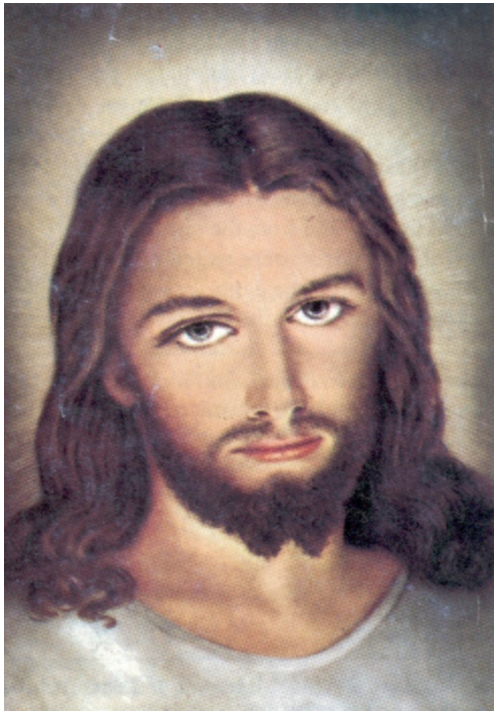




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“Write my daughter, you will be the apostle of my Merciful Love. I will bless you. I will shower on you abundant graces and great gifts. I will bless the families who expose my Image. Speak to Me often and invoke Me thus:

**‘Merciful Jesus, we trust in You:
have mercy on us
and on the whole world.’”**

Milan, April 20, 1968.

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“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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who, desirous to love the Lord,
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his teachings and
to live the Christian life
more perfectly.*

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

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ADOPTED CHILDREN OF GOD

June 17, 1977

My children, here you are merry. I give you hospitality in my Heart and I assure you my protection and my help. I am however the Good Shepherd who, after having put the ninety nine sheep safely away, goes in search of the lost sheep.

Some of you were once lost sheep too. I pursued you with my love and with all those means that you thought accidental or fortuitous, until I made you find the way to my Heart.

Perhaps you would not feel so much gratitude and desire to occupy yourselves with others if you had not felt so much spiritual and moral misery. You often say that the ways of the Lord are infinite, and it is true: even the most hardened sinners would be able to find the Lord on their path if only they went along for a moment with the movements of grace just as you have done, and they would find my Heart and my arms opened. A lavish banquet would be prepared and the saints of Heaven would make a great feast on their return.

I want to make the most of your experience so that you can put it at the service of the brethren. And if not all of you have known the abyss of mortal sin, the abyss of God's love for you, you all have had an inkling of it. Sometimes you have gone from the fervour and enthusiasm of the moment to indifference and coldness.

Then the Lord met you halfway and put you back on the right road. He called you to the intimacy of his heart, He gave you the taste for prayer and the desire to do good. They are experiences that must serve you to help others. Do not exclude anyone, and know that I would have even clasped Judas and the bad thief to my Heart, if they had accepted my friendship.

Be the extension of my arm and make understood to your brethren their great dignity. If the world has fallen so low, it is because men have forgotten of being adopted children of God.

Children, if everyone of you, reflecting on the gifts of the Lord, ought to raise your Magnificat, think how painful it is to see souls, created for an eternal happiness, redeemed by my Precious Blood, lower themselves to the point of rendering themselves similar to unclean animals. You are children of God, your greatness is by little inferior to that of the angels.

I willed, coming to earth, to assume human nature in order to make you understand how much I appreciated it and to raise you up to the divine heights by means of grace.

The esteem for yourselves ought to lead you to a great respect for your body, which must never be deconsecrated by sin and rendered a laughing stock of the demon. The esteem that you ought to have for the gifts of God that concern your soul and your body, ought to move you to sentiments of gratitude towards God and ought to be for you a continual incentive to traffic for the good all the precious talents received.

Children, don't forget of being in brotherhood with Me, therefore sharers of my actions, of my desires, of my sorrows and also of my triumphs. You have but to tighten more and more your bonds with Me and to follow Me by denying yourselves and taking up your cross. What cross? The one of misunderstandings, of the worries of life, of enmities, of character incompatibilities that often seem to become too heavy. Through and by means of the cross love is manifested, the same love that I showed you stretching over it my Body and my arms. Children, I love you all.

To those who shall labour to form youth groups goes my special blessing that it may increase their zeal and their virtue.

Good night, children!

MARY FOR MOTHER

June 18, 1977

Beloved children, here you are to meet with my Mother and yours. Just as from the top of the Cross I drew you to my Heart to give you asylum in it and for you to be able to draw those aids and those graces which you need, so I gave you Mary for mother, that in her most sweet heart all could have a model of goodness, generosity and humility.

To her heart I, therefore, invite all humanity represented by John. To her maternal heart I call all the priests, that they may sanctify their ministry and in the love of the Mother rediscover the desires of the Son. But I call, today, in a special way to her heart each one of you, who, having chosen to walk along the way of humility and spiritual infancy, wish to resemble her much more.

Yes, children, take lodging in the heart of Mary and invite Mary to take a place in your heart, that at her school and under her guidance you may be able to sanctify yourselves.

Take away from your life all that is in contrast with the life of my Mother, that you may be able like her to give the Saviour to the world. There is no

better efficacious means than this: to make Mary live in your life that I may be able to live and work the transformations indispensable to life.

Children, I bless you one by one. I warn you: do so that those words that Heaven addresses to you be kept by you as Mary kept the word of God in her heart, and spread them also, that your pilgrimages may bring fruits of good not only to you, but to many other souls.

Remain in my love. I cover you with my infinite mercy.

Goodbye, children!

AT THE SERVICE OF GOD

June 23, 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you! I am Jesus, Son of God, here amongst you to give to the Father with you that adoration that is due to Him, to love the Father with you and to tell you how you must serve Him in order to please Him.

The Father deserves your adoration: He is the Creator of all things and therefore has every right over you.

He is God, the infinite, eternal, omnipotent and immense Being to whom goes every praise from all his creatures to whom solely out of love He gave the gift of life.

Just as the angels adore Him and just as the stars of the sky in their mute language adore Him, so men and all creatures must glorify Him with their existence.

I as man recognize his superiority and his greatness and I render Him honour and glory, even if as God I am in everything equal to the Father.

When therefore, you wish to do an action pleasing to the Father and to Me, unite yourselves to my humanity in order to give to the divinity that adoration that is rightful to Him as a duty on your part.

Even the love that unites creatures to God must be of infinite greatness, just as the love that the Father brings to men is without measure.

But how can man, so limited in his generosity and so easy at selfishness, love in an infinite way?

Children, unite yourselves to Me, to my divine person, and your actions, your sentiments, your affections, will be so elevated as to reach the Father and please Him.

But what would adoration be worth, that is the recognition of one's own nothingness before the divinity, what's the worth of saying you want to love God, if then you did not put yourselves at his service?

I was the first of his servants and I came into the world to do his will.

Mary, my Mother, declared herself servant of the Lord, and whoever wishes to follow our footsteps must serve God in his own life.

Someone may ask himself: "*How can I serve God whom I do not see?*". Children, you should not say that you do not see Him, because, through his works you can well catch sight of his magnificence and his goodness, his justice and his mercy; but even when creation does not speak sufficiently to your heart, behold I present myself to you and I say to you: "*If you wish to follow Me take up your cross* (Mk 8:34)." And again: "*All that you do to the very least of these ones, you do it to Me* (Mt 25:40)."

Here are indicated to you two easy ways to serve the Lord: to carry your own cross and to serve God in the brethren. When a suffering becomes heavy, when you would like to shift it onto others because of your incapacity to bear it, that is the good moment to serve Me: that little cross, carried with serenity, is a part of the cross that weighs on my shoulders, it is the cross of all humanity.

The good will, patience, resignation and the tranquillity with which you accept your cross, is the way of rendering Me a precious service for the salvation of all. If then the service is turned into a more immediate way to help whoever suffers, I rejoice over it since it is my aching body that has relief.

I will never be able to make you understand enough the preciousness of your charity towards the brethren. When you commend to Me your relatives, friends or sick acquaintances, you render to them and to God a service. When you intervene in their necessities with material means or with moral help, you render Me a service. When you seek to give back faith to those who have lost it and you try hard to make one understand the necessity of a truly Christian life, you render Me a service, you become my word, my apostles, my trusted ones and I bless you.

To be at the service of God is also to transform your daily actions into a gift. You present them to the brethren who perhaps are not grateful to you but, by offering them out of love for God you will receive the reward from Him. Service done out of love for God is a continual praise to Him, who makes even that which seems humanly indifferent and of little value ripen into fruits of grace.

Desire, therefore, always to be "servants of God" in order one day to be able to enjoy in Heaven that glory which I enjoy.

One very important thing must connote, in an essential way, your human and Christian life: joy. The Lord loves those who give joy. Adoration, love, service, must be permeated by the joy of doing and giving. Remember that a sad saint cannot be holy, because sadness is the sister of wickedness. Eliminating the former signifies making goodness enter, changing the atmosphere and rendering all more Christian.

Now I bless you all one by one. Goodbye!

HUMBLE RECOURSE TO GOD

June 30, 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you!

I am the merciful Jesus, present amongst you to confirm to you the necessity of a more and more intense prayer, more and more rich with love, that it may put a remedy to the evils that tear humanity apart.

Your prayer must be like the morning sacrifice offered up with the glad disposition of virginal souls and it must be like the heartfelt weeping of souls in sin who, detesting their sins, turn to God to ask for pardon.

With how much love the Father welcomes your prayer when it is dressed up with purity and humility!

One has nothing to fear, when the feeling of one's unworthiness keeps you little before God, as miserable ones waiting for his gifts and as children waiting for the reassuring word of the father.

Carrying on like so when you pray, it will be easy for you then to put up with even the most difficult characters, to use charity with your neighbour even when you don't encounter his benevolence.

See the Father bent over you as if to welcome you, while I present you to Him as my beloved ones, as my conquest, like those who desire to carry into the world the constant thought of his presence.

Children, let your prayer never cease. It shall be your strength in the lengthy and daily struggle.

How will you be able to withstand the toil? How will your heart be able to keep itself free from those morbid snares which the demon uses to render your life empty or sinful?

Sometimes, even unbeknown to you, he involves you in his coils by showing you how necessary is what is useless and how superfluous what is indispensable.

One needs to turn to God with prayer in order to have clarity in judging. A humble recourse is required.

There are many people who pray and call others to pray also, but they lack that humble recourse, on the contrary they ask for the extraordinary and, if this is not there, they procure it, in so doing distancing God and letting the demon intervene even in prayer.

You, children, love the simple prayer, made with a just and sincere heart, with the persuasion that everything that is offered is gift.

Be on your guard, my children, against the false prophets that come to you in lambs clothes and are rapacious wolves. What do these rapacious wolves do? They create confusion and distrust, they disfigure the truth and bring falsehood and error.

Be simple! Enjoy what God gives you, try to traffic the little that everyone receives, that I may then be able to give you much in a lot of grace: this is what counts the most.

My children, I speak to you with an open heart, today, the last day of the month dedicated to my Heart. An open heart is an invitation to trust, to confidence, to hope: this is what I desire from you. Furthermore I ask you to offer up to Me every morning the sacrifice of a little sleep, assigning a few minutes to reflection on the value of the sacrifice which is renewed in Holy Mass. I want to take you back to the Old Testament, when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham went up the mountain, after having loaded the wood on the shoulders of his son and having taken with him the rope and the knife, and he arrived at the place fixed by God. Promptly and without delay, without interrogating his heart of father, he prepared the sacrifice.

Having bound his son, he was about to stab with the knife when the angel of the Lord stopped him, saying to him: *“Your prompt sacrifice has been pleasing to God. He loves the first fruits.”*

You know what and how many blessings were granted to Abraham and to his descendants and how, through the acceptance of the will of God and through the promptness in executing his orders, all the nations of earth were blessed in Abraham.

Children, Isaac’s sacrifice was a symbol and figure of my sacrifice. I also went up Calvary, carrying on my shoulders the wood on which I would have been sacrificed.

May your prayer and your morning meditation on my immolation be your little sacrifice which, joined to and enhanced by mine, bring a radical renewal in your life and in that of your loved ones.

Just as the people of Israel were called the people of God, so your family also will be of God, because I will take the reins of your house and I will make faith and charity flourish again.

Goodbye, children! I bless you all.

MY YOKE IS SWEET

July 14, 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you!

I am here among you and I desire to give to your prayer that stamp of holiness which renders it pleasing to the Father.

Don't let yourselves get upset by that reluctance which sometimes grips you and which is a consequence of tiredness or the hot climate which you suffer badly. As long as faith and love is not lacking, all is good and your weaknesses many times become that sacrifice which gives value to the words.

Children, the life of the Christian is a law to be observed, it is a testimony to give, it is a going against the current, it is a facing of difficulties that often seem unsustainable. In one word, being a Christian means putting a yoke upon oneself.

I however, can tell you that this word, yoke, which gives the idea of servitude, of slavery, of constriction and work, when it is referred to the right I have over you, is a light and pleasant thing. A yoke imposed can deprive one of liberty, but I call my children to adhere freely to my will, whereby all that is done as a service is transmuted into an act of love.

My children, I call you and I offer you the one which at times can seem a crown of thorns in the place of the one of roses that the world can offer, but whoever accepts my gift feels the joy of belonging to that royal family at whose head is God.

What do I ask by giving a crown of thorns? I ask for the adhesion of thoughts and intelligence to my will, to truth and to eternal wisdom, and with that the renunciation of one's ego, of pride, of haughtiness which is the fount of every evil and cause of great moral and spiritual ruin.

When priests accept my yoke, the crown of thorns, they exercise themselves in the practice of humility and remain in truth: their ministry brings then much fruit to them, by asking for everyone's collaboration, they do so that good may be propagated and the kingdom of God be extended.

When parents accept my yoke, they live serene, because sacrifice does not frighten them and the children gladden their table and their heart. Holy parents sanctify the family and obedience walks at the same pace as harmony and order.

When the young learn to renounce the deceptive joys of the world in order to accept my yoke, they become heroic. What is glory, ambition, wealth and all that forms human pleasure worth in comparison to the divine joys of a pure soul who encounters his God and who renounces all to put himself at his following? Who can compete in serenity with a young man who follows the voice of the conscience and out of love fulfils his social and individual duties for the good of all?

My yoke is truly sweet and the burden is light. Come therefore, to Me, all you who feel the burden of life. On the way to Calvary I was helped by a man of Cyrene to carry the Cross. But for everyone who, tired and weary, comes to Me, for everyone who wants to serve Me, for everyone who is disposed to deny himself, I am the Cyrenean. I leave you a little part of the Cross. I put everything on my shoulders, desires, worries, what distresses you and what gives you joy in order to divinize everything, that all may be a part of my design of redemption.

In this way must Christianity be perfected and become a school for others, for those who do not believe and do not understand. I want you all yoked to my Law and to my will, because only in this way will you have complete happiness in Heaven and that serenity which is peace, is grace, is divine music also in this life.

I bless you all one by one! Goodbye, children, I love you so much!

PERSEVERING IN PRAYER

July 21, 1977

Beloved children, who come to the house of my Mother to give love and reparation to my Heart, may you be blessed!

I desire your prayers like the thirsty man desires the water that takes away his thirst. I desire that your prayer be united to mine and that it rise like a fragrant incense to the throne of God. I desire that your prayer, made well and rich in grace and love, descend again as a beneficial rain on a world needy of help and on souls waiting to meet with the Father, since it is his ardent desire to introduce them into glory.

While men in great part know how to subject themselves even to heavy sacrifices to obtain the health of the body or to make it attractive, and yet an object of sin, you impose on yourselves the sacrifice of a prolonged prayer to obtain not only for yourselves, but also for others, the health of the soul and to give to your soul that splendour, that beauty which enraptures the heart of God.

Be blessed and persevering in prayer. Even when particular circumstances pain you, worry you and seem to take your strength away, react and pray, since in those moments prayer is more efficacious, more powerful, more useful.

Who in fact needs the anchor, if not he who is in danger? And who ought to turn to God, if not he who feels particularly needy?

All men are needy, and whoever thinks himself self-sufficient is even more so, because he does not realize the danger into which his life is heading.

Children, if you were to know with what love I welcome you into my arms, especially if you are in sorrow! There is no father on earth that can equal Me. There is no love, strong as it is, that can be compared to the love of God for his creatures. You have but to entrust yourselves to Me and to let Me act. The adversities are soon changed into good things and all that pains you becomes joy if, with your faith and your prayer, you let Me intervene.

My children, when in the silence of your hearts you meditate upon my Word, you pray. I am with you, I illuminate your minds and I make you see through faith what others do not see.

You understand Me and, if you are simple, you'll have no difficulty practicing what I teach you.

The learned of the world and those who are full of themselves do not understand the things of God, they are like the blind and the deaf who cannot neither see nor hear.

It has always been so. When during my mortal life I spoke in parables, the simple understood Me, not the doctors or the learned.

Two are the conditions to understand the word of God: purity of mind and heart and humility which puts you before Him as children before a teacher.

Try and see what happens even in your cenacle. Whoever comes with a right intention, that is with purity of desires and humbly comes to ask help to improve oneself, will improve rapidly and will make great progress in virtue. Whoever, instead, comes out of habit or curiosity without feeling in need of the help of God and the brethren, will remain like one fossilized or like a scrawny creature that does not grow in the spiritual life.

Children, be simple if you wish to enjoy my word just as children enjoy in communicating with their father. Cover yourself with humility because only in this way will you make charity and peace reign amongst you.

I intend to speak also of your families and community and work environments.

Be good with everyone, that the world may be converted not so much by your words, but by the example of your virtue.

I bless you one by one and I grant you a great increase of grace. And many graces will be granted to you today through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

Goodbye, children. I love you so much.

THE FEAR OF GOD

July 28, 1977

My children, I am with you. I am Jesus, infinite mercy.

Don't be amazed if, while I define myself as mercy personified, I say to you that, inasmuch Son of God, I am also infinite justice.

In the world mercy is not believed in except for mocking it, nor in justice except for hurling abuse against it.

I desire for you to have clear ideas and that, if on one side you believe in the love of God pushed to the unbelievable, you have, on the other, a constant fear of offending Him, this being a sign of enormous ingratitude.

I desire for you to possess the true fear of God, since the lack of this virtue provokes great disorders in the world and generates that religious indifference which places good and evil on the same level.

It has been said that it is necessary to fear the Lord who passes by, since the call to faith and to holiness of life cannot be repeated, but it is necessary to fear also the God who comes, to whom every human creature goes to meet to face a judgment infinitely just.

It is said that fear without love is of little value and does not help to raise souls.

It is true, if that fear is servile, that is, if one fears only of being deprived of a good and of being struck by an evil.

The fear of God that you must possess must not be like so, but it must be the fear of not acting according to the Law of God and of not corresponding to his grace: generated by love, it materializes in love which is increased from fear.

Children, from the fear of God proceeds that respect for all that concerns religion. Doesn't it seem to you that there would not be so many sins in the world if the thought of the majesty, of the greatness of God, of his wisdom and goodness were dominant? The paternity of God is not acknowledged, nor his sovereignty, therefore his rights are denied and the duties that one has towards Him.

The world is an open book which all can read; but those are few who want to observe, see, reflect in order to draw out those consequences that the learned according to the heart of God know how to see so well.

My Heart is also a book. An open book my life, in which simple and humble souls can draw a whole range of virtues to imitate.

Instead, one prefers to follow the example of those who bring violence and rebellion.

One prefers not to look at the end of life and not calculate the present values in relation to the eternal ones. One judges good only the enjoyment of fleeting goods and what procures them.

Children, when with death men end their existence, a curtain opens which places them before reality. In that moment the justice of God appears in all its grandeur, to strike like lightning with his splendour and his power many ungrateful souls. Terrible moments, irreparable!

Children, don't fear of upsetting too much by speaking about God's justice.

You will never say enough, because you will never be able to understand the gravity of sin and the immensity of Him who is offended. Love Me, children, be faithful to the call, correspond to the gifts of God, since they are a responsibility of which one must render an account. Instil the fear of God in your children; do so that they learn that God desires and has a right to be loved and his presence must not be offended. The thought that God is everywhere must form your joy and must be the continual warning to act well.

I bless you, children. Be good, and know that the Son of God loves you and wants for you to think about his justice while you are still alive, so as not to be forced to use it after your death. I will reward even one only glass of water given in my name, but you will also have to give an account of one only idle word.

WHAT COUNTS IS LOVE

August 11, 1977

My children, may peace and grace dwell always in your hearts! Here I am to invite you to grow more and more in that queen of virtues, that ought to dominate, permeate and fill every action of yours.

I'm speaking about the charity that parts from the heart of God and ought to come down in you to transform you in Him.

How many times in my preaching did I speak about the love of God and neighbour? Numberless times. And even along the centuries I continually raised up my witnesses, who ought to have spoken to the world, by their example and their works, of that love which I had come to bring on earth: the love of God himself.

Love is a fire that, as it destroys all that is defective in men, creates perfect works before God.

Children, how many imperfections enter your lives! Sometimes you start off well and finish badly. Sometimes the most right intentions become disfigured, like limpid water that becomes polluted they lose their beauty and their worth.

There are in life many things to do. One could say that everyone aspires to do a lot if one observes the activity and the dynamism of many creatures. And yet, many of these works have no importance for the eternal life. They are destined solely to tire the body and to have a purely human reward.

Before God many works do not count, I would say that not even many prayers count. The only thing that counts is love.

I have said to you at other times that a person who out of love picks up a pin from the ground can have more merit than another who builds a cathedral. Learn to love, if you wish to live immersed in the ocean of infinite love that is God. Learn to love, if you wish to make your life meritorious.

The two loves that must form the marvellous tracks on which to walk are love of God and neighbour, which cannot be disconnected because the one cannot exist without the other.

When, starting the day, you dive into my Heart and you receive Me in yours out of love, a unity is established that must never fade away. If then, dealing with your neighbour, you see Me continually present in them, you give at every instant, an increment to the furnace of love that is established between us, and the charity is spread.

Children, whoever loves lives and whoever does not love is in death.

What can I say to those mothers who suffer because they cannot make their love understood to their husbands and children? Continue to love. Immerse yourselves more and more deeply into my Heart, tighten more and more strongly your friendship with Me and I myself shall intervene that all difficulties may be smoothed out.

I desire the conversion of your loved ones more than you may desire to see the light of the sun. You must build around them an edifice of which every stone carries this word: "love".

Every word, every action, every thought, every attention, must be a reflection of that love which Jesus has for you, do you understand it? Then the souls are as if captured and cannot but respond their yes to the call of God.

Children, the world does not understand Me, the faithful, the friends, many times betray Me because they seek themselves rather than my glory. May you be the assiduous ones, the generous ones, the simple ones who, by truly loving Me, are capable of bringing to Me souls, souls.

Eliminate daily all that pettiness which destroys charity. Look at my Heart, and let it become like the magnet that in attracting you, gives you strength. Know that everyone of you carries its features that distinguishes it from the other. Everyone of you have your own road to travel on. Everyone has their own capability, and I do not demand more from anyone who is not capable of giving more. Let each one live in his own place, according to the vocation that he has received. One thing alone must hold you together and must keep you by the hand or roped together in the journey towards the Fatherland: love.

Remember, children, if this were to be lacking, I could one day say of you: *"I do not know them (Lk 13:13). Bind them hand and feet and throw them outside where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Mt 22:13)."*

Children, I bless you and I give you as a model my bride Clare, whose feast the Church celebrates. Out of love for Me she left all that can humanly be desired. She loved souls up to making herself a victim, hidden to the world, but dear to God.

In the most pure love of the Eucharist she found the strength to combat evil.

There are souls who await only the magic touch of your love united to the Sacrifice, to find the right road.

