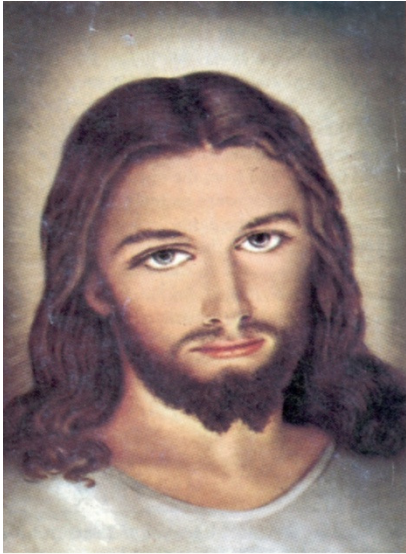




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## THE IMAGE OF THE MERCIFUL JESUS

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

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

*Milan, April 20, 1968*

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*Milan, September 5, 1968*

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*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.”*

*Milan, May 4, 1972*

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who, desirous to love the Lord,  
seek to put into practice  
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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## **I GRIEVE OVER MANY CHILDREN**

*January 29, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you. I am your Mother, desirous of granting your desires and of helping you in all. I am however, also Mother of all men and I grieve over the fate of so many children who irremediably wish to be lost.

Do you recall that Gospel passage in which Jesus encounters the widow of Naim who brings her own son to burial? Well then, Jesus is moved and He worked the miracle. He gave back to the mother that son, full of life and joy. I grieve over so many children, and I desire for Jesus to work the same miracle. However, your tears also are needed, your prayers and above all your faith.

There are those who ask for the physical health of their children, those who ask for material situations. I ask for the salvation of the soul for all, because all the other things have a secondary importance. In my imitation, you too must do likewise. I have children who have lost the faith, others who do not live morally well. These make my heart suffer and they must make you suffer too.

How many mothers seek in their children human triumph over all those who surround them! Perhaps a good job, or leadership or being prominent, procures for them honour and glory. I seek for holiness in my children, because I know that it will procure for them an imperishable glory. You also do the same and, as you take care to distance those children whom I love from dangers, make them appreciate virtue, which alone is like the precious pearl that one must acquire at any cost.

Children, when you pray, never shut yourselves up as in a closed circle, and do not look only at your family needs, but see the great human family and see a Mother who grieves for too many children. Give me your tears, give me your prayers and your love, so that all together we can put pressure on the heart of God, and may be many those that rise again from a spiritual death to the life of grace.

I bless you all. I love you, children. I love you more than myself and I want you all good and happy.

## **PRAYER AND RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

*January 31, 1975 (in a shrine)*

Beloved children, how much my heart rejoices in seeing you here, so fervent and numerous, in the house of the Lord! You are here to pray and to be instructed, and I assure you that you do two holy and useful works not only for yourselves, but for the whole Church, for the whole world. While many of my children reject prayer because they consider it a useless action, and while in the world and in the Church itself error enters because religious instruction is lacking, you perform this double duty with joy and with commitment.

Very good! Every person who represents a parish, must bring this double seed into his parish. The priests also need you. They must be encouraged and helped in all those works that have the sanctification of souls as aim.

You see how much evil in the world. I am not saying to you to go into a movie theatre in order to familiarize yourselves with the immorality that is propagated. It will be enough for you to pause before a newsstand or observe the posters that advertise the most simple products, for you to realize the little dignity that man has of himself and of others.

While the wicked are daring in evil, you have to be zealous in good. Combating evil is a divine work. How will you, so miserable and lacking in means, be able to fight against the adverse forces? By prayer, which makes God intervene in your actions. Many err and sin out of ignorance. You, being instructed, are capable of illuminating and counselling.



I do not want to terrorize you with the thought of serious chastisements, but I would not be a good mother if I did not warn you of the impending dangers. Children, if you go back into the centuries, you can observe a very grave thing. Why did the Flood come on the earth? Why were entire cities pulverized? The impure sin, immorality, attract in every age tremendous chastisements. That body that ought to be considered a temple of God and which, as instrument of the soul to do good is destined to enjoy the beatific vision of God for all eternity, is used by men as means of sin.

What does God ask from men? He asks for holiness and He does not let the means to reach it be lacking, but who thinks of living holily? God promises an eternal reward, but who longs for Paradise as the place of his encounter with God? I know that you feel weak and incapable. But you see that the Church proposes some models for you in the saints. The saints are friends of God and also yours. Their heaven consists in asking God, to whom they are intimately united, for the salvation of men.

You are here in a shrine dedicated to a saint whom you call “of the impossible.” She is a friend of yours. She has suffered, prayed and loved. Now she is powerful. Does it not seem to you that you can ask her to be helped? She let herself be guided by God and some saints, her friends, brought her into the convent. You see that the saints do not abandon the brethren who are in the world.

You must overcome evil with good, and the highest good is God, to whom the saints of Heaven are bound like the fish to the water in which it is immersed. You are friends of the friends of God, only in this way will you be victorious. Today the Church remembers John Bosco. Another friend of yours who wants to teach you to fear God and to live honestly your Christian life.

Do you know why one often sins? Because the holy fear of God came to be lacking. Everything is thought about except the chastisements that God can inflict on men, not just because He may lack in goodness, but because He is infinite justice. If I want you all trusting in the immense goodness of God, that fear of offending Him must not be lacking in you which your ancestors have inculcated in their children. Children, hell exists, I have repeated it to you many times. It is eternal and many fall there, even if the Lord would not want to send anyone there and wants everyone saved. So, children, continue to pray. Continue to be instructed, so that the light that comes to your mind will give love to your heart, and you will be able to enjoy, even on this earth, that happiness that is derived from a good conscience.

Now I bless you all. Be all united and collaborate with your parish priests, so that all that is good may be spread. Give to your children an example of true Christian life. Keep the saints as your friends, and always stay under my mantle so that you may be able to be defended from the dangers. To your families my peace.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*February 1, 1975*

Be welcomed in my house, my children, and may joy and peace be always in your hearts.

