, but it would have allowed Me to find again the lost sheep, to put on my mount the wounded man abandoned on the road or to wait for and embrace the repentant prodigal son.

All these thoughts of sorrow and love which filled my being in the days close to Easter, I would like to be also yours.

If I ask you a thought of gratitude for what I suffered for you, I ask you also to share my anxieties in the search for souls led astray by vice and sin.

Children, my sadness was certainly not desperation, since I was, am and will be always united to the Father, since I and He are one: it was a mortal sadness, that which can be of a good and loving father who sees his son gravely ill and nevertheless reluctant to let himself be cured.

The sadness of the abandonment by my friends would have come to complete the moral and physical sufferings, turning my sorrow into a multiplied martyrdom.

I ask you, children, in these days, to be close to Me with your love and I promise you to give you consolation in your sorrows. But I ask you above all to make yours that infinite thirst for souls that devoured Me in every instant of my life. Seek nothing else, children, because all is vanity. Do not seek material goods, do not seek yourselves and not even your satisfaction in doing good.

Seek souls. Even if they slip away from you, even if they refuse you, even if they make you suffer, learn to love souls and see in them the image of God, even when spoiled and in a bad way. Every soul has its characteristics, its good qualities and virtues. When a soul is disfigured by sin, it become like those works of art which bad or useless persons deface.

The work does not lose its great value. God alone occupies himself with the soul with an infinite desire to give back to his marvellous work its primitive beauty.

Many people are grieved when valuable paintings at certain art galleries are taken away. But who can be grieved more than Me when the demon takes away from my salvific work those souls for whom I suffered unspeakable sorrows? That's why prayer, word and action done for the conversion of sinners are generously compensated by Me.

Whoever brings Me a soul by his love and by the exercise of charity, becomes my collaborator and I consider him as my great benefactor.

There were along the centuries souls who understood Me and who put above all their aspiration the search for souls. They reached in a short time a prominent degree of sanctity.

The more souls you bring to Me, the greater is my love and gratitude for you. Do not place limits on your desires.

Your children and relatives, if they are cold and insensitive, call them back to sanctity by your example and by the fire of your love. But do not limit your desires of conversion to those whom you love. To God nothing is impossible and all the men of earth are his. Put them on the altar in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and offer up, offer up something for them. Do not be mean or stingy. Your generosity will open up the way of the Heart of God and you will obtain great and unhoped for conversions. Do you think that the mother of Augustine had prayed and suffered only for her son? No, she wept, suffered and sacrificed herself up to the last day for her son and all those who, like him and with him, would be converted.

And Padre Pio, who protects and blesses your group, do you think he had limited his generosity in some way? Certainly not. Well then, you also do the same. Love sinners and call them back to the house of the Father with those means that the Lord makes available.

The time of Lent is a time of conversion and, if it is proper that before anything else you have to convert yourselves, do not forget that the most important apostolate is that of calling back onto the right road those who for whatever reason got themselves lost in the darkness.

Then when the souls arrive at the finishing line and are unprepared, all your efforts are needed in order that the divine light illumines the mind and moves the hearts of the sinners.

Whoever saves a soul will save his. It is a promise, even if salvation comes solely from my Passion and Death.

Children, I bless you all. Do not waste time: pray and do. Be always good and fervent!

THE PEACE THAT I GIVE YOU

April 10, 1976

My children, peace be to you! I am Jesus of infinite mercy. I am amongst you with all my power and I desire to communicate to you that fervour that makes of each one of you a herald of peace, faith and love.

The liturgy of Holy Week is about to commence and it becomes opportune to invite you to holiness. You must not limit yourselves to being heralds, that is of those who announce a great thing, you must be holy in order to announce to men a new life.

You must practice and live your faith entirely and consciously, if you wish to attract others to the truths of the faith. You must, first of all, possess peace and grace inside you, to bring it to your families, to your friends, to your relatives, to everyone.

I invite you to be saints. I give you today the go-ahead for a better life.

It is true that you have already renewed many times your intentions. At times you have even noticed some improvements, but it is not enough.

I meet you halfway with all my mercy because I desire from you even more.

When you come here you must do like a special fill up of that spirituality which is not only sentiment, but prayer and action.

There are many who find the Rosary a burdensome and monotonous prayer. I desire the Rosary because it is the prayer of the humble and because in its simplicity it makes you live the most salient mysteries of my life. However, you cannot content yourselves with the Rosary, you must feel in the first place the anxiety of participation at Mass, to the point of managing to lead others there.

Children, the Mass saves the world, because in it I am still the one who, as once on the cross I asked mercy for those who were crucifying Me, so today I offer myself to the Father to implore mercy for men pilgrims on earth.

They crucify Me with sin still. My Blood still saves them providing they want it. On Calvary many did not understand my sacrifice and descended from it bad as before and covered by an additional crime.

But whoever learnt to humble himself and ask pardon, obtained it. Just as the Good Thief was forgiven, just as Longinus after having pierced my Heart with a lance was forgiven, so all those who repentant assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass can obtain conversion and grace.

The Mass is the fulcrum of religion, centre of the Christian life, it is the salvation of souls.

Oh, don't say to Me that the children who neglect Sunday Mass are good! They do not enjoy the approval of the Father to whom the Sacrifice must be offered, nor can they enjoy the gifts of grace and love that the Holy Spirit lavishes in the Mass.

Lead Christians to the fulfilment of the Sunday precept, if you want to guarantee peace in families.

Tomorrow in Churches an olive branch, symbol of peace, will be given out. The same olive branch brought back to Noah's ark the dove sent out to explore whether the earth was habitable.

The world is in a bad way. The slime of sin goes about polluting the air and water. It goes about that is, destroying the grace and the divine life in souls.

I send you as doves announcers of peace. Carry out your action in families, which the demon of discord goes about dividing and wrecking.

I send you to announce the liberation of the woman by proclaiming the sanctity and respect for life, a gift of God to be accepted, sanctified and perfected.

I send you into society with your faith, to teach everyone how one suffers and how one carries the cross.

Begin Holy Week with these thoughts and with your prayer and action you will be a help to my Church.

Remember, children, that this Church is established on a solid and impregnable rock and, no matter how much she is combated and outraged, she will always be victorious since she is not a human work, but a divine one.

To work for the Church is to work for Me, to outrage the Church and the Pontiff who governs her is to wound my Heart.

Let your apostolic action be addressed to repair and implore mercy.

Children, I bless you for all that you do. Continue doing more and more and better and better up to mixing your desires with mine.

It is urgently needed that you generously unite your sufferings to mine in the Holy Masses to which you participate. It is urgently needed that without human respect and with great confidence you spread the truth. But you will not be able to be my heralds if not living in my grace, loving and forgiving everyone always.

Make this motto yours: "Bring peace to families, peace to society, peace to souls", by giving that peace which I give you.

I bless you again one by one clasping you to my Heart.

Love each other and help each other in turn, be united and work with your parish priests for the guarantee of a good outcome.

THE GREAT GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST

April 15, 1976

Beloved children, here I am with you to celebrate the Eucharist. I am Jesus, Son of God, man like you.

I would like to make you understand the greatness of the gift I gave you for the first time on Holy Thursday and which I go about perpetuating every day on every altar on which the Holy Sacrifice is celebrated.

The priest counts only as a means: I am the true celebrant. The Man-God makes himself present and feeds with himself all those who desire Him.

With what sentiments must you approach the altar! It is the cave of Bethlehem where the shepherds adored Me as a Child. It is the house of Bethlehem where the Magi lavished their gifts after having adored Me.

The altar is the paradise where my prayer addressed to the Father obtains mercy and where myriads of angels stay in adoration with my holy Mother.

What will be your first task, the principal duty, finding yourselves before a Tabernacle or having to communicate? It will be a sentiment of adoration. You ought to equal at least by desire, the angels, the saints, the shepherds or

even those Israelites who, having received special gifts, or miracles, felt the duty to demonstrate their faith prostrating themselves before Me.