Goodbye, children! Love Me, as I love you.

CALLED TO PENITENCE

August 12, 1977

My children, so dear to my Heart, here I am with you to exhort you to make of your life a generous offering to God. I am Jesus, whom you love and whom you have chosen as teacher and as guide.

The world goes in search of pleasures and entertainment, but in the amusement of the body the soul is degraded.

Many of my children, who by Me were enriched with marvellous gifts of grace, reject Me and in the meantime are adverse to sacrifice, suffering, renunciation. Nevertheless, all are called to penitence, be it in the acceptance of sorrow, which sooner or later reaches everyone, be it in the voluntary pursuit of mortification. Suffering is the means of redemption. Sorrow, which by itself would be vain, united to my sufferings assumes an infinite value, it becomes like a health-giving bath in which souls are purified.

There are personal and collective sorrows, moral, spiritual and physical sufferings.

You, before sorrow of whatever kind, must behave as he who, having faith, traces everything to God, not to accuse Him, but to see his provident hand which, even through sorrow, heals and leads to salvation.

Why do I tell you this? Because life continually holds surprises and even you must predispose your souls to put up with those painful blows of which many have so much fear.

But I desire not only this from you. Voluntary mortification must be a part of your life as means of perfection.

Mortifying means giving death, that is, it serves to put to sleep those off-key voices that create disharmony between Me and you.

In this way the mortification of one's senses will be like opening them up to the supernatural ones which will appear to you extremely good and beautiful when you shall encounter them and taste them definitively in the other life.

The search for things of no value impoverishes you, children, while, if you go in search of precious pearls, you truly enrich yourselves. What pearls will give you true riches? Those that picture the divine things so well that I wish to give you: purity of life, even in the sacrifice that it entails; keeping in mind the time, of which one moment alone is worth an eternity; the word used to glorify God and the silence that guards so well the interior life.

This is your programme. It is simple, but it encloses a bit of all that is good to do, to demonstrate with mortification that one truly loves the Lord.

Children, I bless you and I love you. Your desires of giving and your sacrifices shall bear their fruits and shall be realized in the accomplishment of a truly efficacious apostolate.

INDISPENSABLE COLLABORATION

August 12, 1977

Beloved children, let Me insist again in asking you to collaborate with Me for the salvation of souls, with the love that you give to God and with the suffering accepted and the mortification offered freely.

I save souls, it is true, but your work is indispensable to Me because it opens the door for Me and facilitates the conversions for Me.

It is true that I could force the wills like I did with Paul on the road to Damascus, but he had the gift of efficacious grace and he who paid for him was Stephen.

Your work, made up of love and sacrifice, is needed. In all your homes some soul has need of a special help to take up again the Christian practice, to find again the lost faith, to return to God and live his life.

The circle of your relatives, already needy on its own account, enlarges itself even more if you keep into account the friendships and acquaintances to whom you have to extend your help.

There are fathers, mothers, children and brothers who, not corresponding to the will of God, risk losing themselves like those who in a stormy sea refuse the life-boat that ought to bring them to the shore.

It's up to you to reawaken in many the thought of God and invoke the Spirit of the Lord, who with his light may indicate the most right road.

Children, I came into the world to save what was lost.

Whoever wishes to lend Me his own voice, will, liberty and all his mental, spiritual and physical faculties in order to put himself with Me in the search for souls, cannot but cheer Me up, since this is my greatest desire. You cannot imagine how much joy a soul who returns to my Heart procures Me!

Therefore, I don't hesitate telling you that the conversion of sinners must be the greatest preoccupation for a Christian.

On my part I promise you that I will grant special graces to those who will have loved, suffered and prayed for the conversion of sinners.

Human weakness, the temptations of the demon and the flatteries of the world render impossible for man to keep himself equal to his vocation. But there are those who reject the means of conversion that too are given to all,

who do not acknowledge their own faults and rebel against God, to whom they direct their hate and their wickedness.

If for all those who err and acknowledge themselves sinners there is my Heart open to an infinite mercy, for those who persist in sin a heavy barrier is raised, since they rebel and resist the Holy Spirit.

It is they whom you must help, and it remains true for you the sayings of some saints: *“You have saved a soul, you have predestined yours.”*

Be generous, children, in transforming every cross into a gift of love, and adorn it with a smile which hides your suffering, since only in this way can you gladden the saints who with the cross and through the cross reached Heaven.

Good night, children!

MANY THE CALLED

August 18, 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you. I am Jesus the Teacher, present amongst you. I desire to speak to you of the Kingdom of God, that you may be able to rejoice in being called to be a part of it and so that you may be able to prepare yourselves to participate in that nuptial feast which is lavishly prepared for you.

Know therefore, that the Kingdom of God is similar to a wedding feast that a rich lord made for his son. To this feast he desired that all the invited participate, but at the opportune moment these refused to take part, and some arrived at the point of beating up and killing the servants who had been sent to call them. What did the rich lord do then? He sent other servants through the streets, to the crossroads, to the squares to invite to the banquet all those whom they found.

When the guests were at table, the landlord went into the hall to meet them. He noticed however, one who did not have the wedding garment. *“How did you dare to enter here without the wedding garment (Mt 22:12)?”*, asked the landlord, but he did not know what to answer.

Then he called the servants and said: *“Bind him hand and foot and throw him outside, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Mt 22:13).”* When I told this parable, I added a phrase that even today I can repeat to you: *“Many are called, but few chosen (Mt 22:14).”*

Even you, called to be a part of the heavenly feast, must provide yourselves with the wedding garment. And what is this precious garment, without which

you run the risk of being excluded from the life of God in Heaven? Children, when you received Baptism, the sacrament which inserted you in the number of the invited, there was placed on your body a little robe which symbolized a great gift, the gift of grace, with which in that moment I covered your soul.

The whiteness of the little robe symbolized the spiritual candour which you had to guard. Unfortunately, with difficulty you have been able to preserve the innocence and the demon continually makes attempts at it to destroy it.

But there is another sacrament that gives candour back to souls. It's necessary to use it well because it is my same Blood which works in it a real purification.

If men, called to salvation, with humility and with love were to make the most of these sacraments, they could reach perfection. Unfortunately, the invitations are rejected, correspondence to my grace is not accepted and the gifts of God are abused. Many risk getting lost and gambling with eternity for futile things.

The most banal reasons are adduced for refusing God's invitation.

There are however, some who adhere promptly enough to the call, but they don't know how to behave in a way worthy of he who professes to be my follower.

I desire that the wedding dress shines with a brilliant light. I desire that charity shrouds the spiritual, moral and even physical life of every creature with an extraordinary splendour.

It is hard, some say, to be good with such or some other person. It is hard to stick to the will of God and love it when He offers us the cross. It is hard to be faithful to one's mission and maintain love with everyone when it seems we are being overcome by their wickedness.

And while egoism makes a killing and triumphs, one no longer knows how to practice the Commandments of charity, the only code to which one must subject one's life.

Children, the called are many and for all the Father has prepared a place. All could be called happy and be it forever. God's help is needed and a personal effort is needed.

Just as, on your own, you would not be able to stop the light of the sun which advances, so you would not be able to reach the heights of sanctity by your efforts alone.

The light advances and you must welcome it. The Lord comes towards you with his gifts and you must receive them. If all is grace in your life, you must not however forget to ask what is good for you. In this way prayer becomes indispensable, so that good will and grace may be able to preserve the wedding garment that the Father requires for your salvation.

Children, the Kingdom of the Heavens has to be a conquest. It is the highest interest to which you must aspire and an everyday commitment which must animate your actions. Don't lose your trust, don't be disheartened, but don't be neither lazy nor slow in following Me, since life passes quickly and is not recoverable.

I bless you all one by one. Goodbye!

WHY I CALLED YOU

August 25, 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you! I am Jesus the Teacher, present amongst you. I find myself well in your company, because I see your good desires and the good will to act for the glory of God.

Unfortunately many works that are done in the world will remain void and deprived of a reward, because guided by self-love or by other sentiments that are of no value for the eternal life.

What renders you great before men, makes you diminish in greatness before Me. But when you accept my counsels, my warnings and those of my Mother, you acquire that spiritual stature which elevates you and renders you great before the eyes of God.

However, today I wish to address an invitation to you that will make you rejoice, because it is an indication of the trust that I have in you.

The moment has arrived to shake off those fears, that laziness, that indolence which render you careless before the good to be done.

It is the moment to make your choices and to tell Me with sincerity: *"We wish to follow you and give witness to our faith, even if hell with all its satellites should rage out against us."*

It is the moment for believing without fearing, neither the storms that strike the world nor the confusion that assails the life of nations and sometimes even that of the Church. Everything has been foretold to you.

It is the moment to put into practice the Gospel and to profess entirely the Creed and the Commandments. That's why I've called you here.

It's necessary to cast the nets, to go further out, even if you have worked all night long to catch some fish and you have caught nothing. I mean to say, even if you have spent your whole life to call back the souls dear to you and you have seen them slip through your hands.

It is the decisive moment. In the night of sin, in the darkness of temptation and in the falsehood of ideas, it is necessary that the truth be manifested.

It is necessary that, with a holy and upright life, the light be manifested.

Do you think that I don't know your circumstances? Do you think that I wish to delude you? No, I am near you and I am ready to do miracles, as long as you are docile and wish to cast the nets.

The world has its theories, the Christians have the Gospel. You must not create for yourselves a God to your own liking, a Jesus like many want Me and a Gospel that is adapted to the vices and weaknesses of all.

You must be consistent; we must make a unity between Me and you; you must call a spade a spade and not resort to compromises.

There are Christians, lovers of the quiet life, who prefer to pretend not to see evil and who of the good, made up of prayer and sacrifice, perhaps smile.

You must not be like that. Besides, I have said to you that I came to bring war: father against children, children against mother, mother-in-laws, nieces, brothers and sisters, all in combat.

Not that you must put a rifle on your shoulder; the combat against my followers is the one provoked by the opposition that an honest life, a life of faith, a religion wholly practiced, arouses in whoever does not act well.

Children, Simon and his brother caught so many fish that another boat also was needed to bring them to shore and so that theirs would not end up on the bottom. I want to explain to you this fact in this way.

I was on Peter's boat when I ordered to cast the nets. By this, I wish to invite you to be constantly united to the Pope of Rome. I am with him and what he does in obedience to Me is truly marvellous.

Then there is another small boat called in to help. They are the charisms that have value only in the measure in which they are of help to the Church. Just as the gifts of the Holy Spirit serve to enrich the soul of whoever receives them, so the action of those who are benefited with such gifts must lead to a purification and to a spiritual enrichment of those who are a part of the Church.

The concentric rays that emanate from the sun serve to demonstrate its splendour. Each one of you must enrich yourselves with that light which comes to you from above and ought to spread light and heat.

Children, I love you infinitely. Make known my love, my mercy, my infinite patience, but also make known that it is always true that to save oneself one needs to believe and to do good, because faith without works is dead.

I bless you, children! I bless those who in the spiritual retreat, desire to sift their consciences and always have clear perspectives in order to continue to do good.

I shall renew my invitations, and I shall make my desires known to all those who, with love and in silence, call Me. I watch over your homes. The demons are fighting their last battle, but they have power only over whoever offers them hospitality and collaboration.

Goodbye, children! Be good and be strong!

BELIEVE IN MY LOVE

September 1, 1977

My children, I am Jesus, infinite mercy, here amongst you to confirm your prayer, that it may be of help to the Church and all humanity.

You see what confusion in the world, what catastrophes and what troubles follow upon each other. I desire that you be my Moses who, raising his supplicating voice and imploring arms, help men to acquire faith and to find order and harmony again.

Therefore, you must, you first of all, have faith and lead an exemplary life in order to be able then to intercede for others.

You must believe in my love to be able to convince others. If you will believe in love, blasphemy will cease and trust will be born; desperation will cease and hope will be born; war will cease and peace will be born. You know well that my will is for love to reign amongst men.

Children, you, at least in part, know the evils that ruin society and which afflict the Church. They often draw their origin from the thoughtlessness with which the things of God are taken.

One claims to be Christian, but only in name.

One claims to love the Lord, but more by words than deeds.

One is like that young man from the Gospel who, being dominated by the demon, fell now in the water, now in the fire, that is to say: at times one is lukewarm and at other times burnt by the fire of the passions; or even one treats good and evil indifferently. This is what one often meets up with in those who regard themselves as good: What can be said of the wicked?

Children, the demon is laughing over that incredulity that one has in his regard and uses it to act with total freedom.

Fortunately there are still some good people who put their lives at the service of God and the Church. In those I place much trust. I expect much from those who make up prayer groups: prayer is in fact the anchor of salvation. A lot of humility is needed when one prays, because without

humility it does not reach up to God. Faith and constancy is needed in prayer.

Just as in Peter's boat, while the breakers were getting higher, I seem to sleep, but I watch. I need only that invocation which resounds like an S.O.S., like a cry of humility imploring help, so that all may be transformed.

Do you think that it is hard for the Lord to say to the wind "*be still*" or to the waves "*stop*"? It is just as easy for Him to change for the better every difficult situation. To make a ship change its course is not hard when the captain is an expert and has a compass that works.

In this way the world has to change its course, if it doesn't want to go towards a complete ruin.

Invite everyone to entrust themselves to the captain. I am your captain. Don't hesitate to say: "*Lord, save us! We are perishing* (Mt 8:25)!"

What do you think, is it better to let oneself be dragged away by the waves or to commend oneself to the sure Guide? Besides I gave you also the Star of the Sea. I gave you Mary as mother. Follow her, honour her, imitate her, listen to her. No creature has the capacity to illuminate your journey as much as she. Entrust your souls to her. She is capable of helping you, even for the sorrows which she offered and suffered for you.

Never forget her, love her!

I give you my Heart, so that your love for her may be perfect, and I bless you with a great blessing.

GIFT FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD

September 8, 1977

Beloved children, with what joy I unite myself to you to celebrate the birth of my Mother!

She, who gladdens all Paradise, was from all eternity predestined to the mission of mother of the Son of God and on her the divine Father placed his gaze with pleasure and admiration.

It is impossible to tell you what a gift her birth has been for the entire world. It's enough for you to know that she was like a ray of sunshine in the midst of universal darkness.

She was the dove that announced peace in the midst of ruins of a universal chaos.

She, Mary, was the angel that announced the arrival of the Sun of Justice. She was the flower sprouted in the desert of the world. She was the bride of the Most High in whom the Holy Spirit spread virtue and grace freely.

The prophets had foretold the Virgin who would have given birth to a son from whom the salvation of Israel would have come.

Behold the mysterious Ark which encloses the Author of the Law, the Holy of holies. Behold my Mother who comes to put in safety all those who believe in the mystery of salvation.

And so that all that is saveable can be saved, and so that one can put an end to those evils that attract the justice of God, behold I present to you my Mother.

She is the new Ark of the Covenant, ready to welcome, in order to save them, all the children of God. Let not the invitation be refused! Returning to Mary is to embrace salvation.

She is the Mother of God and yours. Every power has been given to her on earth and in Heaven. If you ask Me what can Mary not obtain, I answer you: “Nothing”. If you ask Me what can she do for you, I answer you: “Everything”.

Have confidence in her goodness, since she, like a fragrant rose, touches the heart of God with her fragrance.

Run to her, because she is like the evergreen ivy: resting on the throne of God, she can give you comfort and hope. Do not fear the evils of life if you are with her, since she is the cedar of Lebanon, the lily of the valleys.

Her fragrance and her strength are the means that she uses to support you and render you unbeatable. In her heart you find every good and you can walk with her, in her arms, onto the conquest of holiness.

The dawn has risen with the birth of my Mother, and this beneficial dawn which announces the return of hearts to God and the rebirth of charity in men must come out again. By her means the destiny of man must become an attraction that cannot fail.

She is in Paradise and awaits you.

Don't say that your sorrows are unbearable. My Mother was the Mother of Sorrows, but right from her birth she can speak to you of Heaven. Don't say that you are incapable of fighting against your enemies. The light has risen, there is a Star of incomparable splendour that can annihilate the hostile forces and can indicate the way to you.

The demons do not pronounce her name, because it sounds for them a condemnation of their pride. The damned hate her, because they did not learn to profit from her goodness.

Whoever excludes Mary from his life, excludes God. But whoever loves my Mother, honours her and serves her by making her known and loved, will have light to direct his spiritual life, be defended in dangers and bring to completion his mission, doing the will of God with perfection.

I give you a mandate and I help you so that you may be able to accomplish it: bring my Mother into your homes. Approach the priests of your parishes and invite them to do what is lacking concerning devotion to Mary.

Let her virtues and her quality of Co-Redemptrix be spoken of. She has had on behalf of the Father this commitment of salvation. Mary has become the means of salvation, having shared my sorrows in the most real way and because God has willed it so.

Honour her birth and her infancy, imitating her simplicity. Honour her youth, practicing purity and chastity according to your state. Honour her middle age, practicing charity and justice. Honour her old age, practicing patience and carrying your cross with love.

Love her as Mother of the Church and dedicate your strengths, your sufferings, your works and your prayers for her triumph.

The more you will love and imitate my Mother the more I will love you, holding as done to Me what you do for her.

In this moment, let a song of joy and hope come forth from your hearts: *“Long live Mary, long live Mary”*, and let it resound throughout the earth as in Heaven.

I bless you all, children. Never doubt my mercy and my love, because you would do Me a great injustice. Goodbye! Goodbye!

KEEP ME IN YOUR HEARTS

September 10, 1977

My children, peace be to you! Here I am in your company, desirous of giving you my greeting and my blessing.

I am Jesus of Nazareth. Today I desire to recall to you Joseph's and Mary's return after their visit to the Temple of Jerusalem.

I had gone with them, I was then twelve years old. On the return they did not notice that I had stayed behind in the Temple.

I don't know how to tell you what the pain of Mary and of my foster father was like when they became aware of not having Me with them. Their joy was changed into sorrow. A cruel sorrow, since each one felt guilty before God and men of that loss.

But why have I recalled this fact to you? Because perhaps someone might feel the same pain, grieving, like my parents, over having lost Jesus.

It is also true that in your Churches I am present and you can find Me, but what sadness to waste time so precious and the gifts of grace in the moment in which they arrive!

Children, the Lord manifests himself in his power, immensity and wisdom. He manifests himself by his goodness and mercy, but He wants correspondence to such gifts which certainly are not due, but are fruits of grace.

Fear the Lord who passes by and treasure every teaching. First of all keep Me in your hearts. It is not hard, if at the start of the day to sunset you remember being at my service.

My presence on earth is no fantasy. As Son of God I still work in the world with a continual creation. The conservation of creation is a continuous creating. As Man and God I am present, living and real, in the most Holy Sacrament, but also living in everyone of you whereby whoever sees his brother, sees Me.

If you will see Me like so, with the eyes of faith, all will be easy for you and your hearts will be full of joy.

I desire to be present in your families, where unfortunately, many times conflicts and divisions are created out of futile reasons and through lack of love. I must be present and I ask your collaboration so that the family may become an oasis of peace.

The serene sacrifice of the parents, the obedience of the children, in fidelity to the Law of God, are the means to re-establish harmony. From family harmony comes the social one.

All children of one only Father, you are all my brothers and, if you shall want Me amongst you, I will govern peoples and nations. The world, which is under the dominion of Satan, will return to being the true Kingdom of God as it was in the intention of the Father who created it.

Children, I bless you and I give you grace to understand and so that you may be able to work always in my presence for your great benefit and for all.

I wish you a good night. The night is, more than the day, a carrier of evil, because the demon acts in the darkness. May night-time prayer, in the hours of sleeplessness, be a means to prevent evil and repair for it.

MOST SWEET SORROWFUL MOTHER

September 15, 1977

Beloved children, here we are united, one heart only and one soul only, to render honour and give consolation to the most good and most sorrowful Mother of the world. I am not going to speak to you about her goodness, because you have many times experienced it and because it is impossible that you can know it fully.

Know only that her heart, modelled on God's one and filled by Him with love and goodness, could not be more tender, more indulgent, more concerned of that which it is for each one of her children.

In her there is no shadow of evil, but all is grace, and there is no fault, defect or sin in those whom the Father has entrusted to her, capable of diminishing the affection that she nourishes for them.

She is the Mother of mothers and her sensitivity due to the keenness of her feelings, renders her capable of understanding the needs of each one. The light, then, which comes to her from God and the power which He gives her gives her the possibility of understanding the real needs of her children and the capacity to help them.

But besides all that there is of the holy, the good and the beautiful in the order of nature and grace, there is also sorrow which makes her participate, as already to the sufferings of my Passion, to those of the Church and of each one of its members, to whom she as Mother of Divine Grace has given life.

Whoever understands the love of a mother for her son can in part understand the sorrow of Mary to see her Son combated, persecuted, hated, and crucified.

One will never succeed however, in equalling her sorrow, because no one in the world will ever succeed in loving Me like she loved Me.

If a mother has many children and sees them suffering, her sorrow is multiplied; but, within certain limits, she succeeds in some way to render it bearable for herself. At times the memory fails, at other times, by communicating her sorrows to other people, she feels relieved and other times still she succeeds in distracting herself by distancing the thought of her own sorrows.

The sorrow of my Mother is enormous, because it is a continual multiplication. It is in continuous increase because the object of her sufferings is her Jesus who, being alive in the world, is continually offended

by those same children who ought to be welcoming Me and loving Me as brother.

The passion of my Mother is proportioned to the importance of her salvific mission. She truly can say: *“Look, children, if there is a sorrow equal to mine (Lam 1:12)!”* A sea of sorrow, an ocean of love.

Who will want to be beside my Mother to share in her sufferings? She is beside every Tabernacle to repair for all the outrages that I receive in the Eucharist. She calls to herself her beloved children, many of whom have become instruments of sin rather than means of salvation.

What must you do? Reparation and your apostolate work in calling back when it is possible for you, must be accompanied by an exemplary conduct in particular when you approach the Sacrament that renews my presence in the world.

The sorrow of the Virgin Mother is made more acute when the seamless robe that covers my body is divided, when that is, truth is disfigured and divisions created.

Children, around you too many errors are teeming, which you must immediately distance off.

Denied truths become accepted heresies. Be well on your guard.

After my death they even played for my garments. But whoever messes with theology, commits an action much more unworthy and puts his own faith at risk.

Mary saw those who played for the tunic and she saw with great immense sorrow those who cast lots for the truth.

Let this tender Mother, who loves everyone and who for all would give her life, not be martyred again and again.

The lance, which should have wounded my Heart, already by Simeon’s prophecy had transfixed hers. Children, will you please believe in her love. Will you please, in her name and for her sorrow, love each other. Let there be no contradiction, but only a perfect unity between you and her, just as it is between Me and her. I point out the Star to you: it’s up to you to follow her. I point out to you a heart in which sinners and the just can find a welcome. May your devotion to her not diminish and rather let it be changed into an emulation, the most perfect possible.

Priests, who have chosen the path to sanctity, do not seek it outside of Mary.

Religious women, souls consecrated and dedicated to good, imitate Mary. It is not possible to build without this solid stone that guarantees your building.

Parents, who know the value of the sacrament that you have received and who, wishing to live like a Christian, know the burden of sorrow that

accompanies your life, look at Mary: she can be a teacher to you in every situation. She's experienced them all, your sorrows. Only sin, she has not known.

Young men and women, who desire to give a meaning to your life, call Mary.

And you, lonely persons, widows, single ones, who feel the weight of your loneliness, look at Mary and be inspired by her, in order to do all you can for others.

I bless you all and I give you my Heart so that you may be able to love my incomparable, most sweet, sorrowful Mother.

SANCTIFY YOURSELVES IN ORDER TO SANCTIFY

September 22, 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you! I am Jesus, infinite mercy. We must make this prayer into a marvellous offering to the Father to obtain for the Church and the world that divine light which men need to journey safely towards the holy mountain of God.