You have faced sacrifices in order to come and pay me a visit, is that not so? And I also faced discomforts and sacrifices in order to visit the cousin Elizabeth. In recompense, a great joy entered into our hearts. This is Heaven’s gift, a consequence of sacrifice and charity: peace of soul.

You will return to your towns and all will have to acknowledge that something has changed in you. It will happen then that some may ask: But how is this? Is not this person a mother, a daughter, a father, a son full of defects, whom we have known? Also of Jesus his

fellow locals used to say: But is He not the son of Joseph the carpenter and Mary? Your change must be the means with which you will make me known.

Yes, my children, you must become holy in order to be a call to the whole world. You see how wicked many of my children are who do not want to believe, do not want to love and they sin. You cannot call them back except with prayer and by example. I will help you always and have trust and confide in the help of God.

Many fear the chastisements, but they are not afraid of offending God and do not consider his infinite justice. You have so much horror of sin and you try to prevent it in the family and elsewhere. You fear that the God of mercy might call your loved ones, your friends and you in a moment in which you are distant from Him. Therefore, always live in the grace of God, be a good example to all and invite all to love. I protect you and I bless you with all your intentions and desires.

I embrace you with affection.

## **TO THE LEGNANO GROUP**

*February 1, 1975*

Beloved children, I am with you. I am your Immaculate Mother and I rejoice with you who, in spite of the difficulties, have succeeded in coming here as a group just to give strength to your prayer, since unity is strength. I accept your prayer and I present it to the Father together with your sufferings, which serve to render it more valuable.

How many rebellions there are in the world, especially when it concerns bearing a tribulation and accepting a cross. You are my friends, the friends of my Jesus, who head towards suffering like my Jesus towards the cross. May you be blessed, and for every tear that you shed may graces and blessings descend upon you, so that you may be able to truly attain sanctity.

But I want to say another important thing to you. There are cities and towns which during certain wars distinguished themselves by special signs of faith and patriotism. You are citizens of Heaven, and your battles against the enemy must serve to defend your homes and your towns from the devil and his satellites. Just as in some moments a standard was made to be a symbol of liberty and encouragement to the soldiers, so you must construct a spiritual standard, and at your prayer, at the certainty of your faith and your suffering, all must draw strength.

Be united, love one another, help one another and feel me always among you. I am the Queen of Martyrs and I understand well your suffering. I bless you again and I wait for you always to encourage you and to give you hope.

May the peace of the Lord reign always in you and in your homes. See you again.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*February 1, 1975*

My children, how can I leave you without saying a word to you, while you have said so many to me, so many words in those prayers so full of faith that you have addressed to me? Yes, children, I am happy with you. I see your desire of pleasing God and of doing all that depends on you so that all may love my Lord and me.

You have done well to come to this shrine today. You are preparing yourselves for the feast of my Purification, which tomorrow you will celebrate. Truly, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, my Son, I had been preserved from every sin, not only original, but from any

imperfection. My Son was conceived by virtue of the Holy Spirit, whereby He did not necessitate any purification. But God permitted that I be considered by all those who lived in my time as an ordinary woman.

Humility is pleasing to God more than any other virtue, because it renders one worthy of his mercy. What shall I want to ask in this moment from you, who desire to be purified from every sin in order to be pleasing to God? What means shall I give you to bring to God men who, blinded by pride, stain themselves with sins, miseries and mire?

One only means I give you. Always humble yourselves before God, acknowledging yourselves imperfect and poor of virtue. Bring your example into the world, made of humility. He who is humble makes a breach in the heart of God and also in the heart of the brethren. He who is humble exercises obedience and charity and, not offending the neighbour, attracts benevolence on himself, through which he can be listened to and can do some good. This way, children, my purification shall be fruitful for you and for others.

I see some religious among you. I bless them with so much love and favouritism. You have left all, you give all and I ask all for you. Not just in this life, but in the other life, where everything is remunerated with an infinite joy.

I bless those who organize and conduct these pilgrimages, which must work great changes in souls, in families and in parishes. And I bless individually you all and all those persons whom you carry in your hearts. Returning to your homes, embrace your family members and say: *“Our Lady loves you and blesses you.”*

Have faith and stay in the grace of God, so that, when the Lord shall call you, He may find you like wise virgins with the lamp lit, ready to enter into eternal life with the Bridegroom of souls.

See you again, children. Peace be with you now and always.

## TO THE YOUNG

*February 2, 1975*

My children, sons of God, peace be to you and grace. It is truly good to see your interest in removing from the world those occasions of evil that lead souls to sin. I desire to help you.

It is not a thing that can be hidden, all that immorality which goes from obscene talk to pornography and which leads to the most wicked actions and to the most heinous crimes, and exactly for this you understand that there is the urgency of a general purification.

Today the Church celebrates my purification, performed in the Temple forty days after the birth of my Jesus. I use it as a motive in order to invite you all to that personal purification which, having begun in the humble recognition of one's own weakness and misery, may ascend up to the recognition of God, highest perfection and infinite purity, and lead you to desire to live a pure and wholesome Christian life, a consistent life between faith and actions, whereby you may be for all true witnesses of Christ.

After this first step, it will be easy for you to perform in your family, in the places of work and study that purification so much hoped for. Yes, put the hand to the plough too so that it may not be too late. Overcome human respect and be strong. Be strong, children! Let your boldness be based on the grace that you possess and on the help of God. Do not stop to think too much on what you have to do, but follow the inspirations that I will obtain for you from the Holy Spirit and do not cease seeing your angel beside you, who sometimes is truly the forgotten companion and towards whom sentiments of gratitude are not manifested.

Act so that from your words and your actions may shine that composure, that dignity and that modesty which the world mocks and despises, but which are so dear to God. May the humble acknowledgment of your incapacity make you victorious over all through grace.