Do you remember the cured blind man, the leper, the paralytic? You also must do the same. Adoration is the act of cult reserved to God. You cannot deny Me it. Adoration is recognizing the supreme greatness of God and your nothingness. The act of adoration that you make draws protection and help to you.

Who is more needy than you, especially in these moments? And who better than Me can stretch out an arm to save you? Did I not say to you: "*Come to Me all you who are tired and weary and I will refresh you*? (Mt 11:28)."

At adoration thanksgiving must follow. Gratitude is a delicate sentiment which I desire.

The hard-hearted antagonize everyone. The persons that learn to thank draw benevolence and superior help on themselves. How great it is to feel gratitude for all those material gifts of which your life is rich! And nevertheless there are those who think of having done it by themselves and do not want to thank anybody. And yet even humanly life is all a giving and receiving.

When then one speaks of spiritual gifts it is truly an intervening of God in your things. It is a continuous gift of divine beauty, of superior help. It is sight, hearing, speech, life, that are given to the soul through the sacraments and grace.

You ought to stay continually on your knees to thank. But the complete gift of myself to each one of you in Communion, ought not only amaze you, but also make you feel all my love.

To thank is an act that must never be lacking when you are before the Tabernacle. "Hosanna", sang the angels. "*Hosanna to the Son of David* (Mt 21:9)", cried the crowd acclaiming.

"Hosanna to the Son of God", you should say when you come in procession to meet Me and to receive Me in your heart. And in that moment in which the Infinite communicates with his creature, you may ask, ask and do not put limits on my generosity in your regard. I desire to pour out on whoever receives Communion, my love, my sorrows and my riches.

I have said to you to come to Me: know that my Heart encloses infinite treasures of wisdom, knowledge and grace.

Desire to know Me always better, learn to receive Me with the proper dispositions.

If I chose to be born in a cave, it was to teach you to love poverty. I however, love the generous hearts that prepare themselves to receive Me and

make their Communion a solemn act of their life. I love that the Tabernacles are the expression of your faith and love.

Just as I did not prevent the Magdalene to spread the most precious perfumes over my feet, so I desire that, comprehending the greatness of the gift that men keep in their Churches, they bestow honour, respect, adoration on the divine Guest and that these sentiments be manifested also visibly.

There are those who commit outrageous acts towards the Eucharist. Don't get upset. Adore, love, thank, honour my presence in the Tabernacle. Your reparation will make Me forget the more serious crimes. I will be grateful to you and I will accomplish more miracles of conversion through these Communions of yours made well.

Along the centuries, in many places I gave marvellous signs of my presence in the Eucharist. You do not ask Me for signs: I will increase your faith and love and I will call back beside Me your children, so that they do not let themselves be dissuaded by the many wickednesses by which they are surrounded.

Children, Holy Thursday is the day of God's love for you. Express your love for Him as I have taught you, so that souls may be able to live his life. I bless you, children. I love you infinitely.

GOD IS LOVE AND HAPPINESS

April 25, 1976

My children, redeemed by my Blood, peace be to you! I am here amongst you and, if I do not permit your eyes to see Me, it is only because I desire to confirm your faith and make it grow more and more. I desire to repeat to you what I said to Thomas the apostle: *"Blessed are those who believe without seeing* (Jn 20:29)."

Were you to know, children, the value of the faith! It is faith that obtains the miracles, it is it that helps you to live your human life and which renders you worthy of entering into eternal glory.

You have faith, that same faith that led thousands of Christians to sacrifice their lives to testify it. In what thing must you believe to be pleasing to God, to be pleasing to Me?

You must be convinced of your extreme misery and believe in my infinite goodness and mercy. He who knows himself knows how to entrust himself to Him who can cure his evils. I desire that you make yourselves more and more aware of your limitations, of your weakness, of your incapacity to react to evil and to do good, not for the pleasure of seeing you humiliated, but because only in this way are you able to ask to be helped.

My infinite mercy only desires to meet the needs of everyone halfway, to bring back to the surface those who are about to drown, disinter those whom sin has buried and give a hand to everybody, in whatever physical, moral or spiritual difficulty they may find themselves.

Denying or distrusting my mercy is, denying my divinity. It is putting Me on a human plane and in this way making it impossible for Me to act with my unlimited goodness.

There is no greater offence than this, since with it the Redemption, my continual immolation in the Sacrifice of the Mass and all that work of assistance to souls that only God can give unceasingly, is ignored.

Denying my mercy is putting in doubt my wisdom by which I can draw good even from evil, and my divine providence whereby in time and place I intervene to save souls.

Men look at the human deeds that follow each other, they do not think of the end. What's the point of a creature living if then it were to be damned? And why doubt the goodness of God if a child of his is taken away from the earth in a moment good for his salvation?

Remember well, children: I am your God, your father and brother. I am not a despot or a tyrant. I do not seek my glory but for your happiness.

The evil that is committed continuously on earth grieves the Father, it grieves Me and the heart of my Mother and yours for the bad consequences that it has for you and for all those who commit it.

God is immutable. God is love and happiness without end. But these children of his, created for their happiness, will irremediably lose it if they will not want to believe in Him and live according to his Law.

Insistently and like persecuting the sinner, I go in search of souls. Every soul is a little world, it is the reason why I became man and it must be a precious conquest of mine. How can I neglect even one alone?

You are used to saying before hardened sinners: "*There's nothing more that can be done*", but for Me this affirmation does not exist. I set in motion all my infinite attributes to help souls that have deviated to retrace their steps.

Do you remember Judas? I had warned him, I made known to him that I knew all about him. I called him friend so that he would believe in my mercy. He did not wish to accept my gift of love and my pardon. I, however, tried everything.

My divine action, vigilant and powerful, always assists souls, but especially on the point of death, where there is a minimum of good will on the part of souls, I move the demon away and I save!

You shall see in Paradise, saved through my mercy, souls whom you think irremediably lost.

Now you could say to Me that perhaps it is not worth the trouble to make so many sacrifices to live well, if at the last moment all will be saved.

Children, salvation is a gift of love that I offer which must be corresponded to. Nobody can be saved without my grace and each one must do the utmost to merit it. Whoever lives well however, has already in himself so much serenity and peace whereby he has nothing to regret in comparison to those who live badly.

Learn to believe that I want your good. Learn to live as I desire and treasure those means that I give you to be good and happy.

There is a sacrament, called Mercy, which renders your souls white and resplendent as light, if you receive it well. Learn to use it.

Today, Sunday which you call Low, this marvellous feast that I wanted combined with it, must be an invitation to obtain my mercy through the sacrament of Penance that renders you white.

I am here present, children. I am He who was able to say to many: "*Your sins are forgiven you* (Lk 5:20)." The same word I can repeat to each one of you, but I prefer to say to you as the blind man: "*Go, to the fountain and wash yourself* (Jn 9:7)."

After Confession I will erase the penalty of your sins and your souls will get the baptismal innocence back.

I desire to make use of you to purify your families, your communities, your parishes, your work places. I need the candour of your souls to make Me better known by you and in order that you may be able to irradiate your faith everywhere.

I love you infinitely and I desire that others come to meet Me with the same haste that you have demonstrated.

Be instruments of peace and salvation.

Do not judge men from how you see them, but on the basis of my mercy. Multiply your cenacles. My graces will be a tangible sign of my pleasure. I embrace you, children, one by one.

THE FIRST TASK OF THE CHRISTIAN

April 29, 1976

Beloved children, peace be with you now and always!

I am amongst you to give you courage and to animate you to continue on your way by seeking to translate into practice what is here suggested to you.

I am Jesus the Redeemer, bridegroom of your souls, jealous of your love and your happiness. You certainly must not understand my jealousy as a defect, but as a quality that cannot be lacking to Me, since by the word jealousy I do not mean but the desire that you place Me above every human affection, so that I may be able to give myself to each one of you so as to make Me live in you.

When a soul loves Me like so, it cannot but become holy and reach happiness.