Today I want to recall to you a particular deed narrated in the Gospel.

When I commenced my public life, many asked themselves: "*Who could this man ever be?*" Some said: "*He is a prophet*", others "*He is Elijah*", others "*John risen*".

Herod disliked very much this last affirmation, since he himself had John killed and he feared that, if were back alive, he would have made the same reproaches of one time.

Why do I mention this deed? To confirm to you a truth. Always in the world, there were and there will be those who manifest, by words and deeds, the will of God. The prophets and those who by their life and their example are a reproach to those who do evil have always been combated, and it will always be so, since the truth is inconvenient and stings. One will always seek to suffocate the voice that sounds bad to one's ears. Even in the life of the Christian there are moments of intimacy with God, in which the voice of the conscience speaks clearly.

Perhaps one thinks of suffocating this voice to enjoy a greater tranquillity, but the voice returns and more persistent than before.

Even the invitation to a greater perfection is sometimes suffocated and the good inspirations are repulsed because they demand a greater precision in

the fulfilment of one's duties or greater activity and promptness in the service of neighbour.

The voice of God is suffocated because the easy life is preferred. I could say to you at this point: "*Fear, O children, the Lord who passes by*". Instead, I prefer to say to you, with greater and greater insistence, that your Jesus presents himself to you to demand a more sincere faith, a more ardent charity and a more prompt will in corresponding to his call.

Let the new Herods suffocate in blood the call of the conscience. Let whoever combats good, believe in having completely demolished it.

You must live, day by day, with this reality. Jesus is at the door of your soul, He is at the door of your house and wants to come in. He walks with you in the streets of the world to bring words of resurrection and life.

I can say to you still, as once, that I give you food to nourish you to satiety; I give you to drink to the point of inebriating you; I give you clothes to cover you so that you don't feel cold.

"But whatever are these things that you give us?", you will ask Me. They are the innumerable graces that I give you through the sacraments and prayer, and with which I provide for all your necessities.

From you I desire only that you bring Me the wood with which to be able to build my shrine. And the wood shall be your good will, your collaboration.

This shrine which I desire to build inside you, must be my dwelling. Therefore, I will bring you to the holy mountain where I dwell. That is, I will seek to detach you from all those vain and bad thoughts that deconsecrate my shrine. I will detach you from many useless worries, to make you think of the only important thing, that of serving and loving God.

I will detach you from the things of the world, since you will understand that everything is vanity, it is chaff which the wind blows away.

In this way, on the holy mountain, we will build the monument of your sanctity destined to glorify God in eternity.

United in faith, in charity and in the only hope, walk, children, through the streets of the world doing good.

They could call you deluded. They could mock you, but they could also see in you a divine call to conversion. Sanctify yourselves in order to sanctify where you are with that cross which the Lord has given you. Stay, however, always with Me on the holy mountain.

I bless you children, one by one. Be always simple, and make use of prayer as the cry of the soul to call Heaven to unite itself to you. Goodbye children! Know that, no matter how evil men can be, they will never succeed in dissuading my Heart from them.

THE THREE ARCHANGELS

September 29, 1977

Beloved children, we are here united like the grapes of one only bunch. Everyone brings his contribution of sacrifice and sweetness so as to be able to extract that precious liquid to put in the chalice to celebrate the Mass. Everyday you would be able to celebrate it and for the benefit of all souls, if the offering of your life, so full of sufferings and worries, you were to unite to the continual offering of my sacrifice which redeems.

Yes, children, this Mass of yours is necessary, because souls need my help and yours.

The three archangels which the Church honours today, are the means that God has given you to be able to be victorious in the bitter battle. You see the evils.

Still, just as at the beginning of creation, there are rebellious souls who in their extreme pride say to God: *“I do not want to serve you”*, and the demon works incessantly to distance souls away from Him.

The action of Michael the archangel becomes again a battle in which humility must triumph.

“Who is like God, why must we rebel against Him?”, souls, desirous of being faithful, ought to ask themselves this. That’s why it is still necessary that devotion to this prince of the heavenly hosts returns to flourish in the Church. His fiery sword must have the upper hand over the forces of evil. His power and his strength must manifest itself and the victory must be full, complete.

He has to defend the souls that are still the laughing stock of the demon, he has to defend the Church from internal and external enemies, he has to prevent the spreading of evil at the hands of him who gave origin to evil.

It is a period of turbulent history, this, in which the protection of Michael is truly necessary. Turn to him and walk in his army. The humble souls are those who, together with the angels the faithful ministers of God, make up the army of this archangel, admirable in his beauty and strength.

But today you celebrate also Raphael, *“medicine of God”*. And who does not need his help?

It has been said to you many times, and it is a reality, which you yourselves can verify that the world is like an immense hospital. Diseases undermine and destroy the health of the body and sin ruins the soul so as to render man like a leper before God.

The leprosy of sin penetrates everywhere and is passed by the same parents to their children.

Raphael must act in the world and, just as he let Tobias find in the mouth of the fish the remedy to cure the blindness of Tobit, so he must open the eyes of the innumerable blind who are on the face of the earth that they may see their misery.

Raphael still, who stands before the throne of God, must supplicate Him, so that He may have pity on all those who lie in the slime of sin and are unable to lift themselves up.

Even the physical diseases are grave and numerous. The Lord permits that those who are occupied in curing bodies, be blind too, so that they may learn to ask for light from Him who is the Luminary of luminaries. Haven't I told you many times that I am the heavenly Doctor and that whoever wishes to be cured must entrust himself to my care?

Man is in the hands of God, body and soul. All is measured by his goodness and providence. Whoever entrusts himself to him, finds relief, peace and strength to put up with. Raphael is a means which God uses.

It is good to entrust oneself to the angels, letting them accomplish towards man those divine offices that have been assigned to them.

You can see the importance and power of a person by the number of servants or dependants that he has. But you can also understand your greatness, if you consider that at your service there are hosts of angels who have this specific task before you: to guard you and lead you to salvation.

Invoke the angels and let them be your most dear friends.

And lastly remember Gabriel, the archangel who brought to my Mother the announcement of her divine maternity.

He is the angel who gathered her “fiat” which brought salvation into the world. I would like that, by invoking him at the start of a new day, you would too repeat, in adherence to the will of God, your fiat. *“Your will be done”*, you must say when sad or glad events follow each other as to render you insecure and many times incapable of accepting the will of God.

“Your will be done” in all situations, and this adherence must be a choice which with love you entrust to the archangel Gabriel, that he may deliver to the Father your desire of obedience and acceptance.

Let the angel of the Annunciation be your guide, since the world finds itself in difficulty because of its rebellion to the divine will and may he confirm you in a full, loving, sincere and humble adherence to that fiat which, just as it gave beginning to the world, can transform it, and just as it gave beginning to the Redemption, can continue to save it.

Children, in your daily offering let not be lacking your invitation to make pass through the hands of these powerful celestial messengers all that which in the world can be good and which can rejoice the heart of God.

I bless you children, and with Me the archangels. Goodbye.

LIKE THE MOST TENDER MOTHER

October 6, 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you! Behold, here I am to give value to your prayer and to invite you to persevere in it, so as to realize my command to pray without ceasing.

Remember what I said once. If a certain person were to go to wake up a friend in the middle of the night and said to him: *“Give me two loaves, because some guests have arrived and I have no bread for them (Lk 11:5-6)”*, and the latter were to respond annoyed that he does not want to get up because the children are sleeping and because the hour is not opportune, and the other were to insist in order to receive this favour, well then, if that man did not yield to his persistence out of love, he would yield at least to get rid of him.

Your prayer must be like so, persistent, persistent.

There are some who say that the Lord knows all their needs and that it is useless to ask. I, instead say to you: ask and you shall obtain, because God demands that you, with the confidence of children, go to Him and set out your requests.

There are others then who say that those who do evil have so much good, and by good they mean material things, while whoever does good suffers.

Now, if you consider the goods of this world as true goods, you can even think it in this way, but if you see your life in relation to eternity, the things change, my children!

You can also realize how God may act with those souls whom He continues to love even if far from Him.

What does a mother do who has several children? Sometimes, she seems to overlook the better ones to dedicate herself to those who make her suffer. Why does she behave like that? Obviously she hopes to win them over in every way.

In this way the Lord, who makes every action of his in favour of the salvation of souls, if He benefits the wicked, He does it so that they may become aware of his goodness and providence and of their insolence.

May you be constant in good and in your recourse to God, certain that no prayer remains unanswered and fruitless.

I said to you: *“Seek in the first place the Kingdom of God (Mt 6:33)”*; the rest is given to you, I assure you since I do not let myself be outdone in generosity. Let your prayer therefore, have always as its culminating point the glory of God.

“Knock and it shall be opened to you (Mt 7:7)”, I repeat it to you, and ask always, since, if good parents know not how to refuse anything to their own children, how could you think that I, who has lived your life and know all your difficulties, can deny you something?

The mother is a symbol of indulgence, goodness, tenderness. Well then, know that God wills to be similar to the most tender mother, for the love and tenderness with which He stoops over his creatures to assist to all their needs.

Never lack in trust: it is a serious failure in the eyes of God. If however, doubts nag you and anxiety seizes you when you are praying or prayer fails to come out, turn to the Father with my voice, with my offering, with my Blood, with my name.

This is what the Mass is: my voice which implores for you, turning my sacrifice into a means to obtain all ordered to the present and future life.

Children, whoever loves Me does not forget these things and knows my secrets.

I am the Good Shepherd who leads his sheep to pasture and feeds them and quenches their thirst with that delicious food and that crystal clear water which makes them grow.

I am your brother and, having lived your life, I know all your habits, needs and weaknesses. I have a remedy for everything, I make up for all the shortcomings.

I am amongst you, I am in you, I am at your side. I desire only to be loved by you, to be invoked in order to give you every good.

The happiness which in God is perfect, is complete too in my Heart, even if, through a mystery of love, I share in the suffering of all humanity. Well then, this happiness without measure I wish to give and realize in you.

Even if I permit that you have to insert yourselves in my sorrow as I insert myself in yours, I want you as sharers of my infinite happiness.

Children, I bless you and I love you. Know that your desire to please Me is returned by my desire to please you. Goodbye!

I WILL REFRESH YOU

October 13, 1977

My children, peace and grace be to you!

I am Jesus the divine Teacher, present amongst you to give you help. I repeat to you as once during my mortal life: *“Come to Me, all you who are weary and oppressed, and I will refresh you (Mt 11:28).”*

I know that the cross weighs down on your shoulders and you would like many times to throw it far away from you. But did it not perhaps weigh down on my shoulders that heavy cross that I had to place on the summit of Calvary?

Nevertheless the wood was only a symbol; in fact, also on my shoulders weighed all the sins of men and all the rebellions against the will of God.

Well then, even if your cross is nothing in comparison to mine, I say to you: come to Me and I will refresh you. And I go about showing you a shelter in which you can find refuge. I show you my Heart, saying to you: behold that Heart which has so loved men.

So badly repaid, I could also add, even if you are gathered here just to give to my Heart and to my Mother's one comfort and reparation.

Men do not accept my love, they despise it, they fail to appreciate it.

They do not accept it, because acceptance requires a correspondence and a behaviour of life in conformity to that of the person that loves.

To accept my love all fire, is a commitment to move out from mediocrity, from ambiguity.

To accept to be loved by Me is like saying: *“I walk step in step on the same road, under the same cross.”*

To believe in my love is equal to trusting Me completely, to letting Me act in everything and always, even when the significance of certain events and certain deeds, which follow upon each other in family and social life, are not understood.

That's what I desire from you.

If others do not accept Me, you welcome Me. You understand Me, therefore you must unite yourselves with Me. Only in this way, will you be able to be serene in spite of the contradictions and difficulties.

Believe in my love, if you wish everything to be transformed in your life.

It is not just any person who loves you. I am neither a philosopher nor an artist. I am not a powerful man according to the world.

In fact I was born and lived poor, but I am the Almighty who gave origin to everything, who preserves everything and who uses everything for the good, I being the Highest Good.

If I give you my love and if therefore I ask for yours, it is but for to put an end to your misery and to enrich you with my goods of infinite and eternal value. Men despise these goods!

They fritter their time away on futile things. They chase butterflies and, when they think they have caught them, they find in their hands a bit of dust and a little lifeless being.

If they despise true love, many are however, ready to let their hearts burn with the fire of passion, which brings suffering, remorse and ruin.

There are also those who do not know my love. They compare it with that of men and know only how to rail against God, confusing men's way of acting with that of God's.

Well then, know that my love exceeds every human misery and wants only the good of all.

All that you shall do to bring this knowledge into the world, will be a true apostolate. Believe in love, I say therefore to you. Make my love known to everybody.

I love you, I want your happiness, I want only your good; and all that is sorrow, suffering, evil, is no other than the consequence of this refusal of love on your part.

You could say to Me that many saints have suffered and suffer even though not having sinned, but I say to you that in the great human family the innocent suffer to expiate the sins of the guilty, but sin is always the cause of sorrow. Even if I can assure you that, whoever believes in my love has such a comfort in suffering that it is changed into joy.

Children, today I call you one by one to enter, through the wound of my Heart, into the heart itself of God.

Be trustful, be faithful to this call. It is a safe shelter that I am offering you. Bring with you not only your sorrows, but also the persons most dear to you. I will watch over everyone.

Learn to believe and hope, and, above all, continue to love everyone. If you exclude anyone from your affection, you make Me suffer, know that! Even if he whom you exclude were to be a Judas or a delinquent. A soul is worth my Passion and Death. Remember that, and let it not happen that to these souls you should let lack prayer, sacrifice, tears.

These things matter like the magnet that attracts metal.

Children, I expect much from you. Your serenity and constancy in good must bear witness to your faith and your love.

I bless you all. Be loving and generous souls. My Mother, who once appeared at Fatima, with Me blesses you, and leads you along the ways of simplicity and love, which is so pleasing to Her.

Goodbye, children. May peace constantly dwell in you.

HE WHO REPRESENTS ME

October 18, 1977

My children, be blessed and the most choice graces be upon you.

This is the Cenacle of my Merciful Love. With it I go about filling all those who seek Me with humility of heart and with love.

Be the heralds of this love and propagate it everywhere. Believe in my love, make it known, that I may be loved and my love be returned by an exemplary Christian life. I am the Divine Teacher.

Children, on earth there is he who represents Me, who preserves my doctrine and makes it known, even through his person.

You know who I'm talking about, Paul VI, whom I love and have a predilection for: you love him also, I beg you. Make him known and loved. Let him not be disgusted and let no sorrow be given to his paternal heart. Accept his word and his teachings. Follow his example.

He is indefatigable in work, optimist and generous in his thoughts, in his desires, in his works.

That joyful life, so rich in zeal and virtue, will pass away, but his example shall remain inerasable.

Be thankful to God for having chosen him to guide the Church, and thankful to Paul VI for the correspondence to the grace with which he has animated his whole life.

Children, I embrace you one by one and I fill you with enthusiasm and love.

YOUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY

October 20, 1977

Beloved children, with much joy I welcome you in these prayer meetings, which ought to lead you to reinvigorate your faith more and more and which should indicate to you the sure way to go to reach Heaven. But I rejoice

above all in seeing you here as brothers, as if to increase that charity which must distinguish you and which will continue to unite you in Heaven.

Your spiritual family is nothing but a cell of that great family that is the people of God, the Church, and a very little part of that vaster family which is the whole of humanity.

Coming here, you must propose to be, more and more, living members of my Church. What's the value of you saying many rosaries, if you did not possess grace, which permits your soul to live of my life? And what's the value of possessing this life, if you were to let it wilt into egoism without bothering to communicate it to the brethren by an exemplary conduct?

My children, the Church needs your work today more than ever. No one can exempt himself adducing whatever pretext, since there is no difficult, precarious or sorrowful situation that can prevent you from being active workers in the vineyard of my Father.

I have called you all, repeatedly. Even your presence in this place is a response to my call. If you have answered Me with your yes, you must do my works.

Look at how much desire for God there is in the world, and how often one seeks Him where one cannot find Him.

Children, it is God's hour, this: don't let it pass by. Let your enthusiasm for good not be a flash in the pan.

Religious instruction, so important, because it gives certainty in acting and allows you to dialogue with your neighbour with competence on it, must not be a monopoly of a few. Therefore, come to instruct yourselves in those truths that the Church teaches and which form its patrimony of two thousand years. They are truths always new, always beautiful which give meaning to your life, to your death and which make you presage the joy and greatness of the other life, which you are going to meet.

Children, when in a school there are those who do not follow the lessons, the teacher has to linger, but if amongst the pupils there are those who do all they can to help the others, the lessons then proceed normally. Help each other in turn!

Let your hearts be exuberant with good desires. The importance of the duty does not matter. Do everything out of love. Communicate love. What comes to you from the heart of God, after having filled yours, let it come down as a gift to the hearts of those who live next to you.

Then be also, living members of the vaster human family.

In the world one loves too little. The resources seem to be diminishing and many are led to think exclusively for themselves.

Before my eyes differences do not exist of usages or customs, language, race or colour: I love all in equal measure and indiscriminately. The Father established a law whereby to no one must be lacking the necessary: if there are therefore, peoples that are deprived, it is the duty of whoever is in abundance to go to their help.

Children, take a glance at the world, stretch out your arms and your hearts, as if to help all humanity. Let this not be limited to being a symbolic gesture, but do so that it may become a reality.

Learn first of all, to forget the small troubles that involve your personal interests and pray for those who suffer a lot more than you. Think of those who are deprived of those things indispensable for a decent living, of the lepers and all the sufferers, of those who are not free to practice their own faith.

Believe in the power of prayer and invoke the Father in my name, that He may provide, console, help and save all. If however, you were to content yourselves with saying some prayer and did not accompany it with your sacrifice, it would still be too little: sacrifice is a force that gives strength!

When a person is very weak, they do blood transfusions on him. Your sacrifice offered up is just like a donation of blood. With your mite of love, represented by a suffering, an humiliation accepted and offered up, that's how you can help the sick, sinners, priests, missionaries, religious and laity.

But there is also a material help that you are obliged to give by utilizing whatever is not strictly necessary to you. It is this goodness, which associates you with the needy, that gives joy to my Heart. One day in Heaven you shall find the reward for your faith and for your good works.

I bless you all and I give you my grace that you may grow in sanctity.

I LOVE YOU AS YOU ARE

October 21, 1977

My children, I am the merciful Jesus, present amongst you. I desire that you be bringers of peace in your families, in your workplaces or wherever you live out your life.

I want from your person like a ray to emanate that shows you in my light, that your smile, your words, your goodness, have a reflection in Heaven.

I ask only for your collaboration and your availability to accomplish the most important conquests.

You will start with your families, to whom you ought to address good words of faith and trust. Then with your work colleagues, which you will do in a way of attracting to my school.

I want to transform the doctors here present up to making them doctors of souls besides that of bodies.

I want to use teachers, nurses, employees and workers as instruments of my mercy. Yes, I want for each one to be in his own field of work as a centre of attraction.

I want the hearts of mothers to have such a charge of love, whereby their babies, visible or still hidden in their womb, feel a great even spiritual benefit.

Children, I want this to be more and more a place of my loving calls, so that the zeal for the glory of God and the desire to work in his vineyard become more and more alive.

Let those who do not enjoy good health and who are tempted be not dismayed, since sickness and temptation amount to the same thing and can be overcome and become means of sanctification.

Children, I love you like this as you are, with your defects, with your worries, with your miseries because I already see you happy in the glory of the Father, luminous with my light of Son of Man, happy with an infinite happiness.

Be joyful, be ready, be vigilant. Keep faith to your intentions as I keep faith to my promises.

May peace dwell in you and be radiated on those who surround you and on the whole of society.

Pray and love always!

THE MISSIONARY PROBLEM

October 23, 1977

My children, how dear it is to my Heart to address the word to you today in which the missionary problem is shown to you with more insistence to indicate to you all its importance.

I am Jesus the Teacher and my presence amongst you ought to be an invitation to appreciate more and more the gift of faith, a totally gratuitous gift which you have received and which you must preserve and spread.

Never say that one can live without faith because one can do without God. Faith is necessary to man as the air he breathes, because from it depends the

present and future happiness and because only by believing in God life has value and meaning.

To believe means to accept the revealed truths, those truths which I came to earth to perfect and which I entrusted to the Church that she may guard them and so that they may be propagated.

To believe means to live in conformity to what one believes, to live therefore, continuously in the presence of God, knowing well that He is everywhere and that nothing escapes his gaze and his personal judgement.

To believe is to recognize the goodness of God and his mercy, whereby it becomes easy to accept his will and stay under his protection, just as the child that lets himself be led or stays in the arms of the father.

To believe is to admit that God directs everything with his infinite providence, whereby one needs to eliminate distrust and desperation, sure that the Lord knows how to draw good even from evil and directs everything to the eternal good which is the salvation of souls.

These are the sentiments that must guide your faith and which ought to render serene your existence.

When however, convinced of these truths, you seek to practice them, you are but at the half way point, since there exists a command for each Christian that sounds like this: *“Remember that you must not live your life selfishly, even that of the spirit, but you must take an interest in your neighbour whom you must love as yourself.”*

That’s why I said to the apostles: *“Go and preach the Gospel to every creature (Mk 16:15).”*

That faith which you have freely received is not a talent to be buried in the ground, but it is a coin that has to be made to fruit.

It is said that all religions are good and I do not deny that in all religions there are some good things, but the truth is one alone. Where it may be in contradiction with other truths, one cannot say that they are all equally good.

Certainly, whoever follows his own religion with conviction, especially in the love of God and brethren, can be saved, but how much spiritual help, which my followers can make use of in abundance, does he lack!

It is sad to see how many, not appreciating sufficiently their own faith and lacking in that instruction so necessary, arrive at the point of leaving it to approach other religions or false ideologies.

Truly one wishes to imitate Esau who for a plate of lentils sold his birthright.

Guard, children, your spiritual patrimony with the care with which the things that are most dear are guarded, and regret not learning to appreciate it not even as much as you appreciate all that is of no value.

Children, the missionary problem must concern all and must not be circumscribed to only one day of activity. The missionaries, who, leaving a comfortable life, face grave sacrifices, need your help continuously. They are in the front line and you are at the rear, but they must feel themselves supported and sustained by all the brethren, by prayer, by sacrifice and by action.

If you were to forget this duty, you would be no different than Cain when he said: "*What do I know about my brother* (Gn 4:9)?"

When you speak of missions, you understand for the most the action carried out in underdeveloped and far away countries: I wish to invite you to be missionaries here, in your towns, in your cities. Isn't it perhaps true that, by following materialism and consumerism, many, also amongst your families, have lost the faith, put into doubt the immortality of the soul, the necessity for prayer, the sacraments, obedience to the Church, the infallibility of the Pope, the existence of the demon and hell?

Children, many who consider themselves Christians are separated from the Church through those errors which they accept and through that seeking for solely material things, to which they give more importance than the soul and the things that concern it.

There is imposed a sacrosanct duty from which no one can exempt himself without running the risk of losing what God has entrusted as a responsibility and as a gift to communicate.

Children, the times are hard, atheism dresses itself with the garment of truth, the wolf is dressed like a lamb: learn to recognize and don't let yourselves be seduced. Eternal life is a conquest. The Faith is a flag to defend, to the point of giving one's blood.

I give you strength, love, confidence, hope. Be faithful to the Gospel, the Creed, the Decalogue, since life passes quickly.

I bless you all. To all those who desire to be my missionaries, I give the fire of my love so that they may do more and more and better and better.

TRAFFICKING THE TALENT

October 25, 1977

Beloved children, peace be with you!

I am your Teacher desirous of instructing you, of comforting you, of giving you strength. I am always here with you like a furnace of love, because I want for this fire, which I give you, to be able to set the world on fire.