I bless you all one by one. See you again, children. Here I feel very much at ease. I love you so very much.

## WHEN ONE ENCOUNTERS THE LORD

*February 2, 1975*

Children so dear to my heart, peace be to you.

See, I am here to recall to you a moment of my life as spouse and mother, when that is, forty days after the birth of the Saviour, Joseph and I brought Him to the Temple as the Law prescribed, so that He might be consecrated to God. We had to bring the two turtledoves for the ransom, we being extremely poor and not being able to offer a lamb. I then received, with a special gesture of the high priest, the purification, which was given to the mothers who brought their firstborn to the altar of God.

It was on that occasion that I had two particular encounters, to which I wish to refer myself in this lesson.

I met at the entrance of the Temple a holy old man by the name of Simeon, who desired so much to see the Messiah. Enlightened by the Holy Spirit, he recognized in my Child the expected one of the nations and he came out in a marvellous hymn of joy: *“Now, Lord, let your servant go in peace, since my eyes have seen the Saviour.”* I would like that for all men of earth there be this ardent desire to encounter the Lord. All their desires will be satisfied.

When one loves the truth and seeks the truth, one seeks the Lord. When one desires to discover the will of God in order to carry it out, one seeks the Lord. When one tries to flee sin under any form and tries to live in the grace of God, one seeks the Lord, one finds the Lord.

And when, exercising charity, one goes to the needy and under their face one sees Jesus, one finds the Lord.

What happens then? A deep change comes about in souls. What first used to arouse horror, pleases. What one used to avoid, is seen in the light of God up to the point of feeling attracted to it. Whoever thinks about death, usually feels sad and would not like for it to be near and in certain specific ways. When man meets with the Lord, the thought of death does not sadden anymore, rather it becomes a conquest and a desired destination.

You have heard Simeon: “Now let your servant go in peace.” Life is sown with sorrows and, even if they are avoided, the moment comes for everyone in which it is necessary to ascend Calvary and carry the cross. Simeon, full of years and illnesses, no longer feels the burden of old age; his heart sings like a child, since his eyes have seen Jesus.

Children, you also have your daily bundle to carry; and when it is not your own, it is the burden of others that is placed on your shoulders. I want to say to you: keep your eyes fixed on the Saviour, and you will find hope and strength in this vision. You will also learn to share in the pains of others and give consolation. Simeon predicted to me the sufferings which I would have encountered because of my Son, placed as a ruin and a resurrection of many. He predisposed my heart to sorrow, but the thought of the salvation of many gave me consolation. So, children, let it be for you. Let the present sorrow, and that which could overtake you be seen in the light of God, who knows all and can do all.

Now I want to mention to you about the second encounter made in the Temple, which made me go back in years: that with Anna the prophetess, who had been my first teacher after my mother. She also, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, said wonderful things and then, like the good grandmothers who go recounting the wonders of the little grandchildren, busied herself and went around speaking, not only of the Messiah who finally had arrived and with Him salvation, but also of me and the virtues in which she had raised me, the skills that I knew

how to do and the holy marriage that I had accepted. In short, Anna the prophetess set about doing the apostolate, exactly what you are doing to make Jesus and his Mother known.

I desire to invite you to imitate more and more this holy woman, so that good may be spread more and more. The woman has a special power. If she is holy, she can lead many to holiness; but if she is bad, she can be the cause of perdition for many. You have heard the story of the Samaritan woman. She had had seven husbands, but when she met with Jesus, she brought the whole town to Him. I expect much from your apostolate. May the feast of the Purification and the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple be a continual recall to what I have told you.

Permit me to remind you of a very delicate detail. I went to be purified in order to follow a usage of Hebrew law. Well then, the Church preserves a special prayer and imparts a special blessing to women giving birth; however, just as one no longer feels the desire and the need to let Baptism be administered to their children, so one does not think about that blessing so efficacious and healthy, not only for being liberated from the penalties of sins, but also for all those necessities which the mother meets after the birth of the child. Also this apostolate I entrust to you who approach spouses and mothers, be it in the context of the family as well as outside.

Now, I bless you all. I bless the candles and the devotional objects that are in this house and of which you are in possession. Learn to keep the torch of the faith alight, so that the final encounter with the Lord may not be a surprise, but the continuation of what you have begun on earth. I bless your intentions and the priests who pray with you and who assist you.

See you again and soon, quickly.

## **BOLDNESS AND PERSISTENCE**

*February 4, 1975*

Beloved children, here you are again to listen to my word of Mother and Teacher. I am happy to grant your desires and I want for you to truly have light and grace in order to be able to understand. Today however, I wish to give you an invitation ever so pressing, so that you may always be heard.

It has been said to you many times that you must be like little children. Well then, a quality of the asking of little children is persistence. They then, in their simplicity and ignorance, do not realize that certain things with great difficulty can be obtained. They persist. It seems to me that certain Gospel facts may be just an invitation to be persistent and bold in asking.

See this fact. It is a father who goes to Jesus to invoke Him to go to his house to cure his daughter. He persists, however, at a certain point the servants arrive to say: *“Do not disturb the Teacher, because your daughter is dead.”* But it is Jesus who decides. He says: *“No, she is sleeping.”* And He cures her.

Many times you ask, but in your heart voices and temptations are raised which demoralize you, saying to you: there is nothing to be done, it is all finished. You pray uselessly, you do everything uselessly. That family in which you sought to bring the Lord, now has lost the faith and does not love neither you nor Him.

This is the right moment to behave with Jesus like little children. *“Even when all might speak of death, behold, I believe”*, each one must say who notices these temptations, and like little children it is necessary to ask, to persist. Faith is always the means to obtain miracles. If you ask yourselves up to what point you must believe, I reply to you that you must believe up to the impossible, imitating Abraham, to whom God commands to kill the only son, while He had promised him a very numerous progeny.