The saints were persons who understood my desire and learnt to carry it out.

Today I desire to submit to your gaze a soul who chose to love Me and to resemble Me so as to merit a crown of glory in Heaven and be able to be pointed out as a model for everyone.

Having loved Me, she chose suffering for herself. When in fact I proposed to Catherine if she wanted the golden crown with which to wreath her head or the one of thorns, she chose the latter so that she could resemble Me better.

It was in this way that in the presence of Mary, my Mother, I gave to Catherine a marvellous ring with which we celebrated our mystical espousals.

My Mother delivered Me a Child, to Catherine as a sacred deposit so that she would love and guard Me.

There was on the part of that privileged soul a perfect correspondence to the grace of God, whereby she was gifted with a special light. She understood in such a way the needs of the Church of that time and while, being illiterate, she was able to dictate important writings that served to enlighten the Christians of all times, she was like a shield and a whip for the Pope. A shield to defend him and a whip to call him back to doing the will of God.

Catherine, simple, pure and crucified for love, can be an example to all Christians. Again like in her day the Pope has need to be loved and defended.

You have been invited to form the spiritual militia of the Pope and today more than ever you must discover again those that were my teachings to put them into practice. It is necessary to help the Pope in the present moment with prayer and sacrifices. Helping him by trying to understand his teachings in order to be capable of showing them to others.

There are some analogies between the modern times and those of then.

The cities were in discord and they fought each other. But isn't there presently a continual war, violent or cold among the men of the same earth, brought up under the same sky, loved by the same Father?

What will you do to imitate Catherine? Where there is discord put love.

I don't know how to understand those children that seem unable to live except in the midst of discord, hatred and quarrels. The task of peacemakers is of utmost importance for those who profess themselves as Christian. I say that this task of making peace exceeds by far that of any other apostolate.

There is no grace for those who do not learn with humility and charity to maintain or bring back harmony in souls, in families and everywhere. If praying is a good thing, if doing good works is worthy of praise, learning to unite hearts is the prayer most pleasing to God and the most valid apostolate work.

All the saints have understood this truth and were ready to undergo humiliations and insults as long as those family and social bonds that are so important and sacred were not broken.

If great and beautiful were the consolations that Catherine had in her life, with the extraordinary gifts of which she was enriched, not inferior are the gifts that you receive even here: with enlightenments and aids, in a thousand ways I come to enrich your mind and your soul.

Catherine had a great number of spiritual children and your family is no less. Surrounding the throne of my Mother and honouring my divine Face, many souls are sanctifying themselves right here where you often come to pray.

I desire that an increase of grace therefore, comes to all those who with love are a part of this family. I desire that in each member that attachment to the Church be always more alive and that each one may find in Me, crucified and risen, light, comfort and peace.

May the devotion that you practice to the Child Jesus inspire in you that simplicity and humility of which the image is.

May the tenderness of your devotion to my Mother be so sincere as to merit you to receive Me, if not in the arms, in the heart by the means of her who loved Me with a truly divine love.

I bless you all, one by one and I place you on my Heart so that you may be able to understand Me better and better and so illuminated becoming for others beacons of light. May the month of May that you are about to begin find you all agile and fervent in the service of the heavenly Mother so that by honouring her copious good fruits may come to you.

BE VIGILANT

May 6, 1976

Beloved children, I am here with you and I say to you with great strength: love Me! This only is indispensable for you.

I am the father, brother, bridegroom of your souls and I desire your love because I make use of it to save you.

There are people in the world who love God, people who hate Him and people who are indifferent and live as if He did not exist.

I invite you to be a part of the first category and to make every effort so that your love may increase continually. There is no other means to demonstrate love than this: to put into practice the Commandments.

The observance of the Law of God however, must not be done in a pharisaic way. There is a great difference between he who serves his master out of fear and he who serves him out of love, between he who serves for the pay as does the mercenary and he who wants the glory of his lord and who watches over his interests.

You must observe the Law of God because you love Him; attentive not to transgress his commands, not even in the little things.

If the Pharisees were to have had as aim the glory of God, they would have been saints, that much was the precision they put into the exterior practices. Unfortunately I was able to call them whitened sepulchres for that rottenness that they had inside.

You must love God: it is therefore indispensable to live in the grace of God. It is the best way to prepare oneself for the coming of the bridegroom.

A day will come in which the bridegroom presents himself and wants to find his brides dressed in white and with the lamp in the hands lit. He wants the grace of God and He wants faith and love, which the lamp symbolizes.

Speaking to the apostles and disciples one day I said: "Blessed those servants who at the coming of the master will be found with their sides girded and who will have been vigilant (Lk 12:37)". It was an invitation to mortification and vigilance, indispensable for maintaining grace intact and the faith whole.

Today as yesterday, as always the demon, father of the lie, makes an attempt on truth and brings error. It is easy for the lamp to go out and for love to grow less.

Then there is the other category. They are those who hate and who are already under Satan's dominion, who makes them his prey.

I invite you again to watch so that there may never be in you, not just hatred, but not even its shadow, that is those resentments that, if nor promptly taken away, can degenerate. It is true that sometimes you are the object of insults on the part of persons perhaps benefited by you or you are combated and hurt by persons whom you have loved or whom certainly you have not harmed in any way. But did I not teach you to forgive also your enemies? To forgive always? You must imitate Me and if my example seems to you hard to follow, look at my Mother who forgave Judas and all the Judases of all times who sell out her Son.

This hatred of which you can be the object is nothing but an imperceptible shadow of that terrible hatred that many men carry towards God, whom they do not want to love, know and serve.

God is the Father and He waits. I and the Father are one and the Redemption continues and the waiting for these souls will continue right up to the last hour of the world's existence.

I wait, I offer my Blood and I love. But if one dies with this hatred in the heart, one goes into hell, which will last forever. From this sea of sorrow souls will never again get out.

To call souls back to love is a duty of all Christians, especially of those who, living in the grace of God give to their prayer a value of command.

Never say: "*Bad luck to them!*". It is a stab wound to my Heart every time a soul is willingly lost. I was born, lived and died on earth for every soul, for every sinner who rejects and hates Me.

But believe Me, children, that no less sorrow the indifference and coldness of so many Christians gives Me, whom I have filled with graces and favours. How many young people rejecting my call, live as if God did not exist. How many priests celebrate and exercise the divine ministry without faith, with indifference, as they would carry out any work whatsoever to which a recompense is annexed!

How much carelessness in so many souls, in parents as in children, in the fulfilment of one's duties. How little do so many Christians love their souls and how little they love the souls of their brethren. Even if humanly they seem perfect, before God they are highly reprehensible, since they neglect the principal duties: saving their souls, giving glory to God.

My children, I repeat again: be vigilant, so that the thieves don't come at night time and destroy your belongings. Be vigilant, since when I shall come, if I shall find you waiting for Me, I will introduce you into my Kingdom and it will be I myself who will serve you.

I bless you all one by one and I give you my peace. Do what I have said to you, because my words are words of life. If you welcome them and live them you will have happiness today and salvation one day.

Children, believe in my love for you.

LIVING BY LOVING

May 10, 1976

Beloved children, here you are gathered to tell Me about your love and to testify your faith to Me, and I, faith and love wish to give you and I want to make you my witnesses in the world, just as the apostles and disciples were witnesses of my resurrection.

Let my presence among you be a stimulus to raising a fervent prayer, pure in intentions and free from those faults that do not render it acceptable to God.

I desire to grant you graces and favours. Or rather I wish to be I myself in you to make the requests to the Father. My Mother, as Mediatrix of graces, will also intercede, but you show yourselves my friends by a life of grace.

In the world there are many senseless people, that think they can judge God's behaviour and expect to be heard immediately, especially in material needs, but then they don't bother putting themselves in the suitable condition for obtaining.

If sin renders one enemies of God, certainly it will be necessary to reestablish friendly relations before asking Him for the realization of one's desires.

The soul in the grace of God lodges Me: it is I who prays in it and for it.