Your world is little, it is true: your acquaintances are limited, your possibilities are few, but my fire has a divine power and like the sun, though being one only, can illuminate the two hemispheres, and all men can enjoy its light and its heat which renders life fruitful, in this way my fire can, even by your means, radiate itself on the world of souls and make them vibrate and live, becoming light and heat for all.

Children, I often spoke to you about the Kingdom of the Heavens. I said to you one day that it is similar to a mustard seed that the farmer sowed in his field. It became quickly a great tree, so much so that in its shade many birds found shelter.

The Church was and is this mustard seed that the apostles and their successors spread and broadcast throughout the world. All are called to seek in her shade that life, that strength and that rest which God through her means wishes to give.

And yet you know how many millions of men refuse the gift of God. There are those even who have accepted the invitation and then learned to enjoy that shade of protection that the Church was able to give and like unfledged birds that want to try out their first flights and fall, they have left the Church to start their own, according to their own criterion.

But there are also those who do not know this marvellous tree, which is like the tree of life.

God abandons no one, but calls everyone into his Church because she herself is the Kingdom of God that prepares the faithful on earth to introduce them into the glory of Heaven. You must collaborate with the work of the farmer. I am the Farmer, and all that you do to make this tree grow, which I myself have planted, is blessed by Me and rewarded.

I said still in my mortal life, that the Kingdom of the Heavens is like the yeast that a woman puts in four bushels of flour to make it ferment and obtain good bread from it. I mean to say to you that those belonging to this school must truly be yeast and of the best.

I would like for each one of you to realize the necessity to vivify the environment in which you live. When human respect or too earthly worries make you desist in doing the good that the Lord wants from you, you cease to be yeast and in the quiet certainly you do not produce good fruits.

To stir the waters that they not become foul is a useful and advantageous action, not only for the physical health of a person, but also for that of many who could use that water.

To shake off that torpor in which many fall into is a duty. You must be the instrument. Filled with that divine fire, of which I am the source, you can call others back to exercising that charity which is fire.

Children, there are but few places on earth where the Gospel still has not been preached, but unfortunately many, that have received it first, do not practice it or they have forgotten it.

That's why I can tell you that, whoever does not traffic the talent received, even that talent will be taken away and shall be given to whoever corresponds better and has more good will.

You are my beloved, those who want to lead a good life in order to please Me. Well then, I say to you: don't slacken your pace. Fill yourselves always with new energies, new enthusiasm and call back next to my Heart as many souls as you can. There will be those who come to please you, out of courtesy, out of interest or for whatever other reason. It doesn't matter.

I'll take care about rectifying the intentions and acting on the thoughts and affections of all.

Be the yeast! Be like jumping springs. If age, health, weakness, incapacity hold you back, let your desires run wild like untethered ponies. To the desires unite love and I will make use of them to work miracles. Do you believe in the wisdom of God?

I am the Incarnate Wisdom, let yourselves be guided by Me. You shall see your family flourish and all that which could happen in it will be for the triumph of the Kingdom of God.

I bless you, children, with your sick and entrusted. Be good! Never have neither resentments nor sulkiness, if you do not wish to disgust my Heart. Peace be constantly in you. Goodbye.

ENTER BY THE NARROW GATE

October 26, 1977

Children so dear to Me, peace be to you!

I want to repeat to you the words that I said one day to those who interrogated Me to know if many would be saved: *“Enter through the narrow gate (Mt 7:13; Lk 13:24), that it may not happen that in presenting you to the Father, He may have to say that He does not know you.”*

What do I mean to say by “narrow gate”? I mean to invite you to practice humility and mortification.

The world rejects these two virtues. Men prefer to be self-sufficient and not ask God for help through prayer. They do not want to recognize themselves as incapable and miserable. They think that their own wellbeing and position are fruits of their own intelligence, of their prudence and the work of their

own hands. They refuse to believe in the providence that directs everything, they expect to bend the Lord to their demands, while they rebel against his Laws.

You must go against the current. You must commit yourselves to do in the best way those Christian and human duties that are a part of your life, in a divine light, under the gaze of God.

That's what passing through the narrow gate means! This thought of submission, which places you in the will of God has two aspects: you must be humble with God, but also with your neighbour.

What a great thing knowing how to keep those bonds of charity and affection which unite families. But how will one be able to maintain them if humility is not placed at the base of these relationships so important?

Families are divided and suffer because the spirit of humility is lacking which makes one see and recognize promptly to each one of their members their own defects.

With this humility the children would have respect for their parents, the parents would respect each other and would then know how to meet their children halfway to help them to correct their mistakes.

My children, start off this holy battle with yourselves, made up with the annihilation of your ego, so that I, also by your means, can triumph in families.

The "narrow gate" of Heaven is also mortification. I do not ask you for extraordinary penances, but only those which help you to do well your duties and make you avoid sin.

Pleasure, amusements and all that which can satisfy the human nature, often form the object of a frantic search by man, who in that way at times loses his mind and is transformed into an abject being, incapable of giving himself a goal and an elevated thought.

Children, your Christianity lived out in its entirety with those practices of piety and with those works of charity, which many times require not inconsiderable sacrifices, be a call also for others to follow you through this narrow way.

It is not enough therefore, for you to be able to say: "*We have listened to your Word, we have eaten at your table* (Lk 13:26)", but you should be able to say that you have practised humility and that you have restrained yourselves by mortification.

Children, I see you already projected into eternity. This gift of salvation one needs to merit it however, with that correspondence to my grace, which is your part, your contribution, it is letting yourselves be saved, since on your own you would not however, be able to save yourselves.

I help you, I comfort you, I wait for you.

I am always with you and I want to act through you, also so that your family and relatives and friends may find again that faith which is the anchor of salvation.

Love Me and love everyone. Pour into my Heart everyday all that makes you suffer and learn to wait.

When tribulations get stronger, it is the moment to believe strongly, even if everything seems to fall down around you.

Do not let yourselves be taken in by distrust. When you can't do it anymore, I intervene and I save you.

Remember Peter who managed to walk on the waters as long as faith sustained him. When doubt and discouragement enter in, one risks drowning, but I am always there to support you.

Children, I bless you all. I am Jesus, infinite mercy. I embrace you with all the tenderness of my Heart and I bring you back to your homes transformed through grace.

Your departed ones have received great comfort from this prayer.

Goodbye, children. Your prayer is always pleasing to Me, with all your intentions.

OVERCOMING HUMAN RESPECT

October 27, 1977

My children, I desire to continue on in my lessons to spur you on ever more strongly to walk in the way of love.

When some Pharisees approached Me as I was going towards Jerusalem and invited Me to go away because Herod was seeking Me to kill Me, I replied that I would have remained three days still, then I would have left the city and returned only when they would have shouted hosannas at my entrance.

Children, I don't wish to make this reference to you in order to allude to you, but to remind you how, in order to do the will of God, one needs to be firm in one's intentions and faithful to one's mission.

The obstacles which the demon sows in the life of man are always many. When however, there is in the midst the fulfilment of one's duty, of one's mission, of one's vocation, the obstacles and the adversities are so multiplied as to make it seem necessary to desist.

My example must be a spur to persevere in good.

Human respect, which is born of timidity, of self love or of religious ignorance, must not subjugate anyone of you; you must, rather, teach others how one can and must overcome it.

Timidity must be transformed into strength, because, even if it enters many times to be a part of the character, it is always a defect that does not permit to show oneself to others what one is and to express with serenity one's ideas.

Naturally timidity can be combated by that religious preparation that is the clarity of ideas and which gives security. Timidity can be thought of as humility, but it is not, since humility is truth and usually it is manifested by simplicity and sweetness.

You must be humble but not timid to be able to give to your neighbour that treasure of faith which you hold enclosed in your mind and in your heart.

I have said to you that human respect can also be caused by self love. The fear of being mocked, of being taken as too religious, fanatics, liars, makes like an alarm bell go off in some, up to preventing them to act.

Here also one must take care, because self love could make you feel ashamed of Me and prevent you from doing that good which I desire from you.

They could be said to them those words which sound like a malediction: *“Since you were ashamed of Me, I am ashamed of you and I say to you that I do not know you.”*

The other reason whereby one lets oneself be overcome by human respect is the lack of instruction, whereby one does not appreciate sufficiently one's own faith. Is a soldier perhaps ashamed to be the attendant of his own captain? Or is a lady ashamed to be at the special service of a queen?

Well then, if everyone were to know the greatness of God and his magnificence, don't you think that they all would be proud to go and serve Him, love Him and make Him known, served and loved?

That's why I insist so much on this point, which of course, is of benefit first of all to you: you must go into these revealed truths and study them to live them out and to have the courage to propagate them.

Don't say that these things are not new to you. They will always be new until you have assimilated them.

That's why I bless deep down those who, going along with these desires of mine, commit themselves also by sacrifice to do that brief daily meditation which is like oxygen to their souls, and those who spread my word which touches hearts and minds to lead them to good.

Other obstacles, besides human respect, can be born out of wickedness, ever ready to criticize rather than to applaud. But doesn't it seem to you then opportune the proverb: "*Whoever does no evil, does not fear*"?

When one has the tranquillity of conscience and one knows of wanting for everyone the true good, why should so much anxiety enter before the opinion of men? Is it not perhaps to God alone that one must answer to of one's way of doing?

The only problem capable of bringing harm not only to persons but also to the faith itself, can be derived from the inconsistency between the faith professed and the morals practiced.

How much it makes Me suffer that comment which is often made regarding those who go to Church: "They are worse than the others". One should not utter this opinion, but above all one ought to seek to avoid making others, with good reason, utter it.

Be exemplary, be consistent, then you will have strength and you will be able to proudly clear up and expound your principles. You will, with greater ease, be able to combat and defeat error.

I bless you, children. I bless the religious present to whom I entrust the task of bringing Me wherever it is possible. My image will speak for you. Make Me loved! Goodbye!

DIFFICULT MOMENTS

November 3, 1977

My children, may you be blessed for the good will you have of bettering yourselves and for the desire that you have to pray in order to help the brethren.

I accompany you in every action of yours and I give you strength.

I cannot hide from you that the present moment is pretty dark and human living will become even more difficult, whereupon it is necessary that on your part you commit all your energies to defend the good that is left and, with it, those moral and spiritual values that serve to raise up man above the animals.

Children, do not let yourselves be fooled by the words of those who are wolves in sheep's clothing. Look at the fruits, if you wish to know the tree. Well then, the fruits are these: loss of faith, sloth, violence and rebellion to all that points to a sacrifice to be done or invitation to order.

These are the fruits of certain ideologies and of a bad education.

That's why I invite parents and educators to arm themselves with the help that comes from above to be able to impart efficacious lessons that give to the children, to the schoolboys, to the pupils, those sane principles that turn them into true gentlemen.

Know that your responsibility is not only great, but decisive. Whoever sows good, will gather well, not only for the family and society, but also for himself.

First of all, give to your children very clear ideas on the faith. Don't put your trust in others. Don't believe that religious teaching is the exclusive duty of the priests or that what is taught in school or in preparation for First Communion is sufficient. This shall be a help, but the real teaching must come from the behaviour and the word of the parents, just as from the heart comes the blood which passes through the veins.

Let the children know that the parents have the duty and the right to express their thought, when it is in conformity to the teaching of Jesus, who made himself your brother to show you how you must live.

Let the parents know that these children, which the Lord has entrusted to them, have become members of my Body; as I took life again, human and divine, after the Resurrection, so I desire that all those who are dead to the life of grace, take new life again in order to participate in my resurrection and my glory.

I watch over all and I want everyone saved, but you all must give Me a hand. Don't wait for the irreparable. Don't play with eternity for these few years of life. Life is a great gift, and it is a period of trial which you must get over.

See how much suffering, how many uncertainties, how much sadness it brings with it.

When faith does not illuminate an existence and eternal life does not attract you, doesn't living appear perhaps less beautiful?

But the value of this marvellous gift of God, which will last forever, the gift of eternal life in God, don't you think that it ought to be preserved, protected, defended and presented to the Father?

A dull or empty life is a life without a purpose. A holy life is a life full of fruits and rich with merits.

Whoever wastes his life sometimes seems happy, whoever lives well knows suffering and sacrifice, but even in sacrifice the good know how to enjoy it as a good thing.

I look at many of the youth withered up from vice and aged before time, and I see many tired of living because they did not find in vice the joy they dreamed of.

You could, by your prayers and your works approach everyone to make known where they can find true happiness! When you do good to bodies, don't limit your action: it would be a good work half done.

Do you recall the miracles accomplished by Me in life? They had the purpose of giving faith and to bring back to the light of God souls that ignored Him.

Children, you do also likewise, if you don't wish to render vain your charity.

Men need God, and apostles are needed who with generosity and with clarity can speak to them to animate them, to raise them up again, in order to render them good and happy.

Your membership in this family must be a push towards the high aims of the Christian apostolate, keeping in mind the pressing necessities of the present moment.

Be bells that sound the alarm. Be vigilant sentinels that guard the patrimony of the faith.

Be like angels who, as you bring peace, announce the will of God.

I bless you all, children, and I love you so much.

A KING READY TO FORGIVE

November 6, 1977

Beloved children, apostles of my love, let it not displease you that I myself speak to you about my royalty and tell you how important it is that it be recognized by men, in the way it is recognized by my Father and by all those who form the heavenly court.

I, as God, am King of Creation, since in my name all things were created, but my royalty is also in the human sense, since I was a descendant of David, who was the king of the Hebrew people.

Royalty, understood as supremacy and power over human creatures, would be however, a very small thing and like all human things, it would be destined to fade away.

To Pilate, before whom I was dragged with the accusation of making myself king, when he asked Me: "*Are you a king (Jn 18:33)?*" I could answer with sincerity: "*Yes, I am, but my Kingdom is not of this world (Jn 18:36).*"

I desire to have the sceptre of command over the souls that were entrusted to Me by the Father and whom I conquered back to eternal life with the sacrifice of my life.

The souls are my conquest, the souls must be my crown of glory, my trophy.

When I came to earth, I confirmed the Hebrew people in that faith which had been entrusted to them as the chosen people, and, founding the Church, I gave to the apostles the task of going throughout the world to preach the good news to all men.

The Gospel had to be announced in every corner of the earth, because everywhere my subjects had to arise to whom I could point out my life as model and my glory as conquest.

Wherever my name is known, souls stand beside Me to combat the battle of life, defending the banner of the faith and observing that divine Law that is made of love.

But just as in the Hebrew people, repository of my doctrine, there were many who saw their precious treasure taken away, because they refused to accept the truth with humility of heart, so today many of my followers reject the faith and prefer idolatry, they reject the truth to believe in fables, so that the precious treasure of the faith, taken away from them, is entrusted to simple souls, to poor peoples, who know how to appreciate it more than them.

Children, fear the Lord who passes by. Fear of losing what for you should be life and strength. Fear that those talents that are given to you are not trafficked.

I have called you from the sunrise of your life, so that you could at the end of the day receive the agreed payment.

I made you my soldiers by the sacrament of Confirmation, I have given you strength and I point out the destination to you.

I did not say to you that I would have given you a tranquil life without tribulation.

I said to you: *“Whoever loves Me follows Me.”* And again: *“Whoever wishes to follow Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me (Mt 16:24).”*

Where do I bring you? To Calvary, there where the soldiery tempting Me, said to Me: *“If you are God, come down from the Cross (Mt 27:40)”*, while the people made fun of Me, saying: *“He saved so many others, but He cannot save himself (Mt 27:42).”*

Yes, I bring my followers to Calvary, where the mockery, the slanders, the malicious gossip and the persecutions continue. But I bring you there also

with the good thief to say to you: *“This very day you shall be with Me in my Kingdom (Lk 23:43).”*

And to facilitate your final victory, behold, I give you Mary for a Mother and Teacher.

I am the King of the Universe, the King of your souls, because this is the will of God. A King who goes in search of the sinner, a King who pardons deserters and calls them back, a King ready to forgive the infractions of the Law but who desires that all should mend their ways.

And my Mother, seated next to my throne like the mother of Solomon, does the same works as Me with a great heart and full of love to call back the subjects to their duty.

Children, one day I will come upon the clouds of heaven: the Cross will be my sceptre, and the people of God, whom I shall be called by the Father to judge, will be formed by faithful and unfaithful subjects.

I shall want to repeat to you with infinite love: *“Come, blessed by my Father, to receive the prize that has been prepared for you for your faithfulness (Mt 25:34).”*

What does my Law impose on you? To love God above everything and to love your neighbour as yourself.

To do that is not hard for you, if by prayer and the sacraments you arm yourself with the necessary means to combat the passions, the world and the demon, the three bitter enemies of man.

There are difficulties common to all in the world, and there are difficulties individual and particular, but God, who in his immensity fills the universe with himself, can and wishes to be everything for each one.

The sigh of the heart, the thought of the mind is not hidden to Him, and no act of the will escapes Him. He is goodness by essence, and, by sending Me, his Son into the world, He wished to create a union link between souls and Him.

Courage, trust, and also at the cost of suffering, faithfulness to the majesty of God and to the person of his Son who as King presides over the Church and as brother journeys with you on the road that leads to glory.

I bless you all, children. Young men and women, look at life with a serene eye; if you wish to be at my service, you shall be heirs to the Kingdom. Old men and women, look at the summit and do not fear; even if the faint light is about to go out, the beacon, that has illuminated your life shall be your light for eternity.

Let whoever has still not understood the immensity of my love, be immersed in the heart of my Mother: she shall be his teacher.

Let whoever wishes to better understand the secrets of the King, meditate on the words that I go around dispensing: it will like the opening up of a safe, jewels of unlimited value will be discovered.

To all my grace, that it may render you sharers of my life.

I love you so much.

THE SUN THAT ILLUMINATES

November 10, 1977

My children, here you are gathered together to offer love and reparation to my person, hidden under the Eucharistic veils.

I thank you for this desire of yours and for your goodness. Truly sacrileges and offences keep on multiplying in the measure in which the faith keeps on diminishing; it is therefore indispensable that on the part of the good there be this desire for reparation.

To make reparation is to put oneself in the place of whoever errs and to supplicate the Father so that again, just as when I stretched out my arms on the cross, He has to forgive.

The sins against the Eucharist are very grave, because the mystery of love enclosed in it is infinite and of the greatest value.

I gave you my Body and my Blood, so that, with all men wayfarers on earth, you had in the Eucharist that strength and that help necessary to arrive at the safe harbour, at the heavenly Fatherland, by overcoming the trials of life.

If it is irresponsible to refuse those transfusions of blood that could give health back to a sick man, it is a horrible thing not to believe and not to want to use my Body and my Blood to attain that salvation to which eternal happiness is connected.

If a sick man dared to throw on to the face of his donor the blood that is offered to him, you would say that he joins wickedness and ingratitude, and that he wants the sickness and also the physical death.

When the Eucharist is despised, insulted, trampled on or a gift of infinite love is received without faith, holding it to be just anything, a piece of bread, or when Communion is received in mortal sin, then there is no word which can serve to express my sorrow.

Certainly, just as with a Communion received holily, with purity of heart, with humility and sorrow for sins, a holy life can begin, so by a sacrilegious Communion can begin a life of sin, which is translated into a chain of sins.

When Judas communicated sacrilegiously, the demon entered into him and he was led to desperation.

Children, give to Communion the importance it deserves. It ought to be the most solemn act of your life, and for whoever communicates everyday, it ought to be the sun that illuminates the whole day, giving to it a divine imprint.

Learn to prepare your encounter with Me with those mortifications that are like an ornament that embellishes the Tabernacle, and with that devout piety, with which you would approach a most dear person who awaits consolation from you and who wishes to fill you with his gifts.

I desire you more than you desire Me, but your desire must not be limited to those few moments that proceed the solemn act of receiving Me. Your day shall be rich with merits in proportion to the holiness of your Communions. The tighter the bonds are which clasp Me to you, the more you will produce good fruits.

Communion is the pledge of eternal life.

Whoever receives Me loves Me. Whoever receives Me, even if he dies, will live: this is the promise tied to the Eucharist.

The angels of Heaven, if it were possible for them to envy, would envy men of being able to become the same with the Son of God made man, so as to form with Him a unity.

It is truly the Bread of Heaven that, prefigured in the manna, contains in itself all virtue. As I would like to tell you when you feel defective, when you become aware of your misery: make some holy Communions! To whoever is proud, I am humility. To whoever is selfish, I give generosity. To whoever does not know how to love, I give love. To whoever does not know how to forgive, I change the heart and I make him walk in my school.

My children, Communion does not bring fruits and does not give Me consolation if you are attached to your defects up to loving them and considering them justified.

I desire sorrow for sins and the commitment to overcome yourselves. I do not disdain anyone. I know the human weaknesses and I am ready to forgive them, as long as you don't make peace with them and you turn to the Eucharist as a means of strengthening yourselves.

You must also help your brethren, that they may understand that it is necessary to detest the faults before approaching the Eucharistic Banquet. Whoever sins gravely is in my eyes a corpse.

You do not want to put my immaculate flesh in contact with the putridness and filth of souls who do not detest their own sins! You would not put a piece of bread in the mouth of a dead man.

Now, know that your reparation is very pleasing to Me if you put beside my Sacrifice yours and if, by example, word and prayer you call back your brethren and by means of grace, all those who are a part of the Church. Children, I love you so much. Return my love with a holy life.

To all my embrace. At the next meeting with Me in Communion, I will give you so much joy. Now I bless you all.

I WEEP OVER THESE RUINS

November 17, 1977

Beloved children, here you are gathered in my name. Let my presence amongst you count to give your prayer that strength that renders it omnipotent and that grace that renders it divine.

If one were to pray like so in many places, if these prayer meetings were to multiply in every city and parish, graces would rain down and conversions would multiply.

I call incessantly souls close to my Heart, to express through them my desires. I call in every way: with joy and with sorrow, with special signs and with extraordinary deeds. I call everyone, even if in diverse ways. I show again, as one time, my tears and I weep over the ruins of my Jerusalem, my Church, and over the Jerusalem which for Me represents every soul.

My repeated and persistent calls are addressed to all those who are lapsed, dead to the life of grace, and I weep over them as I wept before the tomb of Lazarus.

I weep also over those who form the holy temple of the new Jerusalem, over those ministers who do not understand the sanctity of their mission and do not spread the truth. I weep over them, since their ruin drags behind them many other souls whom they should direct to the good.

I weep over so many betrayed vocations, over the mission of my beloved ones not brought to completion. They should be able to say to those who wish to lead them along the wrong path: "*Our Kingdom is not of this world* (Jn 18:36)", as I replied to Pilate, but they, attracted by human things, don't know how to react. At times, an activism badly understood prevents my ministers from occupying themselves with the health of the souls and the desire to do, by limiting itself to material intervention, is not then translated into those benefits that could have been hoped for.

So my children, who should have been helped to believe, to love, to hope, wander around in the world like unsatisfied souls in search of happiness and goods which will never serve to satisfy them.

I weep over these ruins, but I would also like that your tears, your sufferings, your crosses, united to mine, would become a powerful ringing of the bell that would call all to recollection.

Your promptness, your availability and your joy in putting yourselves at my service pay Me back for the ingratitude and deafness of many.

It is true that humanity is like a great immense family, that doesn't mean that each one does not have his own call and degree of sanctity to reach, whereby your personal interests in the spirit field concern you even more closely, as they are personally close to Me.

A faithful soul, who observes the Law of charity and who follows Me carrying his cross, becomes for Me a lever that has a power of attraction. This soul becomes a unity with Me and I reserve to him the reward of the confessors, because his example is a true testimony. I reserve to him the glory of the martyrs, even if his martyrdom is hidden to the eyes of men.

The glory that the saints share with Me in Heaven is based on the state of grace, on the degree of suffering in love.