You have to have a faith that does not stop at what you see, but which goes beyond, up to encountering the will of God. A faith that gives to your prayer a boldness and a strength, so that Jesus can say what He said of the woman with the haemorrhage: "*Who touched Me?*" This woman, who for eighteen years suffered with flows of blood, had in fact made her way forward in the midst of the crowd and went saying to herself: If I succeed in touching the hem of his cloak, I shall be healed. She manages to touch the cloak of Jesus, but when He turns and asks: "*Who touched Me?*", all are amazed because it was a crowd that was following Him.

In your faith and also in your works, you must be bold. You commonly say that the world is for the bold. Well then, if you wish to bring Jesus into the world, you must be bold. You must have the courage of your actions. You must be certain that it is good what you desire to do, and then to have courage and strength.

God is infinite goodness and knows all the needs of men, but if someone with a generous heart measures his request on the infinite power of God and asks for all graces and favours, He rejoices and it is a pleasure for Him to grant the great desires. Boldness and persistence, resting on faith, are like two fiery darts which, penetrating into the heart of God, move Him to compassion.

Even if momentarily you feel disappointed, react. When during winter the dry and leafless branches seem to speak of death, you are not afraid, because you know that in spring they will become green again and will give buds and flowers. So, in this certainty, must your heart base its requests. Can a father or a mother abandon their children to themselves, if they have full trust in them and are affectionate and good? What men do not do, certainly God cannot do. Take a look at your conscience to know at what point you are in obedience to his Commandments, and then slowly ask God for the most beautiful graces through me.

I am listening to you and I bless you. See you again.

## **ALL JOYFUL, ALL IN GRACE**

*February 5, 1975 (at Seregno)*

Beloved children, here I am amongst you who cultivate in a special way devotion for my beloved spouse Joseph. I love you like him, I protect you and I help you. I thank you for honouring him in a special way, since I also honour him and in Paradise he is the object of admiration, not only on my part, but also of all the saints. Continue therefore, to follow those teachings that up till now were given to you, so as to realize the plans of salvation established by God. Joseph is an instrument of salvation and you, by following him, will make his task easier.

You are already in the carnival period according to the world, and many souls, in the midst of corruption, will lose their innocence; some will sin more strongly and others will be lost. I would like for you to have a burning desire that no one be lost. They say that the carnival is a time of gaiety. The world does not know true joy, therefore it mistakes for happiness what is only sensuality, pleasure and mire.

What ought you do in order to be of help to all? Joy must not be excluded from the life of the Christian, rather, exactly the practising Christians must give proof to all of great serenity. I invite you therefore, to make a complete change in your life and to look at the different events with the eye of faith, so that those things that up to now have embittered you, may become a fount of serenity and peace. In this way you will learn to welcome physical illnesses without complaining. In fact, what is the worth of grumbling over so many little evils when, if you learn to offer them up out of love, they can become flowers which perfume the altar of the Lord?

Also with your children or with persons who do you harm you could not only not complain, but also rejoice, thinking about that very effective phrase that says: "If you cannot speak to your children about God, speak to God about your children"; and I mean to refer not only to my kinfolk, but also to all others whom you would like to be more good.

When my Jesus lived on earth, there were many Pharisees who, in order to make their sanctity seen, dressed in sackcloth and put ash on the head on certain days of the year. You must guard the secret of the King in your heart. What is this secret? It is the immense sorrow that the heart of Jesus feels at the sight of the general depravation and flamboyant life that keeps on spreading more and more. You must make this sorrow yours and you must repair it.

Therefore, while with your exterior gaiety you render your company more pleasing and your home more serene, in the interior you will build a little tabernacle, in which you will go often to send to God your acts of love and reparation. If it is possible for you, you will lengthen your prayer. You will make beautiful Communions, whether sacramental or spiritual, and you will try with your humility to make God forget the wickedness of many.

When you begin Lent, many worldly people will continue in their senseless lives, but you will continue in yours in silence and in recollection, in the interior joy that will be reflected on the face in keeping company to that God who is the sweet guest of your soul. Remember, my children, that man is worth not for what he seems, but for what he has inside. There are the so-called pleasure-seekers, who seem full of life and are many times but walking dead. If you possess grace, God lives in you, your life is in continual growth and with it you give glory to the God of the living. Life passes quickly, and a day will come in which the King of eternal glory will come upon the clouds to judge the living and the dead. To you who try to live that spiritual life which is the only one that truly counts, shall be given eternal life as reward.

All joyful, all in grace, all headed to repairing evil, all with Joseph to work to save souls, as instruments of God. This is how I want you, as I embrace you blessing you.

## **THE NATIVITY**

*February 7, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you. Behold, I find you fervent and loving, desirous of perfection, and this consoles my heart. This evening I mention to you that great mystery of the nativity of my Child, in order to communicate to you the joy that filled my heart on that holy night.

In the most squalid misery, in the austerity of deep night, the Saviour came to the world and, to gladden Him, was enough for Him the hearts of Joseph and mine, and the warmth of the breath of two maids, enframed by the choir of angels. Night of enchantment, night of love, one can say. Children, in the sinful night of the world, the nights of enchantment and love must be repeated again. You will be called to perform a rebirth and to bring the Lord.

With humility of heart and with intensity of love marvels of grace are worked. The humility of his handmaid was pleasing to the Father, and whoever lives desiring and carrying out the will of God, extends on the world that pleasure on the part of the Father which renders his work fertile. There is no greater miracle in the world than that of giving life to a creature who carries in himself the image of God. Moreover, there is no work more divine than that of bringing back to God a soul in which the life of grace has lessened. It is a spiritual rebirth that speaks of resurrection. You are called to the one and to the other thing.

If you have embraced matrimony or thought about contracting it in due time, a right and a duty is expected of you, that of giving life to creatures. But even if this were not your call,

you have equally the right and the duty to embrace that spiritual maternity and paternity that lets you collaborate with God for a work of salvation.