But there is also another characteristic that cannot be lacking to prayer. It is humility. It is this virtue which conquers men even, but which pleases Me above all. The humble are those who learn to recognize their limitations and their incapacity to do good without the help of God.

Children, I have given you a very clear example.

Tell Me, am I not God like the Father? Did I not say to you: "Whoever sees *Me sees my Father* (Jn 12:45)?". Well then, the omnipotence of the Father was also mine. But how come I never willed to work miracles without

having recourse to Him by prayer? And why did I thank Him after every action?

I wanted to give you an example of humility and I wanted that, by asking also for what you needed, you would have to refer to the will of God, who sees all, who loves all and who is infinite Providence for everyone.

If you would pray and ask with the loving persistence of those who have faith and love, I promise you that all will be granted to you.

Let my Mother, who by her prayer obtained the first miracle at the wedding of Cana, teach you the art of asking and the manner of obtaining.

Everyone of you have problems even grave ones to resolve. Each one thinks that his is the hardest.

There are broken families that make you suffer. There is the infidelity of some spouse that seems irreparable. There are children and brothers who, having abandoned the faith, have attached themselves to human friendships and things, turning them into idols. There are those who are upset by family discord, those who grieve because they don't know how to pray, how to suffer, how to stay serene, how to forgive.

I invite you to make a bundle of all these problems and to throw everything into my Heart, a burning furnace of charity. You must leave here with the belief that you are not alone in the world. You must believe that all that happens to you, be it the fruit of wickedness or incapacity, I, your God, can use it to your spiritual advantage.

I can and desire to pardon you all the past. It is enough for you, with sentiments of sorrow, to bring yourselves to the "fountain of Siloam", that is, to the confessional and, after having washed your souls in my Blood, you promise to start living again.

Living in grace, living by faith, living by loving not only Me, but everyone. Today I wish to generously give graces of conversion and sanctity.

I look at the world in ruin because of sin, vice, wars and telluric movements. I look at the world and its inhabitants: they are like sick men who anxiously hold out their hands to you.

Well then, sanctify your crosses. Utilize them, unite them to my one.

Above all don't magnify them. Keep the peace in your hearts because only in this way the cross does not become a burden also for others.

I bless you. Always give a proof of faith. Never judge God nor men. The mercy of God will cover you and you shall be saved.

Grace and peace be in your hearts now and always!

Amen!

MARY'S MISSION

Beloved children, I am amongst you to unite my prayer to yours, that it may rise to the Father as an entreaty of mercy and help for you and for the whole world.

I am Jesus living and real amongst you. If I hide myself to your eyes it is to make it easier for you to receive Me in your heart in the sacrament of the Eucharist and to give you a way to exercise your faith, making true in you what I said to Thomas the apostle: *"You have believed because you have seen, but blessed are they who believe without seeing* (Jn 20:29)."

Today I desire to make you know the goodness and love of she who was my Mother. Talking to you about Mary is always a great joy for Me. I loved my Mother with an infinite love, not only because, as God, she is a creature of mine, but because to the Mother, as a Son, I owed a special tenderness united to respect, to trust, to obedience, just as every son must do with his own parent.

Mary was the most perfect creature to come out of the hands of God. My merits, applied to her beforehand, rendered her full of grace.

Beloved daughter of the eternal Father, she was for Him the object of welcome and admiration, so as to be chosen for a unique and extraordinary mission, that of providing to the Son of God, blood and flesh, a body so that He would be able as man to immolate himself and re-establish that order which sin had disturbed.

Therefore, I came to earth passing through this marvellous Door and, just as the sun breaks up in crystal without breaking it, so I passed through her virginal body without prejudicing it. I came into the world and I chose myself a Mother. What son, being able to do it, would not choose the best of mothers for goodness, sanctity, beauty? I had this possibility: that's why I chose Mary.

Her heart is modelled on that of God, who willed her the new Eve. Called to be the Mother of all the living, she could not have a petty or selfish heart, but only a heart capable of embracing all men without partiality or interest.

I came into the world making use of her and the Holy Spirit, who had breathed on the world even from its beginning, shrouded her with his light, so that, after having given birth to Me, He would give birth to the Church and to the heavenly fatherland those souls that I had been called by the Father to redeem. It is in this way that sanctity becomes, besides the work of the Holy Spirit, the work of his Bride.

My Mother is the easy way to get to Heaven. She, who knew how to ask and obtain changing the water into wine at the wedding of Cana, knows by a marvellous and divine intuition how to see the necessities of souls. She is the teacher of virtue. Her teaching is not based on empty words; she teaches by her example, by her love, by that authority which comes to her from God. Her strength resides in God, who chose her as an efficacious means and her collaboration is an earned merit by that suffering that she shared with Me and which she accepted for the love of God and souls.

I would like that you were able to see with the eyes of faith her beauty, which exceeds that of the stars of the sky and be inebriated by the perfume that bathes her soul.

In Paradise you will see her and it will be an infinite joy for you. If however you want to have a faint idea of the joy her presence can give, try to think of that which the persons felt, who, in the course of the centuries saw her in some apparition. I assure you that they would have willingly renounced any human thing in order to keep the sweet memory of her presence in their eyes and heart.

What must I say to you whom I know love her so much? Never let your faith grow less in this woman of Paradise, Queen of the Universe, who, just as she was for Me the means to come down to men, is for you the means to come to Me. She is the door of Heaven and whoever offends her causes a grave offence to my Heart.

In Heaven she has the power of command, therefore run to her in your necessities. All that is good for your souls she can and wants to obtain it for you. Her goodness does not permit her to distance from herself not even sinners and those who make her suffer.

Invoke her always, but above all when doubt comes to disturb your faith and the demon seduces your virtue leading you to evil. Pray to her, when pride tries to make you see yourselves as better than others or worthy to receive prizes and rewards.

Know that the greatness of Mary is above all raised upon her great humility: do not disgust her with that defect that makes her remember the malicious serpent whose head she crushed. A last advice: love Me and love each other with her heart. Your paradise will be in God and in Mary and I in the heart of my Mother find my paradise where reparation is offered Me for the offences and for the wickedness of men.

I bless you all, children, one by one.

MY CROSS AND MY GIFTS

May 19, 1976

My children, how I love to address my word to you! I am Jesus, the divine Teacher and my words are spirit and life. They must be your spiritual nourishment, your guide, your comfort and joy, your light and hope.

In my word you must find the strength to resist evil and the evil one.

When I had to prepare my apostles for the tragedy of the Cross, I gave them words of comfort; when I had to prepare them to leave Me, I gave them encouragement and hope. I did not hide from them the fact that the demon is the prince of this world, but as I was not under his dominion, since I did the will of the Father, I taught them in this way to overcome the demon by doing the works of the Father.

Now also to you I direct the same warning: watch out for the prince of this world and do not let yourselves be dominated ever by his spirit. The spirit of the demon is a spirit of pride. He always aims to divide and create contradictions.

Cultivate constantly instead my spirit, which is a spirit of humility and brotherhood. Aim with a sincere mind at the works of the Father which give life. Do not let yourselves be intimidated by the arts of the demon.

Be souls dear to Me. Everyone has his own crosses; everyone his own gifts: use everything for the good, be they crosses or gifts.

When one is in the hands of God because one desires to do his will, the Lord uses you and immunises you from the strong temptations. Be therefore, of the Lord and do so that He is everything for you.

The goods of this world pass quickly away, but God remains and what you do for Him, testifying faithfulness and love to Him, remains eternally to his glory and your advantage.

Crosses and gifts are equivalent to each other when it is love that makes one accept and use them.

When Mary at the foot of the Cross on which I was agonising remained standing, she had the aim of offering herself as crucified with Me for the good of humanity.

I am still crucified in the hearts of many: learn with dignity and love to remain standing beside Me in loving offering. Close to you there is my Mother who wants the salvation of all your loved ones and all the members of your spiritual family and mine.