I wept over those whom I loved. I wept over the friendship of Lazarus, which death had destroyed. I wept over the betrayal of Judas who with a kiss betrayed Me.

I wept tears of love and sorrow when I met my Mother on the way to Calvary and, as a last tribute of love, I gave tears and blood on the Cross to all humanity.

I still weep over the betrayal of friends, I weep over the offences that are given to my Mother and the Church. I renew my offering of tears and blood in every Mass.

Would this incessant weeping touch the hearts of all, and reinvigorate in charity, in faithfulness to one's duty and in the witness of a Christian life, all those who call themselves my followers.

So, with these desires of reparation, try, more and more, to grow spiritually, up to being worthy of my encounter in the heavenly Jerusalem, where weeping shall cease and every tear will shine like a star.

May my sorrowful Mother give consolation to all.

I await you with so much love in this place, and I cannot but console myself with those who with this marvellous apostolate of good make it a foundational point of their lives.

Goodbye, children! To all and to each one my affectionate kiss.

PERFECT LIKE THE FATHER

November 24, 1977

My children, I am with you, I am Jesus of Nazareth. I desire to present myself like this to annihilate that human pride which leads so often to make one's presentation with noble or academic titles, showing in keeping of greater account human things more than the divine ones.

I present myself as a humble worker and as Son of God to tell everyone: you are my blood brothers, you are of my family, since you are men like Me and you have been raised to sons of God, therefore you must imitate Me. You are the workers who, called with a special predilection, must sanctify your work and work in the vineyard of the Lord.

Learn therefore, to appreciate your dignity, because you are not on earth to waste your lives but to sanctify it and to live it truly like the way God wants.

Did I not perhaps say to you: *"Be perfect as your Father who is in the heavens is perfect (Mt 5:48)."*

Man is perfectible and the continual perfectionment must aim at giving one's personality that completeness due to it and which is right and proper.

The human person must therefore, guard his physical health, he must grow in that knowledge that can help him to improve in his field of work and to give the due to those persons that know more. He must, by an honest and upright way of life, try to be considered an exemplary for the moral conduct that distinguishes him.

A person who wishes to be complete must furnish his life with that spirituality that elevates him. Only then the activity he carries out can be turned to the benefit of humanity. If health is lacking, morality and spirituality can constitute equally a complete asset that brings a benefit to the whole world; if instead, morality or spirituality is lacking, one does not have a complete personality and one cannot sanctify one's life and render it useful to the brethren.

You have to be complete, this is my desire. If you wish to follow Me on this road, you must imitate Me.

In embryo, every child that is born possesses qualities and talents that will turn him into a perfect man. In the soul of each child are impressed the Commandments, which are the moral Law.

The spiritual life, which many parents deny their own creatures, becomes vivified by the sacrament of Baptism. It is necessary to cultivate this life. Just as one takes care of the health of the body and turns to the means to maintain it, to increase it and to recover it should one lose it, so the spiritual

growth, corresponding to the grace of Baptism, and moral growth in the observance of the Commandments, must be a lifetime commitment.

If the seeking and maintaining the grace of God is right and proper for all those who wish to be saved, the flight from sin, even in slight imperfections becomes indispensable.

Do you want to know, children, if your life is not a failure? Do you want to know if the name of my followers suits you or if you dishonour your name of Christians? Observe whether you live out your Baptism. Examine if you observe my Law.

Do you wish to know whether you do good to humanity? I can tell you, yes, if your personality is complete.

There are in the world those who believe only in saying good words. There are those who count much on action, but unfortunately, even if they are judged well by other men, not so are they judged by God, who takes into account the spiritual life, the thoughts, the intentions and above all the love.

One needs to modify many things, since before God all this counts, which serves to animate life.

When a bricklayer builds a house, he does not realize the people that will inhabit it, and he does not know that, together with his work, Providence is acting, to realize in that house the happiness of a family.

In this way, in every human event, few realize the divine action that brings to completion its loving designs.

Nevertheless, if one wishes to be complete, if one wishes to be as God wants, one needs to rise up from the human to the divine and give to everything a divine imprint.

I repeat to you, children, I am Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus the worker, who sanctified work and made it a means of redemption. I am Jesus, who, journeying on the earth as any wayfarer, gave to every step, to every word, to every action a taste of Heaven.

Imitate Me and make Me imitated! I am with you, because I want to teach you to live like God.

Let the world seek in all that is human its enjoyment, you enjoy my presence, truth, faith, and in my infinite love you taste divine joys.

Children, it's never too late to start loving Me!

I bless you all one by one, and I give you my grace. Goodbye!

BLESSED THIS MOTHER

November 29, 1977

Beloved children, here I am to give you the go-ahead to your preparation for the feast of my Immaculate Mother.

I open up the door to you of that marvellous creature who, through her Immaculate Conception and through the fullness of grace of which she was enriched, formed the delight of the Father's heart and was able to be my worthy abode.

This is why I enjoy talking to you about her, to invite you to prepare yourselves with much love to fete her. Every good son feels for his mother a lot of gratitude and esteem; but if this mother appears clothed with special gifts from Heaven and adorned with extraordinary candour and beauty and goodness, then the Son cannot not proclaim her blessed and supremely blessed. It is this that happens in my Heart for Mary, my incomparable Mother.

Blessed may she always be this lofty creature, who exceeds in beauty the splendour of the sun. Blessed, because the Lord, having poured in her every virtue and having her adorned with grace, having that is, filled her with himself, found in her a correspondence so perfect as to render her life truly divine.

Blessed, because she did all good in her life so as to merit the approbation of God in every action of hers, in every moment of her existence.

Blessed by the Father, whose perfect daughter she was. Blessed by Me, her Son, because I was able to apply to her the merits of my Passion well before she was conceived.

She was the suitable recipient to welcome that shower of graces which the Redemption brought into the world, to be then its dispenser.

Blessed, because the Spirit of the Lord united her so intimately with himself, as to be fused in her heart rendering her fruitful and holy. Blessed and supremely blessed this Mother, who appears in the light of Heaven to render all saints supremely blessed. Supremely blessed, because in her task as Mother, extended to all creatures, she can receive and give that joy, which motherhood is not greedy in giving, and which multiplies every time it gives life.

Supremely blessed, because, by welcoming Me in her most pure Womb, she can welcome with Me all souls desirous of salvation.

That's why, children, you must prepare yourselves with nine days of prayer for her solemnity: because, in her and through her, you may too be blessed

so that your life, rendered similar to hers, may be pleasing to the One and Triune God, and you also be supremely blessed; salvation, that is, in her and with her, may be easier for you and be for you a fount of earthly and heavenly happiness.

Children, how must you prepare yourselves?

I do not ask extraordinary things from you. I desire only your conversion, because you would not be unable to get close to her with a soul dirtied with sins. But conversion must come about in you through her. Implore therefore, sorrow for sin, that it may be her to come to you, to take you in her arms, as she did once with Me when they took Me down from the Cross. She will clean you also of the most little imperfections and will re-establish your bonds with God.

To convert means changing one's way of living or perfecting what could be considered good.

No one can do better than her, than Mary the all pure one, this work of healing, she who never knew sin and who always detested it in her heart.

This I ask of you, this I desire and want: that you go to my Mother and tell her with sincerity and with a true transport of love: *“Mother, we wish to be like you. We are weak, we are unworthy, but your strength and your perfection do not frighten us, they are rather an encouragement and help.”*

I will follow you in your efforts and I will open the road for you. I will give light to understand the state of your soul and an infinite desire to improve yourselves overcoming every difficulty.

When sunrise starts to manifest itself in the sky with that rose tinted light, you say: *“It is a beautiful day”*, and you feel more serene.

If to prepare yourselves for my encounter on the day of my birth, you will look at my Mother to imitate her, you will see the sunrise of a new day and your heart will rejoice because she brings the sun of justice, she brings salvation and beatitude.

Children, I bless you all. Goodbye. I love you so much!

YOUR TRUE FRIEND

December 1, 1977

My children, peace be to you and to the whole world: this is my desire. This you must ask incessantly with your prayer.

Men have need of peace and unfortunately they don't know how to look for it where it is found and do not ask for it to Him who can give it.

I come to you with desires of peace and, that it may be realized, I grant you my friendship.

The Holy Spirit says that whoever finds a friend finds a treasure. Unfortunately men's fickleness does not permit creating a friendship that gives certainty and stability. Just as absolute fidelity is assured to you, the betrayals commence and, out of interest or selfishness, those bonds that seemed destined to give help and strength to those who loved each other fail.

I am your true friend. Whoever comes to Me, finds the Word, he finds the living Word of God, in whom and for whom is realized this stable building that has its foundations on rock.

Men are insecure and seek protection and help, they seek strength and security in human things: wealth, position, intelligence, notoriety, luxury and a thousand other futile things.

Many times man relies on the man who possesses these things, but the building won't stand.

Says the Holy Spirit: "*Woe to the man who relies on another man, both will fall miserably* (Jer 17:5)."

The fragility of what is human has to be an invitation to stretch out your arms, your thought and your heart to Him who, being God, can guarantee you his help with constancy.

What does my friendship offer you?

Children, the qualities of the friend have to be absorbed by you, whom I love and who love Me.

Do you want my friendship? You must resemble Me.

I said to you one day: "*Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart* (Mt 11:29)." This is the first step.

Then I will say to you: "*If you wish to be my friends, you must take up your cross and follow Me* (Mk 8:34)."

I know why they are so few those who wish to accept Me! I know, they all seek my gifts, perhaps even the extraordinary ones, but they do not want my cross. And yet, the most important sign of friendship is that of taking part in the sorrow of the friend and sharing the same sufferings.

I do not promise you consolation and privileges. I tell you only that my love for you has no limits, it is infinite in time, but I say also to you that I desire to be recompensed with all your strength, whereby, if you say you love Me, you must accept my will even when it carries the seal of the Cross. No friendship can subsist if one does not seek to unify the will, if one does not act with one accord and if one does not keep the common ideal in sight.

In this way, I wish to make a unity with you. In all you must be united to Me. Only then will I do what you want and every desire of yours will be for Me a command.

The house built on the rock is the perfection to which reaches him who, having taken in well the divine Word, makes continual progress in good and seeks to conform himself in everything to the will of God.

The winds of temptation blow for him; the rivers of evil, which break out everywhere, fling themselves against this house; doubt, slander, wickedness, the demon, like venomous serpents threaten its stability, but it remains solid and does not let itself be brought down.

I am the Word. Men give you the things that fade away with time, but I give you inner peace, the security of a love that does not fade away and of a true support that resists everything.

Along the centuries persecutions, heresies, wars passed by and they fell upon the Church to destroy her, but they did not succeed, because the Word of God is eternal.

Come therefore, with this desire to have my friendship, to meet Me on the day of my Birth: I will welcome you with ever increasing tenderness and with great love, if I shall see my word realized in you up to a perfect resemblance with Me.

Children, I bless you and I consider you as my friends.

MARY YOUR MODEL

December 7, 1977

My children, let it not displease you if in these hours that you need in preparation for the feast of my Mother, I speak to you about her.

I intend to give her to you as a model, as teacher and as mother, that you may draw from her teachings and from her heart those virtues that are pleasing to Me and which lead you to perfection.

See Mary, the greatest amongst all the creatures come out of the hands of God, live, in humility, in silence and in the most complete simplicity, those years that were bound to make her stand out before her neighbour as the chosen one of the Lord.

See her take from her relatives and acquaintances insults and reproaches, as if she were incapable of understanding and discerning good from evil, incapable of guiding that family which God had willed to entrust to her.

See my Mother, to whose comparison the sun is darkened, who, equal to any woman, submits herself to the purification after the birth, must depend on everyone, work, suffer as the most poor amongst mothers; she must finally, like all, commend herself to Providence, as if in her arms the Master of the world were not resting.

It was so in God's plan, which she accepted entirely and with love, thinking herself the least of the creatures of the Lord and unworthy of any distinction.

But see still, her purity, which equals and exceeds that of the angels. A purity that makes her thoughts turned to God resplendent and all meant to glorify Him. A purity that is manifested in the language, that becomes like a most sweet music without any off-key inflections.

Hers was an ordinary life; she also came across those who put her patience and goodness to the test, without this making her change her behaviour who had a full control over all her senses and knew that with her speech she had to glorify God.

Her purity shone through from her actions. She communicated her thoughts of goodness to all. Goodness which was translated into respect, trust and confidence towards her, with the aim of receiving counsels and teachings.

Let the purity of my Virgin Mother be a model to you, above all in the custody of those affections that have to be purified and sanctified a lot.

Yes, yes, love like Mary, love everyone, but in all see as in a transparency the Face of the Lord, who must be loved above everything and with all the powers of your soul.

Behold Mary, your model. Who if then you entrust yourselves to her as to a learned teacher, she will teach you to put into practice the teachings that you receive from the Word of God.

She will tell you how to keep like her, in your heart, the divine truths, just as you keep in a casket the most precious treasures.

In this way you will be able to draw profit from the meditations, from the spiritual readings and from the good words that the Lord allows to reach souls as a great means of friendship.

Children, I want you to be mothers like my Mother. That divine life which she was able to give to the world by means of her maternity, you also must give it. To give the Saviour to the world is the task of every believer and in a particular way the woman's.

Priests, religious men and women, have a specific mission, but one needs to make room for all the others that have understood the value of the Redemption, and who do all they can, by collaborating, for the good of souls.

I said one day: *“Who is my mother? Those who do the will of God (Mt 12:48).”*

Let my Mother teach you how to say, moment by moment, your “fiat”, even when events can seem displeasing to you, and when sacrifices are asked of you of which you would willingly do without.

“Fiat”, every day of your life, like Mary, up to the last one; “fiat” which serves and will serve to unite inseparably you mothers with the Son, your Jesus who loves you and wants you to be happy.

My children, have faith in this holy Mother, who is capable out of wisdom and power to guide your life and make you embrace that holiness which is synonymous with the love of God and sacrifice.

She was crowned Queen of Paradise and the world, but her glory and her joy are in continual increase, because in every soul who imitates her and welcomes her, she sees a predestined one who will rejoice with her forever in Heaven.

Now I bless you one by one. Goodbye.

MAKE YOURSELVES LITTLE

December 15, 1977

Beloved children and so dear to my Heart, behold I myself come to you to solicit a careful preparation to Holy Christmas.

I desire that I be welcomed as a child and in the meantime I knock at the door of your heart: do not refuse Me your hospitality.

It is true that you often receive Me in Holy Communion and you repeatedly invite Me to enter in you spiritually, and yet I do not see in you a strong desire for an interior life, which is the life of love, so much so that at times I feel like an unwanted guest. A life of love starts with your availability to welcome Me with my requirements.

And what are my requirements? Children, listen well: where I enter, I desire that one makes a clean sweep of all those defects that are a fruit not so much of weakness but of bad will. I want the destruction of all that brings harm to brotherly love. Therefore I do not cease to repeat to anyone who opens the door to Me and wishes to live with Me: *“If you come to the altar to make your offering and you remember that someone has something against you, go first to make peace with him and then return to make your offering (Mt 5:23-24).”*

Remember that this brotherly love, this peace — which no wrong, no offence however grave must be able to break — must not be only in appearance, but it must come from the inside, it must be a fruit of grace. It is not possible to lodge Me, receive Me, tell Me that you love Me and not be preoccupied with pleasing Me and going along with my requirements.

Another thing on which I like to insist on in this period of waiting, is joy. You perhaps would tell Me that your worries, the present moments, the developments of the day, don't allow you to be serene, but I insist and I repeat to you: be joyful. Have that interior serenity which is the sign of my presence in you.

Try to think: what can you resolve with sadness? Could they not also say of you that you are like the Pharisees, who showed themselves sad in order to let others know that they were doing penance? That which I can tell you is that your sadness is certainly not a sign of your faith.

Sorrow is the companion of human life, but it is a precious gift of God, who by its means purifies and sanctifies souls; but also the sorrow accepted can be transformed into joy.

I am your God, children, and I desire that all that you give Me, you give it to Me with joy, with cheerfulness. Remember that proverb, which is a grain of wisdom, that says: *“Things done by force are not worth a penny”*, but, even more, be certain that, if all that you do you accompany it with a pinch of love and much serenity, you will be as if transported by your own actions, so as not to feel its weight. Everything, then, will seem much better to you, even what seems to be a burden and repugnant to your nature.

But my requirements continue. I am a jealous God and, when I take possession of a heart, I desire to have pre-eminence over everything but at the same time I desire no one to be excluded from forming a unity with Me.

You, therefore, if you truly wish to please Me, make yourselves more little, till you no longer see yourselves, your merits, your rights. This spiritual infancy which presses to seek the last place and not to have but the aim of the glory of God and the triumph of his will, draws all my blessings and the attraction that I feel for these souls becomes a true fusion of love.

Children, learn to forget yourselves in order to demonstrate your love for Me. Make yourselves little. I knock at the door of your heart, and I am always ready to open mine to the little, to the humble, to the simple.

Do not seek satisfactions and praises from anyone. The voice of God, present in you, is that of the conscience. If it approves you, be content. If this voice disapproves, what's the value of others praising you?

Children, ask Me for that humility and that meekness of heart that make you feel unworthy of everything on the part of God and of men, so that you

may be able to rejoice with my embrace, my tenderness and my fusion with your soul.

Be attentive to my calls, do not shut your heart and don't be lacking in generosity and humility if you wish for my coming birth to mark every day a progress in the way of good.

Let your prayer, made with humility, faith and love, serve to give reparation for the rampant paganism.

I bless you all, one by one, and I help you according to your needs. Goodbye, children!

BECOME JESUS

December 22, 1977

Children, may the salvation which I brought into the world be realized in you and be the reason for your joy.

I am Jesus the Saviour. I am here with you. I desire that in this coming Christmas you try to relive the sentiments of admiration, confusion and joy of the shepherds and the divine joys of my Mother and Joseph, not just because I wish to show myself to you as once in the crib, but so that under the Eucharistic veil, with the eyes of faith, you may be able to see Me as they saw Me that day.

Yes, it is your faith that must triumph, therefore, the same admiration must externalize itself before the Eucharistic miracle.

I was born like any child, and they all saw Me little, incapable, needy of care. But what is there smaller than a consecrated Host? Even one sole crumb of bread can be transformed into the Almighty. A Host, however big, can never be like a child, and a Tabernacle however big, can never be like the grotto of Bethlehem. Nevertheless, in that Tabernacle where the consecrated Host is kept, lives in a true and sensitive way the Son of God made man.

Your admiration must be no less than that of the shepherds, and must extract from your hearts acts of faith, love and thanksgiving, such as to compete with the sentiments of my holy relatives.

Children, the shepherds, before the mystery of love that was unveiling before their eyes, were taken by a sacred fear. In that Child in fact, they recognized the Messiah. They felt unworthy of such a great favour: that of being able to admire, make a fuss over and adore the Son of God, the

Redeemer of the world. The goodness of my Mother was needed to give courage, so that they would enter that hut and present their gifts.

So ought your Christmas Communion be. Your faith, your admiration, must make you more and more aware of your unworthiness and must encourage you to have recourse to Mary, that she may predispose you to our encounter.

It is so pleasing to Me that you bring to your homes my image as a Child and that everywhere one relives my birth by means of the crib. Remember that, where I am honoured in this way, I shall bring humility and peace. But never forget that the true nativity scene is the Tabernacle, it is the altar on which I renew the birth and the miracles that surround it, even if in a spiritual sense.

I call the sinners, I call the poor and I call the chosen souls, that, close to Me, they may find again the reason for their existence and the true meaning of their vocation.

Learn, children, to announce peace and to give to everyone what you receive at the Eucharistic Table.

The shepherds were unable to take Me with them even though my Mother had placed Me in their arms, but when you receive Me in Communion, I come with you to your homes and with you and by your means I wish to communicate with your loved ones. Make Me live again. Everyone of you can be the saviour. Don't disappoint Me. I manifest myself to the world with your face, with your words, with your looks, with your smile, with your goodness. Let Me act. Don't create quarrels.

There can be many who criticize Christianity because it presents some difficulties in living it. No one ought to be able to criticize Christians, my followers, because they ought to be always perfect copies of my way of living.

Every day is a step forward towards eternity. It ought to be a continual perfectionment. From one Communion to the other each one ought to be able to say: *"I have become a bit more like Jesus"*, and everyone should become aware of it, but first among all, those who live with you.

If this improvement does not happen, this progressing, if this resemblance is not being carried out, it means that the food brings no benefit, it is not assimilated. I mean the divine food, the Eucharist.

What do you say mothers, when the child does not grow? You go to the doctor, because this is an indication of dysfunction and he can become rickety or be abnormal. It's the same in the spiritual life. If one does not grow that is a bad sign, since man is perfectible, his moral and spiritual stature cannot be stationary.

Children, in the hut of Bethlehem the most miserable poverty was unable to cause Me sorrow, since I was resting and was watched over by hearts burning with love and by simple souls, who transformed every moment and every service into acts of adoration.

The Tabernacles, unadorned and abandoned, make Me suffer, because that worship that is denied to Me is a lack of faith and love.

I expect from you some fervent repairing Communion. I desire to receive from you gifts of prayers made well, of works of charity and of the apostolate. I desire that, like angels, you announce to the world peace to men of good will.

Let not your help be lacking to the poor and your invitation to my Mother and Me to participate at your Christmas dinner. We shall bring concord and trust. We shall bless your table and those who are seated around it.

Courage, children! Do not fear and never despair.

Children, I bless you one by one, and I say to you: Happy Christmas! Goodbye!

LIKE THE SHEPHERDS

December 27, 1977

My brothers, here I am with you. I am the Child Jesus, Jesus the Son of God, Redeemer of the world.

I want to speak to you, because from this little throne where you honour Me, many graces must leave. The first grace which I wish to give you is the one which was given also to the shepherds. They became the apostles of my infancy. In fact, after having taken Me into their arms and having repeatedly kissed Me, after having adored and having offered their gifts, they returned to their flocks, but they spread the glad news of my birth amongst their friends and relatives. That joy which they held in their hearts they weren't able not to communicate it, that everyone could rejoice with them. But there were also those who, like the angels, gave to many persons the address of the Messiah.

I desire that you be my apostles. That desire, which I go about manifesting in a thousand ways, of being known and loved, must be taken into consideration and must become a commitment for you.

The shepherds sent mothers with their children to Me. You must bring to Me not only the fathers of families and the young, but also the pastors of souls, the priests, to whom I have many things to say.

Have in you the same simplicity and promptness to obedience of the shepherds. If they had reasoned, probably they would have behaved differently. They would not have neglected their material interests to come to Me. However, they had this advantage that when they went back to their work they felt stronger, more courageous and serene. They felt protected by God and understood that even in their poverty the Lord loved them.

What a great thing it will be for Me if I succeed in making men understand, also by your means, that God has to have the first place in life and that, in the total giving made to Him, everything becomes sanctified and blessed, even the most simple and humble jobs.

To understand the teachings that part from the grotto of Bethlehem, one needs to have the mind open to the light that comes from above. If the shepherds had closed their eyes to the apparition of the angels, they would not have understood the divine message.

One needs also to shake off laziness and indolence. The Lord asks a lot and the most generous are those who receive the most. If sacrifice costs, it is however, the fount of joy and brings benefit to many.

My lesson on poverty and sacrifice must be a continual invitation to renounce the comforts of life and to accept with a generous and serene spirit those renunciations that the choice of being my witnesses entails.

If you wish for Me to dwell in your hearts, in your homes, in your parishes, you must make Me room, taking away all that impedes my passage.

Free for Me the way of the heart. Take away those grudges which do not permit Me to communicate with you. If I were to stay to remember all that made Me suffer in your life, I would never be able to fill you with graces. But I forgive and forget. But why do you keep certain resentments and rancour for so long in your hearts? Free your hearts, I repeat to you. I must find a place in you, but this is not possible there, where many evil things have taken residence.