Every woman must be a mother, it does not matter whether according to the flesh or according to the spirit. The many little children of the world will no longer be orphans, because your heart will embrace them in all the places of the earth. You must feel yourselves mothers of those children abandoned by heartless parents, of leprous children whom families abandon, of all those innocents whom the negligence of society and wickedness of men reduce to poor beings who have never known goodness and who are dragged into sin. You have to be the mothers of all those priests who find themselves as listless and agitated by the wind of the passions, whom a prayer and a suffering offered up can rehabilitate.

There are daughters who are consumed by a desire that perhaps will never be satisfied. You are not among these. Look at life serenely and, as you go preparing yourselves for the joys and the crosses of matrimony, spread life. You will arrive at the attainment of your ideal, and you shall be like olive trees full of fruit or like those fertile trees, at whose shade the birds of the sky find relief from the dryness of the summer heat. My blessing shall be that sign that will accompany you, step by step, up to the other shore.

I bless you all and I embrace you. Goodnight.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*February 9, 1975*

Beloved children so dear to my heart, be welcomed in this home. I welcome you under my mantle and I promise you to never let you slip away again. Promise me that from this visit of yours you will draw spiritual fruits of grace. Nothing can be useless in your life, if in everything you put a right intention. Your intention, in the pilgrimages that you do in holy places, must be this: to increase faith, to detest sins in you and in the world and to favour that general reconciliation that derives from spreading love.

Only with these intentions can your trips bring profit and you can be in the light in order to spread the light. You can be the salt of the earth and your works, besides attracting the benevolence of the Father, bring souls towards Him, since in them God's goodness is recognized.

In this way children, the world is changed; only in this way, since words do not convert souls, but it is your example that draws to good, even if it is indispensable for God to intervene.

You see, children, how evil is propagated. You see immorality making headway everywhere. You feel the air rendered heavy with the sound of blasphemies, which smears also the mouth of little children who again do not know how to speak well.

You must shine through that grace that is in you and do works of purification everywhere. If you have children and relatives who do not believe and who do not follow the Commandments, increase your faith and let the strict correction of your habits be a call to them. I promise you to save them by means of your love, manifested with a deep faith and with the offering of your life.

Now I bless you all. I bless the minister who accompanied so many beautiful souls here. There are among you victim souls, who for years offer up their sufferings for the love of God and neighbour. To them my pleasure. Bring to your loved ones, to all those whom you love, my embrace. Say to all: Our Lady loves you, she blesses you and waits for you.

See you again, children!



## EXPRESS YOUR HOLINESS IN WORKS

February 9, 1975

My children, here you are to listen to my counsels and warnings always with great desire. Truly, as hungry for spiritual bread, you deserve for me to say to you that you are blessed. Yes, you must be truly happy to be here to dialogue with your heavenly Mother. Nothing is impossible to God.

Oh, how I would like to say to those who do not believe, because they say Our Lady talks too much: tell me, what mother shuts her mouth and limits her speaking to simple monosyllables, knowing that her own children desire to hear her speak, or even knowing that these children need her word in order to rekindle the faith, to grow in virtue and to be saved? I am a real mother, a mother who loves, a mother who knows everything about her children and who wants to help them in all. Blessed are you therefore, who believe, who have been called to be a part of my school and who have adhered to the call.

Now I must tell you what I want from you. There are some who, called along special paths, are provided with special gifts, but you must not want more than I give you. I however, desire your sanctity. If there were many saints in the world, they would change the face of the earth, since the saints are like centres of attraction and they can make use of this strength that comes from holiness and bring all to good.

You must be holy, you must be like that pillar of light that guided the people of God across the desert. You must not excel through wisdom or through knowledge in the human sense, but through humility which, making you little, draws the divinity towards you. There is a phrase in the Gospel that encapsulates these thoughts: "Let your works shine before men." How can it come about that humble and indifferent works become luminous, if not introducing in them the light of God?

I divide your works into three great groups, which however, are not dissociated from one another. You work for the glory of God, when you perform your religious duties and attend to your personal sanctification. You work for the good of your family, when you dedicate yourself to each member with care, affection and diligence, so that all may have what they need. You work for society, when in the works that you are called to perform outside the home you dedicate yourself to your neighbour. For some it will be the sick, for others children, pupils, others still manual work, the parish or private apostolate.

In all these places, be you at home or at church, at school or at a hospital, everywhere your works must reflect the presence of God in you. They must be luminous. In the world, the presence of marvellous things are of no use. The sun is of no use, which rises splendid to illuminate men and things. The snow is of no use, which seems to invite men to higher innocence in thoughts, in words and in works. Wind and time is of no use, which seem to sweep away from the earth the succession of seasons and years. Flowers, the song of the birds or the darting of fish, the smashing of the waves or the roll of thunder and the flashing of lightning are of no use.

Men remain inflexible or even angry, if the elements of nature do not follow what is to their taste or according to their needs. However, before goodness which is expressed in the smile of a child, in the sweetness of the word and above all in sanctity, which is like an ensemble of every spiritual good, men are touched and believe.

What must I hope for, what must I want from you? Be holy, so that all, approaching you, can feel the duty to better themselves. It has been said to you that faith without works is dead. Therefore, you must express your holiness in good works. The Church teaches the works of mercy, basing them on that phrase of Jesus that will be the code on which you will be examined: "*I was hungry, you gave Me to eat. I was thirsty, you gave Me to drink. I was naked and you clothed Me.*"

Well then, children, embellish your days with these works. Exercise every duty, whether individual or family or social, with this sole intention of pleasing God; your life shall be luminous, light, transparent and, in approaching you, the fragrance of flowers, the goodness of God will be felt.

I bless you all, beloved children. I embrace you one by one, saying to you: be light that illuminates. The Virgin of light and Mother of mercy expects much reparation and a great love from you.