Accepting the gifts, thanking and using them to your good and everyone's is to love. Accepting the cross and offering it up for souls is love that sanctifies. The works of the Father done by Me, you can do them also spiritually through prayer and sacrifice.

I bless you, children. Remain in my love and in my grace.

FOR GOD AND FOR SOULS

May 20, 1976

Beloved children, peace be to you, grace and blessing. These days spent in peace and with the mind turned to God cannot but bring benefits to your souls.

I said to you one day: "*I am the vine and you the branches* (Jn 15:5)." For the branches to produce abundant fruits they must be pruned. It is exactly this work of pruning that you must do in these days of particular spirituality. One observes one's life, one listens to the voice of the conscience and one sees what is good to take out to render one's life more fruitful.

I do not demand much from my children. I demand however, all that one can give. If it seems to you that your are mediocre in your conduct, you ought to improve yourselves; if it seems to you that you are fervent enough, you ought to sanctify yourselves. This is the work that needs to be done around the vine or around that marvellous flower bed that is the soul.

Have you ever thought how many people die every day?

Many that have left this life have been cut away like dry branches and have been throw into the eternal fire. It is the gravest harm that can happen to a soul.

I desire that the lifeblood of grace always dwells in you and that the souls in sin, after having rejected the putridness in which they are enveloped, insert themselves into the tree of life, in order to produce fruits of eternal life.

My aspiration must also be yours. Souls must give you reason for a continual thirst. So, as you with humility lay yourselves open to the action of grace to render your spiritual life more and more luxuriant, you work for the common good.

When a soul thirsting for God approaches the spring to receive the wonderful water that quenches, like a reciprocal exchange occurs and the joy is widespread.

My children, keep Me in your minds, so that your thoughts may be turned to Heaven and so that your intelligence opens itself more and more to the things of God. Keep Me on your lips, so that your discourses may carry like my seal and your speech be efficacious. Keep Me in your heart, so that it may be the precious casket in which the treasures of the King are enclosed.

The coming and going of people through the streets and in shops, in public or private places, is regulated by special signs that mark instructions and times. Your life in every action, in every thought and in every affection must be regulated by a very special sign: "*All for God and souls*."

If you put this advice into practice, your life will be a harmonious song in which God will have his triumph.

I bless you, children, one by one.

THE LOVE AND SORROW OF MARY

May 24, 1976

My children, I am with you and I make your intentions mine. The reparation for sins and the consolation that you wish to give my Mother and yours are so pleasing to Me, whereby I cannot but be delighted and unite myself with you.

The sorrows of Mary are those of the Church. You see the Mother of the Church in a divine light. You know her as guardian of the Truth and, in her characteristic as Mother, you know her as fruitful parent of souls to the life of grace. But perhaps it is often forgotten that maternity entails a continual suffering.

Every mother suffers in giving birth to her child and she accompanies with her worries the growth of the child, his education, his life. The mother participates in the life of the child right up to making his sufferings hers. If a child is falling short, the mother's heart feels as if life is failing in herself.

Well then, children, this marvellous mother is Mary, just as every day she suffers and enjoys giving birth to new Christians, so she suffers indescribably in seeing souls so dear to God willingly renounce the life of grace and prefer the slavery and the dominion of Satan to their vocation of sons of God and Mary. In this way she sees her beloved let themselves be dragged in the mud and prefer the fallacious joys of the world to those eternal ones.

Who can make you comprehend the sorrow that this holy Mother feels when she sees those children, redeemed by Me with so much suffering, distance themselves to an eternal death?

Therefore, it is commendable and proper the comfort that you wish to give her and it will be repaid to you with graces and blessings. I desire to invite you also to offer to the Father the sorrow of my Mother, who, being innocent and without stain, joined to Me, is capable of repairing the sins of men.

How much sorrow and how much love is enclosed in that sensitive heart and delicate like no other human heart!

The perfection of a person can be measured by his closeness to God, but who is able to live more intimately united to God than her, who lodged Me in her womb to give Me a human body?

My human Heart was therefore, similar to hers and the heart of my Mother took the imprint of the Heart of God. If God is love in essence, Mary had to be like a vase of election to welcome in herself and give to Me as man and to all her children a divine love without measure.

From this intensity of love proceeds the intensity of sorrow that derives from ingratitude and from human wickedness. But there is also the sorrow that embraces all earthly creatures and which makes its children suffer.

Mary is mother according to the spirit, but she cannot remain indifferent to human suffering. Every tear, every sigh, every illness, every cross, finds in her very sensitive heart a repercussion and just as every little kindness or gift gives her pleasure, so every sorrow of yours finds a resonance in her who loves you like a true mother. She loves you body and soul. She knows that sorrow cannot be lacking in the world and that with it my Passion is completed.

But just as I suffered in seeing her suffer also because of Me, so she, though knowing that suffering is useful to you and that it saves you, she suffers to see you suffer.

So, beloved children, I invite you to place yourselves trustingly and lovingly in her heart to receive from her an aid to love suffering and the strength to do what you can for others.

Every time that you, to make your neighbour happy, renounce something, you give her joy, especially if that renunciation serves to maintain the peace.

I bless you, children, and I accompany you. My Mother watches over you and I watch over your families. Remain in my love and in that of Mary.

I ASK YOU ONLY FOR LOVE

May 26, 1976

Beloved children, I am Jesus, your Teacher. I am here to give you my greetings and to leave you some souvenir of these days that must give a particular direction to your lives.

I want to remind you of some personages of the Gospel that they may serve as a guide for you.

At the moment of the Crucifixion, many assisted at my agony, but, besides my Mother, John and the Magdalene, there were few that gave Me comfort. Straight after my death there was a man who, having pierced my Heart with a lance, moved away beating his breast and saying: "*Truly he was the Son of God* (Mt 27:54)." This was an act of faith which earned him conversion and sanctity.

Well then, in your life I would like that you repeat often this act of faith.

When I asked the cured sick people who had cured them and they answered Me: "*The Son of God*", I rejoiced because the truth was making headway.

When I asked the apostles who they thought I was and Peter answered for everyone: "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God* (Mt 16:16)", I was so happy as to choose him as head of the others and already the Church was taking shape.

Therefore, my request is very important for you and for Me.

If you believe that your Jesus is the Son of God, your whole life must change. What I ask you has the value of a command, what I give you is certainly superior to that which human creatures can give you.

What do I ask you? To observe my Commandments. I ask you for love. I ask you to perfect your life in the light of charity.

And what do I give you? My grace and my joy. Christianity is all here. If you let a lot of charity enter your days, you will sanctify them and if you stay in grace, you will possess joy also. Many Christians don't know how to be joyful because they don't know how to enjoy the gifts of God.

Some however, think that penance, prayer and joy cannot be put together. They will never be beacons of light, since men, who seek only happiness, will not be attracted by sad or melancholic people.

My gifts are divine and, if you believe in the Son of God, your life will by enriched by so many graces as to leave you dumbfounded, because my gifts will be a reward for your faith.

Finally, I desire to remind you of the two disciples of Emmaus who disappointed and disconsolate walked by my side without realizing it. Good for them that, with an act of exquisite charity, they invited Me to stop with them: "*Stay with us because it's almost evening* (Lk 24:29)."

This invocation also you must make yours in every sad or joyful situation. You must invite Me to stay with you, because I want to be a part of your life. I must direct it, I must animate it. Your interests are mine; the virtues that you desire to acquire I wish to donate them to you. I am more desirous of pardoning and forgetting yours sins and your miseries, than you are of being pardoned of them.

I do not want to be a spectator of your life, but to penetrate deep down your thoughts, your affections, your desires. I want to know everything about you. If, as God nothing is hidden to Me, I desire that you tell Me all, that you invite Me to stay with you "*because it is almost evening*".

The age of many amongst you is much closer to sunset than sunrise. Therefore it is almost evening and, just as the end of my life I pronounced my "*Consummatum est* (Jn 19:30)", you also ought to be able to say: "*I have spent my life in the service of God.*"

It is almost evening for everyone, children, also because sad days of darkness and evil are approaching. "*Stay with us, stay with us!*": repeat it every day, because my presence, desired by you, is already a pledge of salvation.