This is the way I must enter by your means into your families. How much there is to correct in many homes! How many compromises! How phoney is the faith of many! Your faith has to be a living Gospel.

I do not want your things, not even your words, I want your love. But you cannot love Me if you do not love everyone with a greater love.

In loving you must bring Me, do not seek yourselves. If you seek yourselves, you cannot give Me.

I am with you if you want Me: I am love, grace, holiness. And it is by giving proof of these divine things that you can bring Me into the world. You have to be holy.

When the shepherds came to Me, they brought along good desires, that's why they were filled with love, grace and holiness.

Always come, you also, with these holy desires. You will be heard and your families will be transformed. The fragrance of sanctity does not stay hidden, even when the demon tries to suffocate it with his stench.

Be simple, have holy desires so that I may fill you with grace and holiness. In your parishes bring my perfume, the sweet perfume of Mary. Do not fear criticisms, mockeries and gossips. Even the shepherds were mocked and mistreated because they propagated the news of my birth.

It is a good sign when the things of God are combated.

The prophets, the apostles and the true Christians are the announcers and the propagators of the glad news of salvation, of the work of God in the world. For this they are combated.

I bless you, kissing you and joyfully clapping my hands. Goodbye. Come, and be my heralds!

GOD OF LOVE AND PEACE

December 31, 1977

My brothers, with what joy I address my word to you! I am the Child Jesus and, while I come to farewell with you the passing year, I wish to give you some advice for the new year which in a few hours you will commence. I desire that you give Me the gift of your whole past, so that, after having saved away the good that you have done and having purified it from those imperfections that usually accompany it, I can destroy all the evil that you have done, not only during this year but in all your life.

I desire that you keep your sights on the present moment as the only one which you can dispose and which you must sanctify. That which shall be reserved for you tomorrow will be a gift of love on the part of God, and you, day by day, will use it for his glory and for your salvation.

This moment marks therefore, your point of departure.

What hope is born in the heart of a father or a mother when a child is born! How much they dream about him!

When I was born into the world, my Mother was unable to make plans nor concede any space to fantasy, since everything had been prearranged, and she had but to go along with the will of the Father. She knew however, that I had come to bring the salvation of humanity and that everything had to converge in realizing it.

You also are here today to celebrate, with my birth, your rebirth. From it must come your salvation and the salvation of many. Your life has a precise scope that God knows better than you. In his work you must collaborate.

Perhaps you would like to know from Me how and when you can collaborate in the salvific work of the Redemption. Here it is, there are many called in the world, but few correspond to the call. There are many who, called at the last hour, love to carry out their task in a worthy way but find many obstacles. Even amongst the good who have the same faith and the same vocation, that of perfection, there are usually many obstacles, many misunderstandings, whereby the good cannot assume those dimensions willed by the Lord.

If it was to condemn Herod, who sent to death many innocent and put my life at risk compelling Joseph and Mary to bring Me to Egypt, no less evil were those who did not accept my teachings and who, before my preaching, threatened Me and sought to eliminate Me. Just as equally guilty were my own relatives, who put obstacles before Me to stop Me from carrying out my mission.

Well then, here is my greeting for the new year: may you never be an obstacle in good to anyone.

How many times a word, an action, a gesture can give rise to a cold war capable of interrupting that good willed by God.

Brethren, be generous and always give a hand to everyone: often a word of encouragement renders one capable of interrupting an evil life, giving rise to good actions, good initiatives, to good things that turn to the advantage of all.

Aim only at the triumph of God in goodness and in good and happiness will fill your heart even in the face of an apparent failure. Don't hamper the road to anyone, facilitate it rather to all saying to yourselves: *"As long as the Lord be praised and good is done, whoever does it."* I wish to give you again a counsel that may serve you for the whole year: to be in agreement in good is a sign of faith and great strength is derived from it. I desire that amongst you, without keeping account of the degree of culture, wealth and position, there be a golden thread that binds you: in this way you render yourselves so useful one to the other and you all will dwell in God. In fact, God is Love and whoever truly loves dwells in God and God in him.

With these two intentions which you shall seek to realize every day, you will turn your groups into oases of peace and shipyards of activity to which I shall call back many souls.

Brethren, bring Me into the world, make Me known: I am the God of love and peace! Now I bless you one by one.

AT MY DISPOSITION

January 5, 1978

Beloved children, peace be with you now and always! I am Jesus of infinite mercy, present amongst you.

Children, taking part in this prayer cenacle is for you an honour and a great gift, but also a great responsibility, which commits you to exercise an intense apostolate of good amongst the brethren.

The apostolate supposes a wealth, since it is a giving without economy to others the spiritual riches that you possess. No one can give what he does not have. Rather one needs to possess in exuberance what one desires to share with others.

Therefore, whoever wishes to do good, must fill himself with grace and the Holy Spirit. The word that you receive opens the road of the heart to these marvellous gifts, making you more and more appreciate, with community and liturgical prayer, those channels of grace that are the sacraments.

The Spirit of the Lord, who is the life of your soul, shows you through the word, the importance of living that interior life which is the most important in your existence, and unites you as living members to the Church from which you receive the abundance of heavenly gifts and grace.

It is truly all a re-blooming, so that whoever accepts and practices the teachings that he receives, can truly say he doesn't age because he carries inside the Author of life, fount of eternal youth.

I, therefore, call many here, and with the help of my Mother, I sow and cultivate until the fertile tree of your sanctity extends its branches, up to giving shade, refreshment, rest and nourishment to those to whom you dedicate your cares and to whom you give your affection.

If it is right and proper for all to spread good, truth, peace, for those who come to this school it is a binding obligation, if one does not want to run the risk of losing what one has and of being blamed for not having made the talents received bear fruit.

From the beginnings of humanity up till now, and as it will be for all centuries, the apostolate was exercised and will be exercised by the will of God. The prophets were chosen beforehand; the people of God, Israel, was prepared so that it would be the cradle of the Redeemer and from this cradle my doctrine was to be spread throughout the world.

With my preaching the announcement of salvation was given which was to be accomplished in my Passion and Death, but the salvation and the good news must continue on into the centuries until the end of time, and still, just

as by Me were chosen the apostles and the disciples, so I continuously choose souls that must give to the apostolate a place of great importance.

You also are my apostles, in this epoch of yours. That you be priests, religious or laity, it doesn't matter. You must have as aim the spreading of the Kingdom of God, and you must give to all those who pass by on your way an announcement of hope and trust in truth and in mercy.

No one can say of being unable to do, since I, Son of God and your brother, have the possibility of utilizing all that you do for the triumph of God's cause. Sickness and health, poverty and wealth, youth and old age, are for Me of inestimable worth, since the whole lot is included, by means of the life of grace and through love, in the life of God. It is of equal infinite value.

You have but to reply: "Yes, Lord. Yes, Father", and put yourselves at my disposition. I promise you that, even if the demon were to disconcert your life up to making any action impossible for you, I shall know how to draw the greatest good from your existence. Your good will is enough for Me, the desire to do good to all and the acceptance of your cross.

Children, never let yourselves get upset by the wicked things that attempt to suffocate the good. Your apostolate, conducted with love by means of prayer, sacrifice and in hearing the Divine Word, is like the fire hidden under the ashes, which at the right time can become a flame and heat up hearts and environments. May the divine heat that burns in Me be communicated to you and make you holy in order to sanctify.

I bless you all, children, one by one. Goodbye! May the Mass which shortly you will assist at, help to give light to your minds and strength to your wills.

ACKNOWLEDGING ONESELF SICK

January 12, 1978

My children, why not praise your behaviour and your generosity?

Your solicitude in listening to my Word and in doing my will is an evident sign that you wish to walk along the way of that perfection to which many are called, but few manage to reach.

In the world, many seek their own comforts and those pleasures and satisfactions which unfortunately leave bitterness in the mouth and a continual dissatisfaction.

One could say that even many of my followers are like sick men who are impossible to cure, because they don't acknowledge their illnesses.

All are more or less sick in the spirit and few wish to have recourse to the suitable means to get cured. But what are these means? First of all one needs to acknowledge oneself sick? How can in fact, one who believes himself healthy, take bitter medicines or submit himself to those operations that require clean cuts? Nevertheless the diseases of the spirit have to be cured, and in time, if one doesn't want to run the risk of neglecting them and in this way making them even more serious. If one needs to make often general visits to insure that the body is healthy and that each organ does its function well, why not do this total examination to see how your interior life functions and how your relationship is with God, with the Church and with souls? A careful examination can make you promise an increase of prayer, a more fruitful silence, more desired Communion and better prepared. If everything is done out of habit the spiritual life can be harmed, because the fervour and the love that produces it can be lacking.

The renewed offering, the renewed intention of being how I want you are like a continual injection of vitality that reinvigorates the spirit. It is necessary to observe oneself in the light of the teachings of the Gospel, to see one's own sicknesses. Sometimes they are simple pettinesses, other times true and proper wickednesses. The Gospel flings open the doors and windows to you so that you may see. I am the light who comes into this world, the light of your souls. If your way of living makes Me live in the world, you can be calm. If, by looking at you, your brethren see Me, one can say that you are healthy. But it is hard! How many things to take away, how many to add. It all seems too easy, and nothing is done to improve, or too difficult and no one wants to take up the challenge. It is an arduous work, it is true, but I put myself forward as teacher and as model and I help you always, even when it seems to you of being unable to come out of certain sicknesses that are like fine messes that envelop the body and the spirit.

But I wish to suggest to you another medicine to get cured and to strengthen you. Keep present in your mind the saints who have lived your same life and have happily reached the fatherland. Even the saints from your home: your relatives, your friends, who have loved you and who have preceded you. Keep present also all those that live their Christian life as a true witness of faith. If you can go for help to those who already enjoy Heaven, your recourse even to those who still live with you and can give you a hand will not be in vain. Don't get frightened and do not be dismayed thinking you are the worst, but learn to understand how in the exchange of help everyone can improve himself and make others progress.

Learn to draw profit from your physical health, when you have it. Do you remember Peter's mother-in-law? She was sick, but when I went to her and

she was cured, she promptly rose from the bed and started serving everybody. Health is a gift of God and it's necessary to employ it for the benefit of all. One even needs to get moral health back when it is lost, for then to bring help to those who do not have it. One must remember that many times the moral sufferings are exaggerated by the imagination. One needs to simplify the thoughts and give to one's life that responsibility that is due to it. That is to say, when one knows of having done one's duty and is calm in conscience, one must not create crosses superior to one's strength.

So, healed in spirit, cured in heart and asking God to be able to be strong in body, your life will be very happy.

I bless you all, children, one by one. Your spiritual father, Joseph, blesses you with Me and, if you invoke him, he will be a great help to you. Goodbye!

GOD RESISTS THE PROUD

January 13, 1978

My children, may you be blessed for this presence of yours which denotes your faith and your humility.

Today still my words are verified: there are persons who see but do not perceive, or believe they see but are blind, and persons who believe they hear but are deaf, or hear but do not understand.

I enjoy manifesting my wisdom through docile and incapable instruments in order to annihilate the false knowledge and the presumptuous human wisdom.

Come, therefore, simple souls to nourish yourselves with my Word! It is I, Jesus, the eternal Word of the Father, and whoever welcomes Me acquires this true wisdom. It is I who nourishes you and renders the truth plain and gives you strength for you to resist evil.

Come, come, children, and do not resist the Holy Spirit. He calls you to holiness; but how will you be able to beat the evil one who runs about through families and the world, if you don't nourish yourselves with the Word?

I present myself to you under the Eucharistic veil, but, how will you learn to receive and honour Me properly if you walk in the darkness of the spirit? The light that I give you makes the faith simple to you, it makes you love it and practice it.

Don't distance therefore, souls away from Me and my Mother. Did I not perhaps say to you: "*Come to Me, all you who are weary and oppressed* (Mt 11:28)?" But tell Me, who does not presently feel oppressed under the weight of the cross? And who will help you to overcome the ever increasing difficulties, of which the world willingly keeps loading upon itself?

If the extraordinary abounds, it is so that extraordinary evils can be combated and overcome. Can't you see the rampant blindness? The explosive immorality?

Don't you think that those pigs, in which the demons had entered that I had expelled from the demoniac which the Gospels speaks about, run about everywhere, making proselytes with obscene films, with pornography and with all those means that you know?

I want to tell you how embittered I am for the evil that tears souls away from my Heart. I conquered those souls at a dear price; shouldn't all the faithful, religious and laity then commit themselves to tearing them away from the hands of Satan?

I know that sin does not always bring death to souls because it is caused by weakness more than wickedness and my mercy is infinite for these miseries. But how much malice, how much rejection of light and grace even in those who consider themselves good!

The spirit of pride that caused the expulsion of the first parents from the earthly paradise, the spirit of pride that transformed the angels into demons is still the same that presently dominates human intelligence. And what ruins will it produce in the world?

God resists the proud. The sins against the Holy Spirit are derived from this pride that arrives at denying the existence of God, or pretends to judge his workings.

Children, if an approval, given justly for your good will, can be an encouragement for you to continue to do good and continuously improve yourselves, a pressing invitation of mine can make you aware of the present needs and can help you to distinguish and to want the truth, and only that, in a spirit of humility.

Children, the world is lost because of pride. You shall win your battles by practicing humility. Humble of heart like Me, I want you. Humble in your homes, in which your smile, a reflection of mine, must not be lacking. Humble in your groups, in which you will always stick to the last place and where, so doing, you will make charity reign.

Humble with the Lord, learning to enjoy what He gives you, of the little and great things, and learning to ask for yourselves and for others what the Lord likes.

Humble with yourselves I want you, that you don't esteem yourselves better, cleverer, more learned than what you are.

Humble to be able to dwell in my Heart, that you can always act in my name and let Me act in you.

Humble, that you may be able to conquer Heaven, since, after the first proud ones were expelled, no proud one will ever be able to enter it.

Give Me, children, with humility and trust, your miseries. I, just as I said to the paralytic that four men had lowered to Me from the roof for Me to cure him, I repeat to you: *"Your sins are forgiven you (Mk 2:5)."* The word of pardon and mercy arrives only to the humble. You must be amongst these.

And now children I bless you with broadness of heart.

ASK FOR THE SALVATION OF SOULS

January 19, 1978

Beloved children, peace be with you! I am Jesus the Teacher, present amongst you, to render your prayer more efficacious.

Your material and spiritual needs are not hidden to Me and I desire to put a remedy to your evils. Sometimes however, my view is different from yours, so that I see good in what you consider evil and I see evil what you believe good.

Here explained to you is why not always your desires are heard. When however, you ask for the salvation of souls, I too desire it and, even if you are not heard straight away, your prayers are not lost. One needs to have constancy and faith. You must believe that those sinners that you commend to Me, I already see them saved in eternity. There will come the day in which they will believe again, perhaps it will be the last moment of their lives, they will understand their errors and will want to be saved.

Children, I ask you to believe in my power, in my mercy and in my infinite love. I ask you that trust may never lessen in you and that your offering of tears, prayers and sacrifices be continued as a sign of your love.

I said to you one day that not one syllable of my Gospel would be lost. Two thousand years of history confirms this truth. Well then, one of the most important affirmations made by Me during my earthly life was this: *"Seek in the first place the Kingdom of God and his justice and the rest will be given to you as well (Mt 6:33)."*

It is not a rhetorical phrase or thrown there to complete the discourse. In it is confirmed the infinite providence of God and the duty to ask Him what is

dear to Him before asking for material graces that are a part of this providence and which are necessary for human living.

A son, who would expect the father's goods and not seek to collaborate in his work, would resemble the prodigal son. The Father, it is true, in his infinite goodness could also grant, but it is not the best way to ask, that of claiming the share of the inheritance that is due, and then to squander it. I want to tell you that, above all things, you must keep your sights on your friendly relations with the Father, you must want that the good, as God wants it, be spread in your family and in the world.

All that regards your physical life is the concern of the Father to grant it to you.

I said again one day: *"Who is that father that to the son who asks for bread, gives a snake, or to whoever asks him for an egg, gives a scorpion (Lk 11:12)?"* Therefore, is God less than men? No, children!

That's why I insist so that you may put yourselves more and more in a situation of being heard; the Father comes to the needs of all, good and bad, just as He makes the sun rise beneficially on all.

Children, those incorporated into my Body through Baptism and the grace of God have a great advantage, who ask for all that they need with my voice, with my holiness, with my merits.

You could say to Me that, in spite of your good life, many times sorrow does not abandon you, that rather, the more good you are the more you are targeted as victims. I do not hide from you the truth of this statement and I repeat to you again what I once said: *"Whoever wishes to come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me (Lk 9:23)."* Therefore, I will not take away sorrow from you, but I will give you joy in it, up to the point of making you say: *"I overabound with joy in tribulation."*

If sorrow has a value so great that I willed to be subjected to it, and I made sorrow into a means of salvation, if my Mother had sufferings so great as to be called the Mother of Sorrows, how will I be able to take away from you suffering and the cross? Should I perhaps deprive you of eternal happiness?

Without the Cross there is no salvation, and this is understood also in the sense of physical and moral suffering. This is the great knowledge of the Christian who loves and serves the Lord, that of finding joy even in sorrow.

When one loves, one no longer feels the weight of the cross, rather, the love of God is mixed up with the one of sorrow, exactly as it happens even humanly between those who love each other.

These truths, incorporated in the life of the Church, become marvellous, because they give to your actions and to your human sentiments an infinite value in depth and extension. No action, done by you in the grace of God

and out of love, remains limited in time and space. It is projected into eternity, stirring up in time all that good that is necessary for the Kingdom of God to be accomplished.

Children, there are many enemies of my Kingdom, understood as the Church of God, but I permit myself to point out two of the most dangerous: Pharisaism and heresy.

The first evil consists in transforming Christianity into something purely exterior and Christians therefore, into those “whitened sepulchres”, to whom only the appearance of good is sufficient. It is one of the gravest evils of modern society, just as it was in my time. It is an evil that has to be combated for the Kingdom of God to triumph.

The other evil is a continual threat to the unity of the Church. I said to you that every kingdom divided in itself is destined to perish. The Church will last forever, but the divisions create confusion and are deleterious for souls.

Learn to combat these dangers and learn to live integrally your Christian life.

Every problem that concerns the body, the family and all your human events, will find an easy solution, if you will entrust it to the goodness of my Heart.

Goodbye, children!

I AM THE TRUTH

January 20, 1978

My children, peace be to you and grace and every good.

“It is a delight to stay amongst the sons of men”, this I can repeat to you also in this moment.

Know, children, that the Lord, who created everything beautiful in Heaven and on earth for the joy of your eyes, created the hearts of men for his delight. When a heart loves, your God delights to dwell in it and build sanctity in it, He being the sweet Guest.

What sadness the soul produces that learns not to respond to the loving calls of the Father. The intense cold of a soul that does not learn to love extends itself, as if to freeze all those who live around it.

Fire on the contrary, which devours a fervent soul, propagates itself to those who perceive its warmth, and makes everyone enthusiastic, generous, zealous.

Your God cannot remain indifferent to this loving fire and He becomes the architect of the most grandiose and unthought of works.

Joy shines through from faces when a heart knows how to love. Every heart is like the calyx of a flower that exhales the most sweet fragrance, and many loving souls joined together become for the Lord a place of delights, while the exclamation bursts out from the lips: *“How beautiful it is to live like brothers all together.”*

Happy those who know how to cultivate in their hearts those pure and sincere affections that dilate the thoughts and sentiments, up to embracing all souls. Only one thing would be enough to transform the world: a disinterested love and above any egoism.

The unity of the Churches that carry my name must be based on love. Truth must be communicated with love, even if the prerogative by which I presented myself to the world cannot be undervalued: *“I am the Truth* (Jn 14:16).”

Error is a lie, it is a truth badly comprehended or tampered with.

I am the Truth. The demon is the lie. There can be no communion between Me and him. Either one accepts Me or one accepts my most bitter enemy.

The love, that most unite souls, must tend to truth. Hearts must seek it like certain flowers turn their corollas, their calyxes to the sun. The truth shines in the darkness, but the darkness does not comprehend it. That’s why unity is difficult.

To see the light, one needs to have eyes, to let the light enter into a house, one needs to open wide the windows. To do these actions, one must take into account the necessity for light.

Whoever possesses humility, will be able to feel needy. Whoever thinks himself so rich as not to have need of anybody, with difficulty will stretch out his hand to ask for help.

Have you comprehended, children, my lesson? I’ll summarize it for you so that it becomes vital for you all.

It is necessary to love. Love presupposes going in search of God, who is Truth. To find the truth one needs to feel needful of it, like the light.

To cultivate love is to spread it, it is an action that cannot be disconnected from the search for truth and its diffusion.

To unite the Churches is to unite the hearts in love and to render them tended towards the true, towards God who takes on a face in Me, Jesus, his Son.

Children, the truths, that the Catholic Church presents to you under the form of dogmas, are confirmed by God, who gave light to the Supreme Pontiffs by means of the Holy Spirit.

To accept them is to render more simpler one's faith, more secure one's hope and to expand that bond of love which unites Christians, so as to put them in communication with the inhabitants of the celestial spheres, hoping for its attainment.

Goodnight, children. One by one I bless you and I thank you. I am Jesus the Teacher.

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

January 26, 1978

My children, peace be to you and grace and every good.

I am Jesus of Nazareth, present amongst you. Today I want to remind you in a very special way that I am the Life. I am the life of your souls, whereby only he who lives in Me and with Me can produce good fruits for himself and for others. Only he who lives of my life can gain merits for the eternal life.

It is therefore, a thing of utmost importance living the divine life which I give to each man, and it ought to be the greatest concern of earthly life, since, whoever does not live according to the Spirit, whoever does not live in soul, wastes his time and on the last day will find himself deprived of those virtues, to which an eternal reward is reserved.

The life of the soul derives from grace.

From whom does this admirable gift come from that transforms the earthly life so as to render it dear to God?

The most Holy Trinity had enriched the human soul with this admirable gift that should have given happiness to men. Having lost grace with original sin and with it all those gifts inherent to it, only with my sacrifice as Man-God was given back to the soul a so precious treasure. Baptism, children, shall never be adequately valued, nor lived out enough in the renunciation of Satan and the world and in the practice of faith, hope and charity.

Moreover I, who knew human weakness, knew that man with difficulty would have preserved Heaven's gift and that he would have distanced, with sin, from his own soul that God who wished to establish his dwelling in his heart.

And that's how from my Heart burning with love went out that marvellous invention that are the Sacraments, some of which are destined to give back life, others to increase it. How will I speak to you about the Sacrament of Love, the divine Eucharist?

I had said to my children: *“I am the vine and you the branches (Jn 15:5).”*

And just as a branch cannot live if the same sap that flows in the trunk does not also pass in it, so I had to give the sap: something that could become a part of the body and the soul of man, coming from my body, from my soul and from my divinity.

Behold the wine and the bread, transubstantiated, become blood and flesh, to unite with the human body and soul so as to vivify them.

Children, when one lives in the grace of God and receives the Eucharist, one becomes the admiration of the angels themselves and becomes omnipotent through grace, since I act in you and I work all that is good to the glory of God and humanity.

A Communion made well is not a simple gesture that can occupy your mind for one minute and which can tear from your lips and heart an act of love: it is like a transfusion of blood into the soul of whoever communicates that gives a new vitality to the whole body, to the whole Church that it may be stronger, richer in merits, more prepared to announce the Kingdom of God in the world.

A Communion made with love, in the grace of God, has the power to reawaken in all hearts the faith and the love of God, since that Jesus, whom you receive, is not limited by time or space, being God, and He can communicate with all humanity.

Let pure, sincere, fervent souls come to receive Me in the most Holy Sacrament! How much light will come to all minds from it, how much goodness in hearts!