## **“I WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY, BUT NOT IN THIS WORLD”**

*February 11, 1975*

Beloved children, I am the Immaculate Conception. I am here to receive your homage. I am the Mother who wants to be celebrated, because I know that, in celebrating my glories, you will feel reinvigorated in trust and in the hope of reaching me, and you will feel a live desire to resemble me.

You have done well to invoke my Jesus as Eucharistic bread, before the recitation of the Rosary. In fact, one cannot disconnect devotion to the immaculate Mother from that of the Eucharist. And is it not always Jesus, the Son of God, who works miracles also at Lourdes? Is it not perhaps during the procession of the Most Holy Body of the Lord that many sick in soul and in body are cured?

Yes, children, that innocence which the Eucharist requires is also indispensable in order to celebrate me. That purity which is required to approach Communion, I desire for it to be possessed also by those who approach me. And it is for this that I call sinners beside me. I desire to purify them granting to them sorrow for sins, so that they can approach Him who is sanctity and purity personified. When I look at the world and I see so many sins I open my heart, in which I would like to bury completely all the evil, in order to present to Jesus victim souls, pure souls, souls who, like living monstrance's, let shine through also on the outside my Jesus.

I am the Immaculate Conception, I said to you at Lourdes, but I am so also in eternity. For all the days that pass and forever, I will present myself to the Father asking for pardon and mercy for all men, availing myself of that marvellous privilege that was granted to me through the merits of Jesus Christ. But you also, children, have these merits within reach by means of the Mass and the Sacraments, which the Church puts at the disposition of each one.

That's why I said to you that from my feast imitation must follow on. You can become so spiritually beautiful as to ravish the heart of God. You can like me become a force to ask for mercy and compassion for others. If your merits are few, Jesus clothes you with his. Do not be afraid, never let yourselves become disheartened. I give you my riches, you give me your misery and in this way you present yourselves to God.

Who was Bernadette? A humble girl. If you were to see her now walking along your roads as I saw her at the grotto, you would say that there was no other poorer or more insignificant. And yet I gave her my riches in return for her humility and her misery.

She loved me and she resembled me, and she was called to be an instrument to attract thousands and thousands of sinners to God's heart. Was Bernadette happy on earth? Happy yes in her soul, even if the physical and moral suffering never abandoned her. *“I will make you happy, but not in this world”*, I had told her. And she believed and payed her tribute of tears and sorrows so that souls would be purified.

Also to you I repeat the same words. The heavenly Mother never betrays you. On this earth one can enjoy an interior peace, that which derives from the good conscience and from the certainty that God, who sees all, will give to any suffering borne in his grace and for his

sake, a reward. But God cannot exempt anyone from sorrow, since sorrow is the compensation money for a debt contracted with Him. When sorrow enters in a family, the members of the family ought to rekindle the faith and, all united in a mutual charity, ought to help one another to carry the cross, which today like yesterday is the sign of salvation. If strength comes to be lacking in some, it is because there is not that collaboration so necessary.

I said still to Bernadette: "Prayer and penance." It is the irreplaceable duo that must continue to save the world. Pray, children! Yes, pray and make pray. Let your prayer be an invocation to God so that He may have mercy. Do not fear of exaggerating. Even if the lips are not moving, learn to raise unceasingly your thought and your affection to God.

All speak about chastisements and fear the chastisements. Few fear God and seek to take away sin and to increase their love. Children, do not let yourselves be disheartened, I repeat to you, but fear that persons who live systematically in mortal sin can be lost. Do not let yourselves be disheartened, but renew intentions of generosity and holiness, living out your Christian life in a wholesome way.

The Christian is not a lazy man, but a creature who must do violence to his evil inclinations, to his passions and even to his character, besides the defects, which sometimes, if neglected, lead to grave things. Be how Jesus wants you, not violent with the neighbour, to whom you must use charity, but with yourselves, in order to be able to bear witness that you are truly devoted to your immaculate Mother.

I bless you all one by one. Today I can say to you, as Jesus was saying to the woman with the haemorrhage: "*Who touched Me?*", since an extraordinary force had gone out of Him. Yes, dear children, a divine force the Lord has given me, whereby today you will have special helps and graces. Be trustful and strong. Overcome yourselves and always go with joy beside my Jesus, the living bread descended from Heaven.

See you again, children.

## **YOUR LENTEN FAST**

*February 12, 1975 (at Muggiò)*

Children so dear to me, peace be to you and grace. I am your immaculate Mother. I am here to multiply the value of your prayers and to encourage you to undertake Lent with a true spirit of Christian piety.

The Christian life is a continual movement towards the resurrection because it is a movement towards death. "*Every day I die a little*", the saints used to say, and this death concerned above all the defects and the evil inclinations. In a word, they wanted to make the old man die according to the invitation of Paul the apostle. You also must walk on this road in order to reclothe yourselves with the new man, with Jesus Christ, and to bear witness to Him in your life up to the day in which, presenting yourselves to the Father, each one of you will be able to say: "I am Jesus, I am the Christ."

Children, if the whole life must be spent like so in annihilating evil and in growing in good up to being transformed into Christ, much more important and effective must be this intense work during the period of preparation for holy Easter. How will you do it? From what point will you start? In a few days you will hear talk about Jesus' fast which lasted forty days. also John the Baptists' fast could be proposed to you, or that which the Anchorites once did two or three times a year; but you might say to me that not only is it no longer done, but that not even your physique would bear long drawn out penances.

That's why therefore, I want to exempt you from such fasts, even if I invite you to make those little fasts that the Church will impose on you in that time. In fact I refer you to that

Gospel passage in which Jesus, turning to his disciples, used to say: *“It is not what enters the body that contaminates it.”*

In fact, no food can harm the soul. Instead what comes out of the heart harms the soul, since evil thoughts, wicked deeds, hatreds and every kind of evil are matured in the heart.