But I want to remind you too of another important personage who gave to the apostles and to the disciples the confirmation of my divinity.

When, having ascended to Heaven, I disappeared from their gaze, an angel said to them: "*Men of Galilee, what are you looking at above? He whom you saw ascending, will return on the clouds at the end of the world to judge the living and the dead* (Acts 1:11)."

I, therefore, as Son of God, will be called in litigation after your death as judge.

Do you want Me as a severe or merciful judge? It's up to you.

If you have spent your life believing in Me and keeping Me in your company making Me live in you, I will not only be your God, but bridegroom, father, brother, friend and my Kingdom will be yours.

I bless you, my children, and I love you. I am with you and, if you don't chase Me away with sin, I will always be with you!

BE MY WITNESSES

June 3, 1976

Beloved children, here I am here with you. I am Jesus, infinite mercy. I desire to make you know my desires and give you all the help that you need to welcome them and realize them.

If you have an idea very clear in your mind, you are capable of manifesting it, and, if you are convinced of something, you know how to convince others of it also.

This clarity and this conviction of ideas you go about acquiring them through the instructions that are imparted to you here. Often however, you lack the courage to express yourselves and timidity and fear restrain you even when it would be proper to explain your convictions and make your Christian principles known. It could be said that you are like the apostles before the Holy Spirit had descended on them. You must therefore invoke courage to avoid being cowardly.

I know well that in your usual surroundings you know how to show your faith, hope and generous helpfulness towards others. But you still have to learn to behave in this way, whatever may be the surroundings in which you may find yourselves.

You have to have the courage of your actions, even if this can entail criticisms or mockery for you.

Peter, who before a servant girl became a perjurer, often finds his imitators in the Christians of today. What can be said of those children of mine who profess themselves atheists and unbelievers, who deny knowing Me, when they had served Mass up to a little while back? Or of those priests who are ashamed at being recognized as such?

Children, I desire to be able to present you to the Father as the elect portion of my flock. Therefore I desire on your part a statement of genuine faith. It is not necessary that you do some exhibitionism, it is enough that you show what you are, with your character, your personality, with charity, humility and sincerity.

Do you see how many qualities you must cultivate to be my true witnesses? You must show yourselves with your character. I do not intend to speak of the character that marks you with a particular stamp according to nature, even if I add straight away that it is best to intervene to correct this defect so as to render it, malleable, sweet and humble according to the necessities of human living. Instead, I wish to speak about that character that makes you into Christians and which renders you recognizable as such.

Never be ashamed to manifest your faith with words and with gestures, however, in the first place let it be your doing to distinguish you as my followers.

I have said to you also that you must carry into the world a witness stamped on your personality.

This also is hard work, because it requires integrating and rectifying what can prove to be lacking in you. Integrating by adding to those that are virtues or natural talents those given from instruction, from reasoning and from reflection. In that way, with the help of my grace, you will be able to penetrate more easily into the heart of others and lead them to Me.

In all this activity, which serves to give you courage and to overcome fear and timidity, charity cannot be lacking. Charity with oneself and with others, to be able to put up with the limitations of others and one's own and to take up again every time with renewed fervour those actions that, because of the mortifications they entail, become often so difficult.

Children, the charity that drove the saints to work must spur you on too. The inspirations by which you are accompanied must drive you on to overcome yourselves and do the good that the Lord wants from you.

Do you know why after so many years Christianity still has not embraced the whole earth? Because the true Christians were and are few and by the example of these ones there was no way to learn. The lazy, the indolent, the timid, the lovers of the quiet life and those who live only for self are too many.

I turn to you because you can understand Me. I look at the needs of the earth and I need daring persons who, living by faith, learn again like the martyrs to face death and lose the life of the body also not failing in the word given to God.

I need strong and generous souls. Do you wish to be of this number? I do not invite you to throw yourselves into the fray, but I ask each one of you, in your own field of work, at your own place, must show yourself a strong and consistent Christian: charitable and humble in coming to the help of everyone, but unperturbed in defending your principles.

I pray the Father for you as I prayed one day for the apostles, so that those who were my friends in life may never get lost. And as friends, as beloved children I bless you.

THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

June 6, 1976

Beloved children, peace be to you! I send you my Spirit and the Spirit of the Father who, filling you with light, strength and charity must make you into true apostles.

The Church began its apostolic activity on the day of Pentecost. You must start from today a new life all stamped with charity.

It is true that already during the three years of my public life the apostles had exercised their mission. They in fact, sent by Me, had started to preach, to baptize and also to work miracles, but only after that baptism of fire, having come from the Holy Spirit, were they capable of understanding many truths and making them known, while many charisms came to confirm their word.

You also have been called from the first hour. With Baptism, with Confirmation and in Communion, you receive the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, but many times you lack that interior movement, that divine fire that knows how to work great transformations.

I, today, want for you to be as if reborn and to make yourselves instruments of my work, carriers of my light. The Holy Spirit, who already spoke through the prophets and who continuously illumines the Church and its Head, must be invoked by you whenever you must make use of your word to rouse consciences numbed by sin or when you must call others to collaborate with you in good.

The Holy Spirit raises souls to great sanctity filling them with his seven gifts. And like children, although cared for and fed by their father, must express to him their needs, so Christians must insistently ask the Holy Spirit for those gifts that produce in the soul, peace, joy, goodness, long-suffering, gentleness, sweetness and all those virtues that make the soul the worthy abode of the King.

Every Christian has his particular mission and this comes from the Holy Spirit enriched with charisms that constitute the graces of state.

In this way the Head of the Universal Church will have peculiar gifts, just as every priest who lives out his priestly ministry worthily will be enriched by the Spirit with graces and favours.

Also every mother, who lives Christianly her mission, her marriage and her family duties, will obtain special help, true and proper charisms.

Each one is enriched to the measure that, living in the grace of God, he commends himself to the author of grace and giver of all gifts.

Every gift must be a reason for gratitude even when it is not immediately recognisable as such.

Who thinks, for example, of thanking the Lord for the gift of illness? Nevertheless suffering is a very great gift that I give to my friends.

Often the Holy Spirit has made his inspirations descend on persons gravely ill in body and they had almost illuminated the world with the divine light that seemed to come from their bed of sorrow.

And who thinks still to thank God for being deprived of money? And yet even in that privation there is a design of providence and the Holy Spirit makes perfect thoughts of the love of God arise and desires of practicing poverty together with so many holy poor men.

Children, the Holy Spirit speaks to you often through the voice of the conscience. But, tell Me, what is that anxiety that often takes hold of you and that dissatisfaction with yourselves, if not the voice of the Spirit, who wants greater perfection from you?

What must I say to you at this point? Children, do not sadden with sin the Holy Spirit who dwells in you. Be careful so that no sin committed with the mind, with the mouth and with the heart, may ever render less luminous your soul. And do not forget that every soul can be, like yours, a dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

What can we say then about those persons who scandalize the children, of those priests who scandalize the faithful and of those faithful who give scandal to the unbelievers who do not know the value of grace and the work of the Holy Spirit in souls?

My children, a Pentecost of fire ought to burn the hearts of all the faithful to avoid burning one day in the flames of love of purgatory or in the eternal flames of hell.

Rouse yourselves at the sound of my words and make your hope green again that the hour of God changes quickly the face of the earth. Yes, make it green again, and let it be a tangible sign of your fervour. Pray with love. That is, pray with the Spirit of love from whom you are loved. Act with love. That is, act together with that Spirit who has his triumph in the love of God and neighbour.

Rouse and renew your affections. Do not get lost in trifles. Learn to love, to forget and to forgive. Let a mercy without measure inspire you always in your relations with your neighbour. The Spirit of God wants it this way and only in this way one becomes part of the elect who in the Holy Spirit will have a triumph in Heaven.

Children, I love you and I still pour out with largesse my Spirit over you.