A soul, who communicates with the right dispositions, is never an isolated one. She embraces the universe and gives to the saints an increase of that extrinsic joy that derives from seeing carried out on earth that union which they have perfectly reached in Heaven.

Whoever loves Me and repairs with Holy Communions the offences that I receive in the most Blessed Sacrament, brings relief to the souls in Purgatory who are expiating perhaps the coldness or the little attention or the negligence in receiving Me when they lived. Their consolation becomes refreshment, since they see others do what they had not done.

A Communion made well can make a start to a holy life. Whoever receives Me with faith and love, from a sinner can go on towards a life of holiness and apostleship and can also increase the holiness of the whole Church, which, from this encounter of the soul with his God, can draw that strength which can carry others to good.

Children, everyone of you must give Me this gift, you must make Me rejoice to have Me lodged in your heart rich with desires of good and trust.

Whoever communicates often, let him not make a habit of Communion, but let him prepare himself everyday, like the bride adorns and makes herself attractive to go and meet the bridegroom.

I will not fail in bringing my jewels and treasures to those souls who clothe themselves everyday with virtue like a new dress, and who receive Me joyfully.

When you shall have manifested to Me your faith and your sorrow for your little daily shortcomings and when, before the confessor, you have detested your faults, come to Me with enthusiasm and haste.

Give to Communion the place it deserves. I am the Sun that illuminates your life. Open the windows of your heart, that it may be flooded with light and warmth and you may be able to produce fruits of holiness.

Children, I bless you one by one. Goodbye! May the hope that is born from your trust in my protection become life in you.

KING OF ALL CREATION

January 27, 1978

Beloved children, here I am with you in my capacity as King.

From the first day of creation the Father made Me King of all creation, but my royalty had to be recognized by all men. The prophets heralded Me as King. The Magi and the shepherds recognized Me as King. During my public life, when I worked the most astounding miracles, the crowds wanted to make Me king and they would have carried Me in triumph if I had not subtracted myself from their looks.

When I entered Jerusalem mounting a little donkey, men, women and children acclaimed Me as successor to king David and cried out: "Hosanna". But all that was but a symbol of that royalty that I would have followed up on Calvary, when, stretching out my arms on the cross, I saw verified the prophecy: "*When I am lifted up between Heaven and earth, I will draw all to Me* (Jn 12:32)."

Behold this evening I present myself to you and, even if you love seeing Me as the little child King, I repeat to you the phrase written on the Cross above my head: "*Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews* (Jn 19:19)" and I say again to you like one day: "*I want to draw all to Me*".

I want to be your King. I want to have absolute dominion over your life, but I want this to be a free choice on your part. Your families, your work

environments, your parishes, must be my royal palace, your heart must be my throne.

Were you to know what and how many things I wish to realize by your means! Don't say to Me that you do not have anything of the extraordinary in your life. If you leave Me the government of everything, the extraordinary becomes a common thing.

Don't dwell on those miseries which seems you have dedicated till now your thoughts, your affections and your worries. The world is in my hands. Do you think that it is hard for Me to change the course of a satellite that orbits around the world or to deviate the course of your life and give to it a rectitude and divine imprint?

Nevertheless, if you do not put your soul and body at my service, you cannot but get into a mess and you will always find yourselves facing unexpected things that you will be unable to resolve.

Be docile and active subjects. Learn to stay at my side, openly witnessing to the world your faith and your courage, but don't forget that, if you go it alone, if you don't use the means that I give you, you cannot fight the holy battle well.

I am a King who calls the willing and throws them into the fray, but I myself am their shield and their defence. My subjects are the strong ones who take no half measures, who don't keep the foot in both shoes and who follow Me always.

What is impossible for the sovereigns of this world, for Me is possible.

I however call everyone, not with the sweeteners of life, but with the Cross. I want to draw all to Me crucified, so that all must comprehend the immensity of my love, and I call my faithful ones to the foot of the Cross, to make them taste the sweetness of my blood.

Children, make Me King of your heart, without reserve of affection. Give Me all your love, and, if you love your loved ones, your friends, your neighbour all, love them with Me, for my sake, so that your way of loving may be divine. Only in this way can one truly help the family and society.

I am with you always, but many do not know Me and reject Me. Some accept Me, but do not allow Me to act because they want to do everything by themselves

I would like to be light to their minds, but they prefer to draw from human things, subject to errors. I would like to speak in the mouths of all, but many talk, talk, and do not realize that they are wasting time and do not accomplish anything with their chatter.

I would like to inspire useful actions to all humanity and bring them to completion through man, but they don't want to turn to Me with prayer. In

so doing, human works are done that fade away with time or that leave only bad memories, when they don't carry the imprint of blasphemies and cursing.

Your life, children, is rich with problems unsolvable humanly, but if, day by day, you accept the Cross and leave to my providence the task of directing what is dear to your heart, your interests shall be better guided and with more efficacious results.

Children, I bless you and I help you, I give you a programme to carry out everyday. Make Me reign everywhere.

Overcome human respect and, believe Me, to my subjects I give the gift of my royal crown.

YOUR OFFERING

February 2, 1978

Beloved children, I am with you. I am Jesus, infinite mercy.

It is dear to Me to address to you a practical teaching obtained from today's festivity.

It is the first solemn act of my life done in time, and it is my Mother who represents Me.

My offering to the Father, who has a name ever so powerful, is like the immolation of the victim, even if there is no shedding of blood. The Father could have, seeing the beauty of the gift, used pity on all creatures. The immaculate Mother offers the immaculate victim who can cover all the ugly things of earth.

What is the lesson that you can draw from this gesture so important and significant?

That you also can be, in some way, saviours of humanity, if by your consecration to my Mother, which is like an offering to God through her hands, you will learn to extract those fruits of purification and sanctity that I desire.

This can happen if, by reflecting on how great your Mother is who must welcome it and how almighty is that God who wants to make use of her, you will do so as to make it more and more pure and pleasing.

The thought, therefore, of your consecration must be always present to you so that nothing unworthy may ever stain your soul.

I desire also to make you note the presence of two persons that were amongst the first after the shepherds to announce my presence in the world: Simeon and Anna.

It would be just the right time to say that it is never too late to serve the Lord. In fact, Simeon, already an octogenarian, prompted by the Holy Spirit, had come to the Temple and, favoured with a prophetic spirit, was able to understand that the Child in the arms of a young bride was the Messiah.

The prophecy was announced through his mouth, Simeon's: "*He shall be the salvation and perdition of many. He shall be a sign of contradiction* (Lk 2:34)."

To speak to you of the joy of that holy old man is impossible. Know that in seeing Me all his desires were accomplished, to the point of desiring death.

Therefore, age doesn't matter. When one encounters the Lord, joy fills life and even death takes on a new aspect of liberation and peace.

And what shall I say to you about Anna? She was the teacher of my Mother and was able to know and admire her most elect virtues. Her sight reawakened in that honest, elderly widow, all devoted to the service of God, the most lively feelings of affection, whereby she could not but propagate the news amongst all the young ladies that flanked the work of the High Priest in the shrine and who were preparing for marriage.

Whoever finds Mary in his life, finds the road, he finds happiness in the service of God and cannot but be an apostle of good, that is, announcer of the works of God and truth.

It seems that this Gospel deed wants to exalt old age and I invite you to truly take this teaching seriously. I desire that no one feel useless because full of years, but at the same time I desire that the aged be kept into consideration.

How many things can one learn from the experiences of others and how many mistakes can be avoided. The aged are inevitably close to the finishing line, but not for this must they get disheartened, rather, the little light that is about to be extinguished flickers more luminous and its light becomes a warning.

To the aged I say: be joyful, that your companionship be desired and pleasing. If you come here and you meet with Me a Child and with my holy parents, your life changes aspect and you can announce the Lord also to the young who have a lot to learn.

Children, I bless you all. Purified in soul, you will come to offer Me your sacrifice in Holy Mass, uniting it to mine and I shall fill you with graces.

PERFECT SORROW

February 16, 1978

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

I desire to prepare for you a spiritual resurrection that marks for you a new road to go in which the destination is easier to reach.

I wish therefore, to invite you to a perfect sorrow of your faults, that it may destroy in you also the shadow of sin and the penalty reserved to it.

What shall be this sorrow so powerful, capable of re-establishing filial contact with God the Father?

First of all, one needs to have a regret for the faults committed, that makes you detest them, and not only for those faults that have caused some physical or moral evil, but for all.

To detest every sin that has offended God, means repenting oneself over them to the point of wanting rather to die than to return to offending Him.

How great it would be if, exiting from this house, you were to feel disposed to leave every occasion of evil and to direct your steps towards perfection!

This act of perfect sorrow must be accompanied by a love so intense that it leads you to put the will of God before any other thing, so as to make you despise what today seems to you perhaps great and important.

Sorrow for sins without love is an absurdity that does not produce those effects that I desire.

In the love of God everything is simplified, everything purified and perfected. If you put love above sorrow, you will have the Magdalene, the good thief. If sorrow is not accompanied by love, you will have Judas. In fact, even he felt sorry for having betrayed and sold Me, but the sorrow led him to desperation.

Whatever fault, however little, is always great, if you think of the dignity of Him who is offended. But nevertheless, whatever may be the fault that can have wounded my Heart, I am disposed to pardon it.

God's love for men is so great, that He waits for only one act of love on the part of creatures to erase everything. Love, however, commits you to do two extremely important acts. First of all, it commits one to propose of not wanting to sin again. It is the will that expresses sentiments of faithfulness and love. It is the will that manifests the decision to be faithful to the Law of God out of love.

Without resolution, the confession and detestation of one's faults can be useless.

The second act required to obtain the mercy of God is that of using mercy to others.

There are no excuses. There are no reasons that can justify. If one wishes to obtain pardon from God, one needs to forgive always, forgive everything, forgive everyone.

This condition, even if it can seem hard, is not however impossible and it is binding.

Either one forgives and the confession is valid, or one does not forgive and before God the conscience is weighed down with continuous faults.

Rather, the Lord wants even more from his children. Generally, pardon is given to whoever offends with words, with actions, in honour, in interest, in person and in a thousand ways. The Lord requires that not only one be disposed to forgive, but that one meets halfway and re-establish peace even with those who have some resentments, quarrels, some reasons for altercation. It is the case of saying that, if others have offended you, you yourselves must do so that they become reconciled.

This, my children, is the best way to prepare oneself for Easter: taking away any reason for quarrel, doing all possible that harmony may reign perfectly, do so that your pardon be like an open door for those who do not love you. Remember what is written in the Gospel: *“If you go to the altar to present your offering and you realize that someone has something against you, go first to reconcile yourself with him, then come back to present your offering (Mt 5:23-24).”*

In a world so full of hate, of rancour, of violence, it seems impossible to re-establish bonds of love, but to God nothing is impossible.

Who can forgive sins if not God?

That’s why I presented myself as his Son. Well then, these sins, that fill the world, you can offer them up to Me daily and immerse them in the burning furnace of my Heart that I may destroy them.

If I am the Son of God, God like the Father, you are adopted sons of God. If your life is not perfect, the desire to improve yourselves renders you worthy before God. If your weakness leads you to fall, the sorrow for having offended God makes you quickly rise up again.

If you are still not perfect, the love of God purifies you. If it has not been given to you to do great things, you have however, your heart disposed to create peace and harmony with all.

For all these things that you possess or that you will seek to acquire, I will give you the gift of my grace and my joy in your next confession. Again through these gifts you will become instruments of peace for your brethren.

Courage, my children, may the charity that burns in my Heart spread into yours and render you generous and fervent.

I bless you all, one by one.

LIKE A STORMY SEA

February 23, 1978

Children, how dear it is to my Heart to stay with you.

You are the friends whom I desire to inform of my pains and my joys, you are the beloved souls whom I desire to lead on to perfection.

Not because others are not being called, but because you, corresponding to my call, give Me a way to ask you for something more.

Yes, children, while the world seems to be submerged by the surges of evil that are becoming more and more powerful, you must be those who, with prayer and with the holiness of your life, implore for mercy.

Do you remember the Gospel event? I was on the boat with some apostles and I was sleeping on the stern of the little boat, when a strong wind came up which seemed to want to sweep all of us away. I had perceived the grave situation; however, I desired that my friends would draw a teaching from this event: I wanted to be called and I wanted for them to learn to have trust in Me.

When they saw themselves lost, they shook Me shouting: *“Lord, save us, we are perishing (Mt 8:25)!”*. *“What are you afraid of?”*, I answered. *“Am I not with you? People of little faith!”*. Then I commanded the waves and there was a great calm.

The world also today is like in a stormy sea: violence, the wars of nations against nations, make living very difficult and make one afraid of even greater catastrophes.

What must you do? Your cry must be again like the one of the apostles: *“Lord, save us! We are perishing.”*

I require from you however, that serenity and tranquillity and peace that are the true and external expression of your faith.

“Lord, save souls”, you must say and, since souls are saved with sacrifice and blood, you must be ready to offer your sacrifices and your sufferings for those who have to be saved.

Remember, children, that your prayer is carried by the angels before the throne of God, just like Jacob saw in a vision. From Heaven then, the

favours descend. The conversions are the most important favours and, to obtain them, one needs to rest the prayers on the Cross.

The cross sometimes is called physical suffering, other times it is called martyrdom of the heart or moral suffering, others still spiritual suffering in seeing your incapacity to overcome your weaknesses and to be better, but it is always a cross.

A cross, carried by force and not resting on prayer, loses its power. A cross, carried with joy and united to mine, a cross, not accompanied by continual grumbling and requests of pity, becomes omnipotent on the heart of God.

Only in this way one walks on the road to sanctity and one becomes the lightning rods of families and society.

There are moral sufferings, which souls dear to Me ought to keep in their heart with faith and confident hope. I reside in souls in grace and I count the hours and the minutes spent with these sufferings in the heart and I enhance their value in an infinite and marvellous way.

Only faith and love can render one capable of heroism.

Sometimes, suffering quietly takes on the name of dignity; I call it sanctity, and I call those who learn to do it my friends, even if in the eyes of the world there is nothing striking about them. Though the pains of their heart being deep wounds which make it bleed, on the outside they do not manifest but a sweet smile that encourages others to confide their own pains.

Children, you all have a cross or more crosses. I beg you to love these crosses if you don't want to feel its weight, and I beg you not to publicize it, but to offer it up to the Father, because the needs are becoming more and more pressing. The world is saved only and always with the Cross.

And now, as the offering of your prayer renders the vision of Jacob a reality also for you, let each one say like him: *"Truly, in this place the Lord is here (Gn 28:16)."*

Jacob, from the rock on which he rested his head to sleep, made a stele which he anointed with oil and which was to remind everyone of the presence of God.

Well then, you individually and collectively, make that stele your cross which, turned to Heaven, bathed with your tears, may call the mercy of God on to humanity.

And now I bless you. Do not forget to put your offering in the chalice so that my Mass may be concelebrated with you.

SINS THAT EMBITTER ME

March 2, 1978

Beloved children, here you are with Me to repair the sins of men against the most Holy Eucharist.

My Mother unites herself to you, but I also pray with you, since no sin can be repaired except by my means, by means of the Man-God, since every fault is an act of rebellion against God, which only He can repair and pardon.

What sins shall we repair?

First of all, those committed by those Christians who, going habitually to Church, Communion and Confession, are considered to be good.

We shall repair the coldness, the superficiality, the poor preparation that often characterizes them, even when they assist at Holy Mass, which is the centre Christian practice, from which every good comes to the Church and to the world.

These sins embitter Me a lot, because they are offences of friends, to whom I have given special gifts, and whom I take into my confidence to invite them to a greater elevated degree of sanctity.

Parents, mothers, are capable of understanding the gravity of these faults, if they consider how much they suffer when the children behave coldly or indifferently with them, letting them lack a word of comfort or a smile. Even if they are not truly bad, the children, who deny their loved ones those attentions to which they have a right, cause suffering however and certainly do not deserve any praise.

But today we wish to repair also those sins that derive from lack of faith, through which in practice is denied my Real Presence in the Tabernacle and in the transubstantiation that occurs on the altar during the Holy Sacrifice: the faithful who assist passively at Mass and the priests who celebrate as if they were doing a meaningless job, without commitment and without love. These sins find its parallel in those who, at the foot of the cross, while I was immolating myself, asked themselves: *“Then is it Him the Son of God?”*, and who went away from Calvary as if they had assisted at any game.

These sins pain Me, because such lack of faith is reflected in all the events of life and they then will be unable to learn, for example, to see in sorrow the presence of the Lord, who tests because He loves, and will be unable to learn to give an answer to the sacrifices that are requested of them.

Other sins, still, you must repair: of those who in their egoism and lack of love always ask and only goods for themselves, and what's more material goods that could be for them the cause of perdition.

Between coldness, lack of faith and egoism, there is no choice because they are evils that bring harm first of all to the souls of whoever commits them and then to the whole Church.

The fervour of Christian life, which in the Eucharist finds its source, many times goes weakening almost insensitively, when the will of corresponding to my grace is lacking.

I give without measure, but the wastage becomes a responsibility which is necessary to think about, if one does not want to find oneself in that state of apathy which prevents one from feeling heat even when one is close to the fire.

That faith, which is the fount of merits and which can obtain miracles, left to fade away, can run out altogether and can distance one from that furnace of love that is capable of supplying courage and strength for the daily struggle.

Love then, which is identified with God, ceases to dwell in those souls that see only and always themselves and their necessities, whereby intense cold is created around them.

Children, I wish that none of you may ever belong to these categories of souls that make Me suffer. Should you, however, find that there is something to be corrected or changed, do it quickly, because I love those who respond to the calls with promptness.

The graces, then, are multiplied, and they are spiritual and material graces; since, if you are so good with those who show you affection, what will I not do who loves you infinitely?

Through this reparation, to which you will give an infinite value during the Holy Mass, I as of now bless you and I give you a reward.

I bless your desires, your intentions, your sick, your families and communities, and I promise you to always give new impulses of good to your hearts so that your works may blossom to the glory of God. Goodbye!

MY FACE IN THE BROTHER

March 9, 1978

My children, I am with you. I am Jesus of Nazareth. I desire to make a unity with you to render your lives more effective.

What must the life of the Christian be? A continuous journey towards the light, a continual progress in good.

There is, it is true, also the darkness, and there are numerous obstacles that prevent one from walking quickly, just as when in autumn you find on your streets banks of fog, but the will to proceed must never be lacking and the trust that makes you feel my presence cannot be lacking, since I walk with you, in front of you.

My footsteps are marked by my Word, and whoever puts it into practice cannot make mistakes, rather he builds that house on the rock, which neither the winds, nor the storms, nor the rain succeed in knocking down.

I am still in the world and I walk with you. You can see my Face in the brother who lives next to you. That's why you must love all and despise no one, because everyone of them carries my name, whatever may be the state of grace they possess.

Whoever possesses grace, represents Me in the state of glory, perhaps even transfigured as on Tabor; whoever is in sin, represents Me disfigured as on Calvary, on the Cross or agonizing in the Garden of Olives, but it is always I. I am Jesus of Nazareth whom, in the brother, you must love, help, pity, forgive.

I am present amongst you in the Sacrament of the Altar. The Eucharistic Mystery is a mystery of love. I am in the Tabernacle to grant an audience to men and to substitute for them in asking the Father for pardon. I am in the Eucharist to indicate my desire of universal brotherhood.

My Mystical Body is the Church, and it is also the Eucharist, so that whoever receives Me cannot but welcome in his heart the whole Church, the entire humanity, my true Body.

To Paul, who before his conversion persecuted the Christians, I said: "*Saul, why do you persecute Me* (Acts 9:4)?"

I am so united to each living soul in the world, that with truth I can say to you that I feel the effects in my Body of every offence that you do to your brother.

"*Whoever welcomes you welcomes Me* (Mt 10:40)!" I used to say to the apostles. But the same thing I wish to say for all those who live on earth. If a

rude act made to you gives Me pain, an offence made by you to others makes Me suffer.

In Communion I welcome you one by one into my Heart. You come to receive Me, you usually say. But it is I who receives you, who gives you individual and also collective hospitality; therefore, know that a Communion made well brings all humanity into my Heart.

One Communion is enough to give an infinite glory to the Father. One Communion is enough to put to advantage the Redemption for all men, when, through this intimate union of my divinity with your humanity, you give Me a way to act in you and in the world.

When is a Communion made well? When, besides the grace of God, the soul brings to Me a burning love and a great desire to receive Me.

How many Communions without fruit, because made lukewarmly, without love!

But there is worse! There are many who do not receive Me in the grace of God.

I am the life. I am the fount of life. In Me all is beauty, wisdom and grace. With a sacrilegious Communion I am united to a corpse.

How many corpses come to embrace Me and ask to enter into my Heart in the Easter season! Souls that feel no sorrow for their sins and who make the act of communion like the most banal action and without meaning.

Children, I desire that your life be put to advantage, and I want for you to be able to be continually grafted into the tree of life, so as to help all to lift themselves up, to walk and to progress. Give to your daily Communion the greatest importance. Let your action be universal. Let it destroy down to the roots your egoism and let it make you live the precept of charity, in perfect union with God and the brethren. Be united, because your union with Me is of the utmost importance.

The falls that occur unexpectedly during the journey of life can be salutary. They are the obligatory or optional stops that make you reflect to see your littleness and your misery.

When you fall, turn your gaze to Me present in the world. Call Me! Believe in my love, in my infinite mercy. I desire your trust more than your perfection, since I know human nature and I know how it is predisposed to lack in fidelity and strength. Call Me! I intervene and I help you. Don't sit back on your imperfections, do not excuse them, do not close your eyes in order not to see them.

If you come to Me and with sincerity you expose your faults to Me, already through my mercy they are forgiven you, even if Confession is necessary to validate my pardon.

Children, live constantly united to Me through charity, so that your life may deserve to be projected into eternity, where the love of God will exalt you and render you glorious.

Children, I bless you all, and I wait for you at the Eucharistic Banquet with the nuptial garment, burning with love, with the desire which I burned before instituting the Holy Eucharist.

Goodbye! When you pray here, realize the greatness of the gift that you receive and rekindle your faith.

SIN AND THE DEVIL

March 16, 1978

Beloved children, peace be to you!

Today, I want to point out to you the evils that threaten humanity and to invite you to remedy them.

I am Jesus the Saviour, and how can I fall short to my salvific mission in this period of history so full of dangers?

I came into the world to save what was lost, and I remain in the world to continue to save those souls who without my help would be lost.

What are therefore, the evils that threaten humanity? They are sin and the demon.

Sin is disobedience to God, which, as it distances one from Him, fount of all good, it brings into the soul every evil. Whoever lives in sin is an enemy of God. He lives in a state of spiritual death and does not enjoy those benefits which the divine life brings to every creature.

I said one day: *“I am the vine and you are the branches (Jn 15:5)”*; whoever therefore, is not united to Me through grace, is like a withered branch that cannot produce fruit for the eternal life.

The Christian is a living stone that forms the Church, but whoever lives in sin is like a stumbling block that brings harm to the whole building. However, when I speak to you about sin, I do not mean to allude to that weakness, whereby souls accidentally fall and, after the falls, feel sorry for having acted evil, thought evil and betrayed the Lord. No, I mean to speak to you about that state of spiritual death, which, willed and gone along with, leads souls to getting used to it and to not making any attempt to get out of the slavery to which sin inevitably leads.

Whoever loves sin has in himself the best soil in which to make the Prince of Darkness reign, who in his insubordination to God found his condemnation.

That's how the two evils are in league, and the soul in sin and the demon become like an only force, that lords it over in the world. The demon, intelligent and haughty, and man, wicked by nature and proud, give rise to every evil that harms society and individuals, the Church and humanity.

Man should be at the service of God, but when he refuses to serve Him, he passes inevitably to the service of Satan, who directs him and guides him along his paths.