What shall I ask you for therefore, in order to spend well the Lent that you are about to commence? A very particular mortification that regards the thoughts, the words and the affections of the heart.

Few persons realize that one can offend God also with thoughts. And I am not speaking of those sudden and constant distractions that disturb prayer, and not even of those impure thoughts that make you suffer and which are involuntary, but of those thoughts against charity which are reckless judgements, and of thoughts of envy and jealousy, which are harmful to those who have them and to those who are the object. You shall make your mind fast, putting all the might into taking away these bad things that displease God.

And the words? You have heard that the Holy Spirit says: “He who does not sin with the tongue is a perfect man”; and Jesus has said to you that also for one only useless word shall you be judged. Your Lenten fast shall be above all a supervision over the words, so that none of them can be considered bad and useless. Murmurings, slanders, criticisms and that gossiping that many persons do, are like stings to my heart and to that of God’s, and are certainly harmful to those who are its object. They are not things of little account those which many souls accuse themselves with so much superficiality, moreover, they are many times lesions to social and family peace and only serve to demolish the good name and the charity of the faithful.

Fast in this sense, children, and if you want a rule, here it is: never speak if you do not have a true need, or authority of command, about absent persons, if you must manifest defects. When love will be truly rooted in your heart, all will be easy again. May this thought help you: God and the Virgin, your Mother, love with an infinite love all men and also those whom you see defective, perhaps they see them, projected into eternity already saints in Paradise. In fact, who can assure you that he who is a sinner will remain so forever? Have there not been many who were converted in an instant and quickly have improved, so as to reach the highest summits of sanctity?

So, children, making your mind reflect on these truths, you put a brake on any sentiment that is not regulated by the commandment of God: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” With the same care that you flee and deplore the murmurings that are made in your regard, condemn those that you could do towards others.

Lent will be fruitful if you do like so, and you will see with great joy your soul reinvigorated by this threefold penance that will hold, under control, your thoughts and your words; and your actions, conducted by a loving heart, in the true sense of word will be truly holy.

Children, I bless you all. With you I bless the whole Church, the priests and all the suffering souls.

I spoke to you about Lent, moreover, I ask you for reparation for the sins of the carnival. The young especially must be protected by your prayer.

I bless this house of mine and all those who come to pray. They are spiritual helps for all and graces for each one, that I let fall on your lives.

See you again, children.

## **THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

*February 14, 1975*

Dear children, always with great joy I see you here and your thoughts and desires of good are pleasing to me. I am the Immaculate One and I wish to cultivate in you those virtues that render you like the garden of God. In the meantime, listen to some teaching that can be useful to you.

You have a mission in your life. You are continuously in contact with persons of different classes, who many times do not think perfectly like you and sometimes, rather, very differently. Well then, listen. When my Jesus sent his disciples into the world, He said among other things these words: "You enter into homes, you bring peace. To those who welcome it, give it; but if someone does not want it, let the peace return to you."

It is an invitation which I also give to you. Bring peace everywhere, with words, with example, with faith; however, if you are combated and what you give is not accepted, do not lose interior peace, remain united with the sweet Guest of souls and do not let yourselves be disturbed, since the God of peace will work, through your serenity and your prayer, with a strength very superior to yours.

Now I want to give you another teaching that concerns the days of the carnival. This seems the time of the devil's harvest and many are the sins that are committed. What should Christians do? They should repair these sins with prayer and penance. All men are sinners and all needy of graces. But how to impetrate graces, when sin makes one enemies of God and therefore unworthy of help?

Behold the necessity to perform one's own purification and that of others by means of repentance. To repent of one's sins means returning on one's steps, detesting the past and promising for the future. This is what you must do and, if the carnival must bring a note of serenity, this must derive from that superabundant life of grace that only by removing sin you possess.

In this way, like I presented my Jesus at the Temple and it was an offering pleasing to the Father, you, rendered pure by contrition, will be able with Christ, the divine and high Priest who offers himself on the altar, offer yourselves to the Father so that He may have mercy on the whole world. When beside the altar of the Lord I see you take part in the Divine Mysteries, the joy of the presentation of my Child at the Temple is renewed in my heart and, I perceive little Jesus' in each one of you, being a part of the royal priesthood that is the Church, which forms the mystical body of Christ.

Goodnight, children!

## **TO THE YOUNG**

*February 16, 1975*

Beloved children, we are united and with us is the Lord who loves all, hears all, helps all. And I am here to tell how you can best serve this God of infinite wisdom, goodness and perfection.

You have begun today holy Lent, the liturgical period that recalls the forty years spent by the Hebrews in the desert, before reaching the promised land, and you recall today the temptations which my Jesus underwent after the forty days of fasting that preceded his public life. I ought perhaps, to invite you to make some great penances in order to prepare yourselves for your lives of true Christians, since in a tomorrow you will have greater responsibilities, and above all so that you may journey towards the heavenly Jerusalem that is

awaiting all. Instead I say to you: do not do anything more than what you already do, but perform every duty with perfection.

You have duties towards God, towards the neighbour and towards yourselves. Perform these duties with that love and with that thoroughness that makes every action of yours valuable. I begin with prayer, which, parting from the heart, puts you in direct communication with Him who rules the world with his omnipotence. If besides the faith and the humility which your prayer will be saturated with, you will give to your formulas, to the posture of your body and to all that constitutes respect towards God a special importance, you will emulate the angels, who adore God and who form a circle around his throne.

If you will make a special commitment in the fulfilment of those duties that concern the neighbour; everywhere order and charity will reign, and with the passage of time, all those defects shall be avoided that negligence brings into offices, into families and into every place of work. How admirable thoroughness is, which, entering the most simple actions, makes it possible for the mind to raise itself to God and to maintain that contact of earth with Heaven, of the heart with God, of the human with the divine. The order that will be derived by a behaviour almost extraordinary, shall be the fount of peace and joy for all, since all shall be animated by the desire to be pleasing to God and to do his will. Beautiful the generation of the children of God, who, emulating one another in turn in the attainment of perfection, gladden the Mother who is always beside them as Teacher.