GO AND PREACH

June 10, 1976

Beloved children, peace and grace be to you! I am Jesus the Teacher, here present as once amongst the crowds of Palestine.

May praying in this place serve to rekindle the faith. This is an oasis and while I come here to console myself of the many offences and wickedness that I receive, I give consolation to you who seek and love Me.

I desire that these places of prayer and hearing of my word be multiplied, in which you receive light to know my Law, and grace to be able to practice it.

What is taught to you is in conformity to what my Church teaches you.

That word of which it is a repository and which sometimes does not reach the faithful, both out of carelessness and negligence of those who ought to make it known, here is explained to you in a simple and accessible way.

It is therefore an illuminated word, which you must welcome into your heart as a precious treasure and which you must make known to the brethren. I repeat to you as to the early disciples: "*Go and preach* (Mk 16:15)". Let your word however be mine, let it be that of my Church and its Head, that is let it be genuine and, meditated on, let it be translated into practice.

When you do this apostolate, you become like channels in which you let graces run. For this I beg you: do not let any occasion escape you to communicate. Do not close the dams, so that this beneficial water be not left reserved for a few.

What I give, I give it for everyone. Souls are my attraction. I love them all indistinctly, without preferences.

Even if I make use of a soul as an instrument, after having prepared it for this mission, I desire that the fruit of my gifts reach everybody.

I am an inexhaustible source of light, of grace and of good. Whoever approaches Me with confidence, with humility and with good will, leaves enriched and capable of giving what he receives.

I have said to you to come with confidence. How much those souls move Me who, as if brought by an infinite desire, leave their homes, their towns and say: "I'm going to Jesus, I'm going to Mother, to explain to them my needs."

How can I remain deaf to their petitions so full of confidence and faith?

Children, learn to seek Me and feel Me close. In the most sorrowful moments I am in your heart and I desire only an act of trust and love to realize in you and through you my plans of salvation.

God, whose immensity fills every place, is always with you.

When you wish to communicate with Him, you won't be kept waiting. He is always waiting for your conversation and for your acts of love.

I am God like the Father and like the Holy Spirit: I feel an immense joy in receiving your supplications and I enjoy granting them. Do not permit Me to remain idle.

There are important graces to be asked for you and for others. Be prompt in asking. Don't fear of abusing my goodness. Ask with faith and learn to wait, because many times so many graces would be wasted if you were heard straight away.

I see and with the providence with which I direct the world I can direct your souls.

Be trustful, give to everyone a constant example of faith. That certainty, which derives from the knowledge of the truth, must direct your actions.

Bring yourselves for an instant before a marvellous cascade of water which, coming down from above, illuminated by the sun, falls down so white and foaming as to seem a bride's veil. Here are my blessings, today I am this marvellous cascade that clothes you with graces and others to whom you will bring my word as a gift of love.

Remain under this effluvium of graces and say to Me with sincerity that you love Me. All the rest is secondary.

IN SPITE OF YOUR MISERY

June 11, 1976

Beloved children, peace be to you. See Me with the eyes of faith as I show you my Heart and say to you: "*Here is the Heart that has so loved men*."

Many put into doubt this infinite love and I desire to speak to you about it.

I am the Son of God, equal in everything to the Father and the Holy Spirit. My love, therefore, is eternal. I love every soul from all eternity. In my name the Father gave a start to the creation of the world and He willed to populate the earth with men so that his infinite love would have a way of communicating itself with beings capable in some way of understanding Him and to repay Him.

The Father is infinite love, the Son is infinite love, the Holy Spirit is infinite love.

Creation, therefore, is a work of love. One needs to welcome love to thank God for having given origin to everything to manifest his love.

Unfortunately since from the beginning man rebelled against the Law of God, a Law of love destined to continually call back souls close to his Heart. And tremendous chastisements arrived to destroy the evil that was multiplying before his eyes.

However, the Redemption had been promised to the progenitors. And in the fullness of time the Son of God became man.

I took a human body in the womb of a Virgin and, after having given an example to man and having indicated the road to follow to get to Heaven, with my passion, death and resurrection I re-established the bonds of subjection and love between man and God, then giving a gift of my grace along the centuries by means of the sacraments, so that all men would be able to sanctify themselves.

My love was brought to the highest degree with my death, but this gift of love is repeated at every instant when a priest celebrates the Holy Mass. The Mass is a gift of love that saves the world, that saves souls and which continually reconciles them with the Father.

If the world does not become submerged once again under the weight of its iniquities, it is because again as two thousand years ago I present myself to the Father asking for mercy.

Through the Mass I communicate with souls, not only by means of Communion, but also through the sorrow of my children which, in union with mine, becomes again a means of universal salvation.

With the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into my Body and my Blood, even your daily sorrows, represented by a few drops of water, become transformed into what completes my passion and my gift of love.

Children, I love you in spite of your misery. I love all men in spite of their wickedness, because I am not attracted by your merits, but by your necessities!

To everyone I give a gift of my riches of love. To make everyone convinced, I would be ready to renew, not only mystically on the altar, but also physically and humanly, the sacrifice of the Cross.

Neither wickedness, nor infidelity, nor ingratitude frighten Me, because I came to earth to seek what was lost and exactly the human miseries give Me a way to exercise the infinite goodness and mercy of my divine Heart.

You ask yourselves sometimes how come, if God is love, He permits men to suffer on earth.

Well then, when your progenitors were chased away from the terrestrial paradise for their sin of pride and disobedience, there was on the part of God the promise of the Redeemer, but the consequences of sin were not taken away: death, sickness...

But sin continues uninterruptedly in the world, in spite of the continual calls to prayer, penance and the life of grace and love. Every sin carries with itself its individual and social consequences. Every sin, even though largely forgiven by my Heart, which only desires to forgive, in sorrow finds a means of expiation. The men of earth form then a family and, as in every family, the innocent many times pay for the guilty. Nevertheless their suffering, sanctified by mine, returns to the moral and spiritual benefit of the whole human family.

My Heart, a furnace of love, desires to destroy all human miseries: it's enough to acknowledge oneself guilty, sinners and commit oneself to a good life according to the dictates of its law. The certainty of this pardon, on which someone could nourish some doubts, is given through the priest, minister of the mercy of God.

I don't ask but this from my children, to give them a peace and a joy that derives from my grace and to assure a paradise of infinite happiness in the other life.

I have said to you how much I love you and I ask you as a poor beggar that at least you love Me.

There are here present many sick people. Children, may your sickness serve to heal the many sick in soul. I look at you, I help you, I give you relief; but you offer up with joy, giving Me proof of love. No one leaves from these gatherings empty handed, I promise you. I am with you and I bless you. Goodbye.

APOSTLES WITH GOODNESS AND DELICACY

June 24, 1976

Beloved children, here I am with you! I am the Son of the living God. I desire that you live of my life and that in Me and through Me you may be able to enjoy that peace and that happiness that only God can give you.

Haven't you also often seen that, living by faith and united to the Lord, your life takes on a new sense? And don't you see everyday better than those who by abandoning God find themselves as in a sea of troubles, which takes away their peace?

Children, I want you immersed in my Heart, a burning furnace of charity, because I want for you to taste the joy of being mine. When a child rests on the heart of his father, he has no worries, if not that of doing his will by putting into practice his counsels.

This you must do and, even if it were to be stormy outside, you must remain calm because I am there to watch over you and I guard you.

Today, as we remember him who prepared the way for Me and announced Me as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (Jn 1:29)", I

desire to entrust you with a task ever so important. From you I expect a work of marvellous apostleship.

There are sins which wound God directly and cause families and society countless harm. I'll signal two out to you: blasphemy and the carelessness of the Sunday precept.

I send you as heralds into the world so that you may help Me to eliminate these evils. Children, there is blasphemy everywhere. Little importance is given to this sin which wounds my Heart. Adolescents and adults blaspheme up to boasting of saying the most opprobrious words, up to being pleased with themselves and affirming that their children have become men because by now they know how to blaspheme.