The demon cannot by himself, harm souls, which are the vineyards of the Lord, but when a soul gives him full powers, he uses them and, after having flattered him with false pleasures, leads him to act dishonestly to the last phase of sin, to then disturb him with desperation. He makes him lose the faith or shows it to him as a useless and humiliating thing, he robs him of that inner serenity that God brings with his presence, and makes him desire and even worship all that is vain.

The temptation to which Adam and Eve were subjected to is the order of the day, and thoughts of greatness, of power and easy money, are the dazzling attractions of their followers.

So, in the world, false theories are spread, incurable hatreds, bloody wars, violence and unmentionable evils that transform men into ferocious beasts.

What remedies can be taken to free the world from the snares of Satan?

His diabolical activity is constant and the evil one attempts to upset every law and to produce everywhere evil effects.

How to combat the infernal powers, who are free to act to the harm of all?

There is a force that exceeds by far that of the devil, who though being strong, is still a creature.

"Who is like God?", shouted Michael, when the rebels were chased out of Paradise. This cry has to still echo in the world. Only it can intervene in the arduous struggle. And if the demon cannot lord it over the soul, what shall be that mysterious and superhuman force that will keep him bound like a dog to the chain?

The grace of God, children. Nothing else in the world can beat and overcome the diabolical power. The grace of God, which only by prayer you are able to keep; a prayer, strong and humble at the same time, which, day by day, will alert you of the dangers that arrive suddenly and will give you strength and courage to eliminate and overcome them.

I bless you, children. Be close-knit, humble, fervent, and peace be with you.

THIS IS HOW I WANT YOUR HEARTS

March 23, 1978

Beloved children, here I am to prepare you to celebrate with Me the Passover of the Lord.

In the meantime I say to you as I said to the apostles: *“I have desired ardently for this day and this moment (Lk 22:15).”*

Were you to know with what love I come to take lodging in the hearts of my children!

I want from you something that you can give Me. When the apostles asked Me: *“Teacher, where do you want to celebrate the Passover (Mt 26:17)?”*, I replied indicating a quiet place in a room decked out, adorned and embellished with rugs and flowers.

Children, this is how I want your hearts! You must never receive Me out of habit, indifference or coldness, but the Easter Communion must carry a festive air.

You must rejoice with Me, like the bride rejoices when she goes to a wedding. Are they not perhaps true mystical espousals of your soul with the Son of God, those that are consumed in Holy Communion?

I always wait for you as if it were a wedding day.

Beautify your heart, therefore, after having destroyed, by means of sorrow, resolution and Confession, all that displeases Me. Beautify it with the offering of your sufferings and your virtues.

What’s the point of Me desiring you, if your hearts remain insensitive to my love, to my graces, to my requirements and to my desires?

Communion is an act of infinite value that recalls the attention of the Father; that recalls the gaze and even the holy envy of the angels, who have never been able to receive Me in Communion.

Communion recalls the desire of very many souls who, having known the faith, are however in the impossibility of receiving Me. Widen therefore, your hearts and, as you express to Me your gratitude for the gift that I desire to give you and which many times already you have received, feel all its greatness and value.

Children, before sitting at table with the Twelve, I willed to accomplish that gesture which expresses purification and humility: to wash the feet of my table companions. May this act teach you that you cannot approach the Holy Table with presumption.

Your virtues, for as much as your good will is great, are always so little strong that it is enough at times for a little adversity to destroy them. That

ought to make you convinced that you cannot but humble yourselves, asking, through your communication with God, to be purified and reinvigorated.

With this disposition, and entrusting yourselves to my Mother that she may accomplish with you that maternal action so important in a moment so solemn, approach the altar.

Your Easter Communion must give joy to my Heart and must make you relive the words of the Consecration: *“This is my Body, this is my Blood (Mk 14:22)”*, for Me to become one with you.

My Body and my Blood will become your nourishment, your sanctity, your thanksgiving and your salvation.

After this Communion, many others shall follow from it, but for you it shall always be the Easter Communion that will announce your resurrection and that of all those who are a part of your life.

I will give you peace of heart in this festive encounter of souls, even if it can be a prelude of the sorrowful encounter with the Cross, with sorrow that accompanies life.

You must only promise Me to dispose your heart to receive it, giving, in your turn, peace to all those who like you are children of God, children of one only Father.

Giving peace involves many times the denying of oneself, overcoming one’s pride, forgetting the wrongs received and learning to smile with love to whoever does not enjoy your sympathies.

Giving peace is not an act that is expressed only externally, even if the external contributes to realizing it. Peace comes from the inside, and it is like the emanation of goodness and grace.

So, enriched with my peace, you shall be capable of being those gushing fountains that benefit the Church and the world.

Children, I bless you one by one. Have a happy Easter with Me and with Mary!

BE MY WITNESSES

March 30, 1978

My children, peace be to you! I am Jesus risen, present amongst you.

I want to assure you of my presence and my salvific work in the midst of the world. And I want to ask for your collaboration, sure that you won’t disappoint Me.

I manifested myself to the world with my Word. Under the Eucharistic Species I am your nourishment, and I am present among you also through the person of the Pontiff, who guides the Church.

When I manifested myself to the disciples after the Resurrection, my Body, rendered spiritual and transparent, was mistaken by many for a ghost and they got frightened. In fact, they had still not received the Holy Spirit who would confirm them in the faith and who would make them understand the truth clearly.

It was necessary therefore, that I show them the stigmata of the Crucifixion and the wound of the side, before they could be certain that it was truly I.

Children, my Word resonates in the world in every Sacrifice of the Mass; in it I give comfort and help.

The miracles, that used to happen once to the confirmation of my divinity, happen also today. It is not only in some shrines of the world that, at the passing of the Eucharist, the sick in body and spirit are cured. It would be enough for you to be able to see with my eyes all that happens on earth and the continual assistance which men enjoy, to persuade you of the extraordinary presence of God in the world.

Nevertheless, in the world, many times faith is lost because one does not succeed in realizing what one wants and because everything cannot be touched by hand. Even my presence under the guise of successor of Peter is many times discussed, despised and made an object of derision, just as the one of the apostles was after my Ascension into Heaven. Human pride does not accept having teachers chosen and willed by God, and the struggle is continuous in combating truth, good and all that, sowed by God in the world, ought to continue to flourish.

One requires that same constancy and that same strength that the early Christians drew from prayer, the breaking of the bread, that is the celebration of the Divine Mysteries, and to that humility which rendered them obedient to the religious authority.

Furthermore, I wish to point out to you a special call that today also can help you to realize that collaboration which I desire from you.

To whoever mistook Me for a ghost, I showed my stigmata of sorrow, and they believed. To the unbelieving world, to those who combat good rather than evil, you must present your patience, your endurance of sorrow, your stigmata.

You cannot persuade others of the beauty of your faith if you don't show your consistency which brings suffering inevitably with it.

What's the worth of you praying well or speaking well, if then before the Cross you were to rebel or surrender the weapons?

The Cross is the sign of salvation and the way with which you accept it and live it impresses in your person those particular characteristics that compel others to say: "What faith this person has!". It is only in this way that one becomes my witness.

The serenity with which the early Christians met their death, after having undergone the most cruel tortures, is the most evident demonstration of their faith. I want you therefore, like them. Sure in your faith. Sure of my presence beside you, in you and in the Church. Walking with you, still wounded but victorious, towards Heaven.

When you are disappointed and tired, look at my wounds, and believe that inside them I enclose you moment by moment, to increase in value all that costs you toil, all that weighs down your earthly existence.

Believe that my glorified wounds are like so many mouths talking and imploring for mercy and pardon from the Father.

Don't stand and listen to those off-key voices that come to you from every side. Look at Me and be always with Me.

The apostles were flogged for my name, but every suffering of theirs has been the seed of new Christians.

You will be flogged morally, they will call you mad, neurotics, deluded, but don't let yourselves be intimidated. Every adversity will mature into a marvellous fruit and the tree will be enlarged.

Your families also will be the forges where the works of God are perfected and finely worked.

I promise you the salvation of your loved ones. Be my witnesses. Now I bless you all.

I WELCOME EVERYONE

April 2, 1978

Beloved children, I am amongst you. I am Jesus, infinite mercy. With what words can I make you understand all the love of the Father and mine and the desire of salvation and mercy that led Me to become man amongst men?

Already the promise made in the earthly paradise had been an early manifestation of the mercy of God, who did not want to leave man alone before the chastisement of sin. I, born from the new Eve, came in the fullness of time to put enmity with the descendants of the serpent and to carry out the plan of mercy, so that all, by my means, would find life. I came

into the world to announce salvation, to seek what was lost, to lift up souls from abjectness, to give back to them their early splendour.

There was and there will always be those who welcome Me and those who reject Me, but I shall never cease to be the liberator from the slavery of sin and the victor over death, to which sin leads. The forgiveness of sins is due to God alone and I, as such, will always be able to say that there is no sinner that I cannot absolve, there is no sin that I cannot pardon. The parables related by Me speak clearly and find confirmation in every gesture done by Me. Is it not perhaps true that alongside the prodigal son stands very well the good thief who at the last moment of life asks to return with Me to the Father? And alongside the woman who lost the drachma and finds it again and parties, doesn't it seem to you that the Samaritan woman, the Magdalene, the adulteress, stand well?

Children, run through the pages of the Gospel: you will find in every one of them a feature of my mercy. I said to you one day that not one word of my Gospel would be lost: it is always current, it is suitable for any time, any place, any people. Well then, that same announcement of pity and mercy, of salvation and love, I repeat to you today, to the Church and to the world.

I love souls. I love you, every creature of the world. From everyone I desire a correspondence to this love within the limits of each ones strength. I ask that each one acknowledge his own errors and detests them as the first cause of every evil, and I shall not hesitate to pardon them. The debts contracted by man with God by themselves would be insolvent, but there I am who continually pays for you. The hope of salvation will always last until you shall have life and until on earth, under the Eucharistic Species, I shall immolate myself and intercede for you.

Therefore, come you all to my Heart, you despised ones, slandered ones, you who ask for justice and equal rights, who have lost all trust and hope: I am the Resurrection and the Life! Come, you who do not feel anymore the strength to live, you who the demon has enslaved, you who feel the burden of the flesh and fall into sins of lust. Let the thieves come, the evildoers, all those the greed for riches renders slaves. Let the murderers and the violent of all sorts come. Place all your miseries in my Heart, I destroy all in this furnace of love and I welcome all. Did I not perhaps call Judas "*friend* (Mt 26:50)", desiring his return? And who is a greater evildoer than Judas? In this way, all those who betray Me like Judas and deny Me like Peter can still find the way to my Heart!

Eternity is at stake, but with what ease one renounces a certain thing to enjoy the uncertainty offered by fleeting and fallacious goods. Children, be in the number of the sheep that I put in safety, be the faithful children who

with their love give Me consolation. But don't put limitations on my love, don't doubt the potency of my mercy capable of reaching the most obstinate sinners: such a doubt offends Me and displeases Me.

I desire that you trust in Me, leaving Me to act: the hour of God only God knows it. You only need to love: to love God, by dedicating your life, body and soul, to Him; to love your neighbour, by taking away all those obstacles that could create division and hatred.

Children, I see your desires, your hopes, your pains. I see them and I share them. Today is a day of grace. If the sick in body will be helped or cured, according to the will of God, the sick in soul shall have a grace particularly efficacious that will make them find God again. Children, I desire you pure as the day in which you received Baptism. Approach the sacrament of mercy and make a sincere confession. I have established that souls be purified through this spiritual bath: use it well. The door that opens the heart of God to mercy is humility which leads you to the confessional.

Inviting you to a life of trust, of grace and good, I bless you all.

BELIEVE IN MY LOVE

April 2, 1978

Children, so dear to my Heart, be blessed and may true peace be constantly in your hearts.

The peace that I give you is not like that which the world gives you: it is the fruit of grace, which is love and purity, which is God in you. Yes, children, I wish to live in you. I wish to destroy your ego, to be I myself to do in you those marvellous works that God desires and which will be paid back with an eternal happiness. I need only your love, I need your faith.

Today I do not present myself as the poor Lazarus and I do not ask you only for the crumbs that fall from your table, but I ask you for everything. I ask you to be the absolute master of your heart. And, as if to merit your trust and your total giving, I say to you: children, believe in my love for you! If you will believe in my infinite love, the fulfilment of your duties will not be a burden to you and your generosity will have no limits.

I love you, children, independently of your merits. I love you also when you feel a failure, when it seems impossible for you to please Me, because your life seems a succession of falls and miseries. What does a father do with his children? Perhaps when they are sick, he loves them less? In this way, I love you when you are good and even when you are not. I love you

for what you do for the triumph of the Kingdom of God and also for what you would like to do and cannot do or do not succeed in doing.

I love your souls, one by one, as the reason for my redemption, as the cause of my death, and I see everyone of them as a crown of glory in eternity.

If I were to love you for your merits, you could become discouraged, but I go beyond: I see what is entrusted to my care and I do not fear human weaknesses, I do not fear the misery, to which concupiscence and temptations can lead to.

Children, in every soul I see a bride for my divinity, I see a vase of election, a chosen one of God.

Before a protest of love which, embracing your souls does not forget your bodies, your aspirations, your battles and all that concerns you, you cannot remain indifferent. I think that from your heart ought to come out a fiery cry of love and gratitude. It is from this encounter of hearts that the mercy of God becomes like a formidable magnet that shakes up the most hardened hearts, draws them to himself and calls them back to good.

The tears of repentance are valid if they are released by love.

If you believe in my love for you, everything must change in your life and in that of all men, since from love will come the desire to weep over those faults which distance one from God, sowing every evil.

Children, I welcome you in this moment in my arms and I place you in my Heart.

I purify you from every fault and I promise you assistance and help.

Make Me known and loved, that I may be able to make all souls sharers of my mercy.

I bless you with an ample blessing. In the eight days that follow this feast of mine I shall grant special graces to whoever honours Me in this Cenacle, and I shall bring peace to the families you entrust to Me.

I WANT YOU TO LIVE BY FAITH

April 6, 1978

Beloved children, it is important for Me to insist, in this encounter, that you increase your faith more and more.

The Holy Spirit says that the just man lives by faith. And do you not seek justice in your way of living and in your relationships with God, your neighbour and with yourselves?

But how will it be possible to be just if one does keep God as a model, by means of faith?

I said one day: *“Whoever lives and believes in Me, even if dead shall live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall not die forever (Jn 11:25-26).”*

This I want from you: that, living in your mortal body, you aspire to that life which will have no end and for which you were born. Your faith must involve your whole life, which must be programmed to start with my doctrine and modelled on the example that I have given you and which I still give you in the sacramental life.

My doctrine was the continuation and the perfectionment of those truths revealed by God to the holy Patriarchs and to the Prophets in the Old Testament. Those truths were perfected by the divine Word coming out of my mouth during my sermons and by the constant practice of the Law of God, which I translated moment by moment in all my actions.

To live by faith means to realize in your life my teachings, so as to observe the Commandments to perfection and to accept the Evangelical Counsels in order to reach a higher degree of sanctity.

When Thomas was able to put his fingers into my wounds and his hand into my side, he came out with that beautiful exclamation which bore witness to his faith: *“My Lord and my God (Jn 20:28).”*

You must make this your invocation, even if you do not see the marks of my Crucifixion but my word only is expressed to you, since again as to Thomas I say to you: *“Blessed are those who shall have believed without having seen (Jn 20:29).”*

I ask you to exercise faith, that is to say I ask you to believe in the goodness, the providence, the love of God, his wisdom and omnipotence even when your situations and daily events are not serene, on the contrary are rather cloudy.

Perhaps you think that the saints of the Old Testament walked always in the light of the sun? Did they not have to wait years and years for the Redemption? And the prophets were they not often persecuted and killed? And the good did they not in every age have to suffer?

What would their suffering have been worth if they had not hoped and believed?

One needs to believe, when the lights get mixed up with the shadows and when dangers, uncertainties, difficulties come to take away one's strength and to render life less serene.

I continue, in the Tabernacle, to give you an example of a life of faith. I incessantly wait for souls to come and draw their life from my life.

I am virtue personified, I am love, I am humility, I am candour, I am generosity, I am hidden and little to give myself to all. But I am a mystery of faith.

Whoever receives Me, must accept this mystery of faith and live it. I give you a gift of my virtues, so that by eating Me and living like Me, you may be able to have a pledge of predestination and eternal glory.

I desire that you live your faith with Me, at the foot of the Cross, with the offering of your daily sacrifices and also with the daily immolation of your life on the altar at Holy Mass.

I want you to live by faith, learning to see my image in your neighbour, so that you may never fail in charity with anyone. My behaviour must be yours.

Tell Me: perhaps I distance away whoever approaches my altar without respect, in sin and without preparation? Do I not welcome everyone and have I not said to you that in my Heart there is room for all?

Do not exclude therefore, anyone from your heart. Faith cannot be only in God. You cannot say that you love and believe in God whom you do not see, if you do not love your neighbour and do not believe this great truth: that I, Jesus, Son of God, humanified, identify myself with every man, to the point of holding done to Me what you do to him, be it good or evil.

I want you believers of integrity, without human respect, without exhibitionism, ready to give your life to bear witness for your faith.

And now, as I grant you an increase of faith, I bless you all. During the Holy Sacrifice at which you will assist I will grant you abundant graces, in proportion to the faith of which you will give Me proof.

Be perseverant in religious practice and in prayer, because they are the means to keep the faith.

Be humble and chaste, because the two defects that lead one to lose the faith are pride and lust.

To all and to each one be my help and my grace. Your manifestations of faith serve to help find again this precious virtue to those who have lost or rejected it.

Goodbye, children! I love you so much.

FRUITS OF ETERNAL LIFE

April 13, 1978

Beloved children, peace be to you! I am Jesus the Teacher.

I want for you to taste prayer more and more and live it. I want for you, hearing my words, to desire Me as food for your souls, since I am the living Bread descended from Heaven.

Just as bread is indispensable to you for the life of the body, so I must be indispensable to you for the life of the soul. But however, just as you do not feed yourselves with bread without an appetite, so you cannot receive Me under the Eucharistic Species without desiring Me.

Food is the nourishment that helps to preserve one's health and to make it glowing. The Eucharist is the food of the soul that maintains grace and makes it grow, it makes the divine life increase in you and makes you grow in virtue.

The preparation of the stomach to be fed is given by fasting. The preparation for Communion requires that mortification and that spiritual fasting that is necessary to flee from sin.

When the food is assimilated, it changes into the vital substance of the body and increases its strength.

When the heavenly Bread comes into contact with the soul, it transforms it and enriches it with that vitality that renders it strong against temptations, quiets concupiscence and annihilates the force of the passions.

"I am the way, the truth and the life (Jn 14:6)", I said to you one day. All that is abridged in the Eucharist, in which men can find all my teachings and how to follow them. In it the truths appear levelled and in it one can receive life.

Have I not repeated to you many times that, if you wish to follow Me, you must like Me, take up the cross and carry it to Calvary? The Eucharist is a continual journey to Calvary, it is a continual immolating of oneself on the Cross. Whoever receives Jesus crucified cannot desert Calvary. Not for nothing am I a teacher to you.

You can be with Me in the joy of Tabor by listening to my word, but then when you receive Me and you become one with Me, I lead you along my way up to immolation, whether bloody or unbloody, it matters little.

I am the truth. I speak to the simple hearted. To the children, and to those who resemble them I reveal my Heart and I make the intimate things that I enclose in it understood.

All that the Father has given to Me, I give to you. But when and where do I communicate these things so great, so divine and eternal? In Communion, even unbeknown to you. As I become your food, I become also light for your minds and fire for your hearts.

It's in this way that good actions are born, the great works that, perhaps, humanly seem unrealizable: from a Communion made well, from your union with Him who is truth and who not only never abandons his children, but on the contrary, renders them instruments in his hands, docile instruments and capable of doing good and in translating his will into works.

I am life, children, and whoever wishes to receive Me must already live spiritually united to Me. I am the vine and you the branches. How can you produce fruits, if my same sap does not circulate in you?

Fruits of eternal life you must produce, but if the branch is detached, how will it give these fruits?

Eternal life is a gift that you cannot refuse, if you don't want to render vain my work of salvation. Moreover eternal life is the conquest only of those who constantly go in search of it by inserting themselves into my life.

The number of years don't count, the patrimony inherited or accumulated has no importance, social position or the conquest of honours and glories are of no use. To eternal life one arrives solely by faith and with the baggage of good works done in Me and with Me.

All the rest is vanity, it is smoke, it is chaff that the wind disperses.

The following in my footsteps is up to you, the acceptance of my teachings is up to you. It's up to you the commitment of rendering more efficacious for yourselves and for others my life: the Eucharist, so that you may be able to live and bring true holiness into the world.

Now I bless you, children, one by one.

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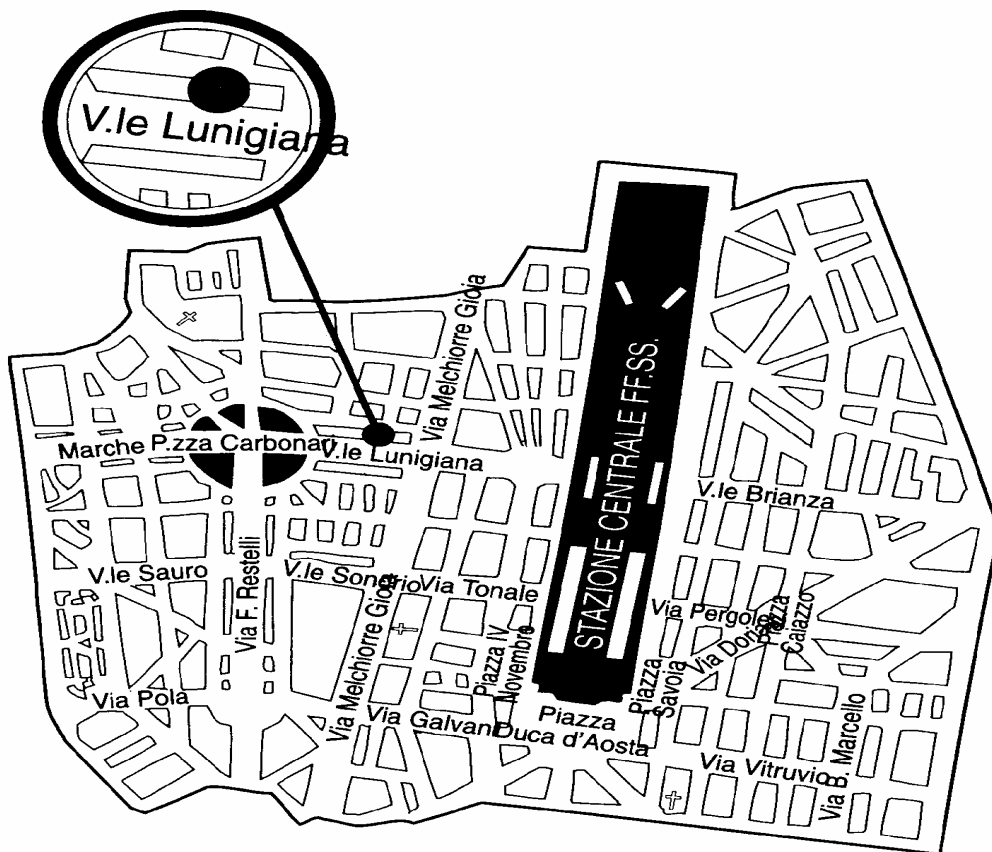
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The Message of Merciful Love was received by Mamma Carmela during a period which lasted some ten years, from 1968 to 1978. It ended in the year that Rome had at last lifted the suspension on the Divine Mercy revelations to Sister Faustina, who was 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 who wish to seek and find God.

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