It is the language of the demon, who dirties and deconsecrates those tongues on which many times has been placed the Host: my Flesh and my Blood.

Children, if I can make you a promise, that certainly continually comes true, it is this: I liberally bless and I do not let help and Providence lack to those families in which the holy Name of God, is praised, loved and honoured.

It is necessary that your apostolate of admonishment, of correction and reproach be always accompanied by goodness and delicacy, so that the blasphemers cannot make you responsible for their anger and outbursts of rage.

I sanctify with my presence those homes where the third Commandment: "*Remember to keep holy the Sabbath* (Ex 20:8)" is held of great account. I ask you for only one of the seven days that are given to you, so that the thought of God can enrich you with the strength to proceed in your daily labours.

I desire that participation to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass never be lacking on that day and that prayer and good works may make the love of God and neighbour flourish.

How can one call himself Christian who, forgetting the bonds that unite him to God, does not acknowledge that it is out of love, gratitude and intercession that he must make that marvellous offering which only in my Body and in my Blood is true and complete?

What will my children present to the Father if they forget my action as intermediary and saviour?

Know that there is no work, no matter how good and great, that can substitute the Sunday Mass. It is a force, a power, a help and a wealth that you have at your finger tips and which many neglect. The apostles of the Sunday Mass will be looked upon by Me with a particular benevolence. In this number are included also those priests who continually insist on the duty to participate with faith and love at the Holy Sacrifice and those mothers and fathers who, after having giving the example, make a work of convincing their children. Do not fear of annoying or meeting refusals. Your duty, dear parents, is that of not being like dumb dogs, even if you must not forget to use goodness and charity.

You cannot keep quiet when you see the members of your family cover themselves with that leprosy that is derived from the loss of faith and from the sin that follows from it.

Apostles of the Mass can also be the educators. Let them ask, for example, the young entrusted to them to speak about the Gospel passage heard on Sunday and make it an object of comment and instruction with them.

I turn also to the nurses so that they may help the sick to understand how their sorrow and their illness can help them to sanctify themselves and become their Mass. It is also necessary to talk to the children about the Mass because once the necessity and the greatness of this mystery is understood it becomes more beautiful and more desirable.

Today, the feast of John the Precursor, may you be able, all comprehending the beauty of the Mass and making Communion with Me, carry into the world the knowledge of the rights of God over men and of the duties of the latter in regards to God.

Now I bless you. To all, my love and my grace. Remain with Me now and always.

HUMILITY OPENS THE GATES OF HEAVEN

June 24, 1976

My children, I welcome with joy your prayer made with fervour and humility of heart and I unite it to mine presenting it to the Father. My prayer is eternal, omnipotent. It is the prayer of the Son of God, it is the humble prayer of the Man-God.

Children, how much need does the world have of this humble prayer! In this world in which so often the demon triumphs with pride.

I wish for you to truly be those little souls that must transform the world. Be little, always little souls so dear to Me.

Little, to confuse the fatuous greatness of the world. Little, to be able to penetrate deeper and deeper into my Heart. Little, to be able one day be a part of my host. A host of those souls who, having made themselves little, will merit a particular and infinite glory.

Two things are necessary for you to enter into Paradise: Baptism and humility.

The first, so that it may purify souls and insert them into my Mystical Body. Humility, because the gate of Heaven is small and it only opens to the humble.

Children, may the feast of my most Sacred Heart find you in this disposition of mind. That you may be able always to see your nothingness and your misery. That you may be able always to have a great respect for all souls and that you may be able, approaching them, to make humility loved.

That you may learn to acknowledge to God every merit and that every action of yours may be able to give Him honour and glory.

I shall give you abundant graces. Meanwhile I welcome you into my Heart full of goodness and mercy.

WHAT YOU DO FOR OTHERS

June 25, 1976

Beloved children, here you are with Me. You wish to honour and glorify my Heart which is the source of every virtue, of every good and grace.

Children, the more you approach Me the more you will learn my lessons, the more your Christianity will be real.

Today I want to invite you to reflect on two phrases that I already said to my disciples, so that your good apostolate may carry my divine imprint. I said one day: "*Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of Heart* (Mt 11:29)."

Truly the Christian faith is all a lesson based on humility. Holiness itself, which is a characteristic of my Church and of my followers, cannot exist without this base of humility.

Every virtue draws its origins from this virtue which, rendering you little to your eyes, renders you worthy of help on the part of God.

Humility creates harmony and peace everywhere, because it renders one capable of understanding others, without asking anything and without demanding to be understood. Humility is the best means to make an apostolate truly fruitful, since it is like a magnet that attracts souls. Humility is the virtue that I have a preference for, because it gives Me a way to exercise goodness, mercy and to put my omnipotence into action. Learn from Me this marvellous virtue that conquers God and men, and which gives to your heart that peace which is proper to the little ones.

I said to my disciples also another phrase which from the first is a bit of a continuation: "*Come to Me all you who are tired and weary and I shall refresh you* (Mt 11:28)." I would like for you to make this invitation yours in regards to others, that you would understand it as a call to the exercise of charity. It is as if I were to say to you: "*Do as I have done and whoever is needy, weary and depressed, may find in you comfort and help.*"

To come to my Heart weary means having laboured: do you know the value of work and toil, especially when it is borne in the name of that charity which is the whole Law!

I would like for you to be like beneficent bees, that you would learn that is, to discover the needs of others, ready to bring your contribution of serenity and help.

It is true that with your prayer you can honour Me and ask strength for everyone, but were you to know how precious your sacrifice is when you intervene in favour of your neighbour, relieve a mother from the heavy family commitment or you go out of your way for some children!

I live in every soul and all that a person does for another soul becomes a true gift for Me. Did I not say to you that each one must carry the burden of others? Were you to know how generous, in this sense, were the early Christians!

If then you read the lives of the saints, you find that they all prayed fervently in a way as to emulate the Seraphim but they also had a charity so great that it drove them to not sparing any toil, in order to carry out my command: "*Love one another as I have loved you* (Jn 13:34)."

Be real saints, my children! Do not create semblances of sanctity that would disappear at the light of God.

It's up to you to decide.

Learn also to create around you that climate of solidarity and goodness that derives from the low concept that you have of yourselves and from the desire to be of use to others.

Receive the abundance of those spiritual gifts that, even if you don't know, are indispensable to you.

Know that whoever wishes to love Me seriously with a sincere love, cannot neglect anything that concerns the neighbour. Remember also that true love resides in the practice of the Commandments of God, a Law that will never change.

Let your rest never be idleness, because the demon works among idlers more than the peasant in a field of wheat. Pray also then and I will continue my work of improvement over you and you will continue to carry to the brethren that blessed pollen which fertilizes souls by means of humility and charity.

I bless you and I love you.

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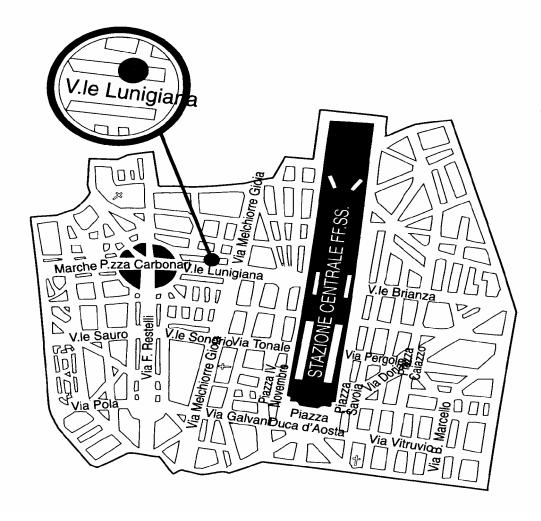
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The Message of Merciful Love was received by Mamma Carmela during a period which lasted some ten years, from 1968 to 1978. It ended in the year that Rome had at last lifted the suspension on the Divine Mercy revelations to Sister Faustina, who was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



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

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

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

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