I bless you all, children, and calling you by name, I assure you that the most beautiful graces are reserved for you who love and listen to me. See you again!

## **AT THE BEGINNING OF LENT**

*February 16, 1975*

Beloved children, here you are serene and devout to begin Lent with me, that is, that period that prepares you for Easter. The invitations that I give to my devotees are different, and all valid to obtain abundant fruits of good, but today I wish to give to you a special invitation that will bring you consolation and joy.

Do you want to spend holy Lent with me? I will not ask you for hard or extraordinary things. You know that mothers are all particularly indulgent to their children, up to exaggerating in goodness. I therefore, shall only ask you for simple things, but you will put an extraordinary effort into obeying me.

I desire to make unity with each one of you. Do you pray? I am with you. Do you recall my apparitions at Lourdes and in many other localities? Bernadette, Marietta, Lucy and Jacinta used to pray, and I was there and I prayed with them. I ran the beads of the Rosary between the fingers and I made their thoughts and desires mine. I want to do the same with you. You must feel me close, listen to the beating of my heart and think with what joy I gather from your minds, from your hearts and from your lips the gift of love of your prayer.

Many prayers are lost because they lack soul, they are like the sounds that are lost in the air and which have no meaning. Lent must be a call to true prayer, and I will be near you, I will keep your hands closed between mine and I will call you back to greater attention, when I perceive your mind to wander far away.

I speak to you almost every day by means of this instrument of mine. But what sorrow for a Mother when she is not listened to by her own children! There are some who when the Mother speaks turn their backs on her, others who laugh, others who listen and then do not do what the Mother desires. What pain, what suffering! I speak to you and I have the joy of seeing you desirous and assiduous, but then quickly you forget what you have heard and therefore the practise of what I desire becomes difficult.

What shall you do in this period of preparation? I desire for you to dedicate to me one quarter hour every day to read again at least a passage of what has been said to you. Read it out aloud and it will seem to you of hearing it repeated by my same voice. Then I will help you to understand it and I will use your good will to transform you. It is a little thing, and I know that, busy as you are with material preoccupations, it can cost you sacrifice. But do it willingly.

Were you to know how many lapsed persons envy you this gift of the divine word! Perhaps, if they were in your place, they would rejoice and grow in sanctity. Out of gratitude, treasure what I am telling you. The eternal Word of the Father is his Son who, making himself Man, taught men to live by this Word. Jesus in fact, the living Word, made himself food in the Eucharist and taught to all that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God. In these lessons and in the readings that you will make of them, you will learn to savour the things of God so as to make them become your life.

Now I ask you for a third thing. You must sanctify your works, your employment. Some works are directed to yourselves, that is, they are for your personal benefit, others are in favour of the brethren. You will perform everything in harmony with me, so that all that you do may be pleasing to God and blessed by Him. How many persons work cursing the toil! How many work only for a material advantage, whereby, if the former shall not have a right to a reward since unworthy is their mode of working, to the latter, God, remunerator of every toil, shall have to say: You have received your pay.

That's why I desire to work with you and, giving you the joy of sacrifice, I also want to teach you to do so that in all that you do it may bring benefit to the family and to society. In this war, with love and accord, with your hand in my hand, we shall go to meet the Lord. We will walk in the way of sanctity and you will not be a burden to anyone, rather, all will draw benefits from your way of living.

Dear children, does it not seem strange to you that in a world so diverse and so hard, I speak to you with so much simplicity, spurring you on to good with so much love. The cenacles are those beneficial oases destined to vivify and renew the faith of the people of God. All will live in this way one day: united by a holy bond which, held by the hand of God, will bind all his children between them and with Him. Rekindle the hope and beseech the Father, so that his desires which are also mine may be accomplished.

I bless you one by one, embracing you. See you again, children, more and more faithful and generous.

## **THE NECESSITY FOR PARDON**

*February 18, 1975*

Beloved children, dear sons of God, may there be in your hearts that peace which is tranquillity of conscience, serenity and joy. I am with you. I am your Mother and your guide.

Today we will continue to see what you can do to make Lent truly efficacious as a preparation towards your encounter with the Lord. You have heard the authoritative word of the Pontiff announce the Jubilee Year as a year of general reconciliation, and I desire to really make you reflect on the necessity for mutual forgiveness. Mutual forgiveness is an indispensable thing, to which God's pardon is tied for the sins that each one commits.

When you assisted at the catechism lessons in preparation for first Confession and Communion, the rules were taught to you. Moreover, at the examination of conscience, at the sorrow for sins and at the proposal of no sinning no more, to which follows the accusation of



the sins that you must make to the confessor, it would be necessary to put forward the question: Am I in peace with my neighbour? Have I forgiven the offences that have been done to me?, if one does not want to run the risk of seeing void the confession and, still again, if one does not want to return from the confessional with an extra sin, to which one can add an endless series.

I know that for you it is so hard to forgive, even if the offences that you receive are not a great thing. But Jesus spoke to you very clearly: *“If anyone is about to go to the altar to bring his offering and notices that his brother has something against him, let him leave the offering, go first to be reconciled, then he shall return to the altar.”* If then you see the example that Jesus has given to us from the top of the cross, you can be sure that it is not impossible to forgive.

*“If you will not forgive, you will not be forgiven”*, the divine Teacher said again. But tell me, what must you forgive? There are involuntary offences, there are things that, blown up, appear as enormous; and yet these same offences perhaps you have done them to others and have demanded an immediate pardon. It is true that there can be in men much wickedness also, whereby some can seriously harm you, but tell me: who brought more harm to my heart when they took away from me my Son, the most beautiful, the most holy and the most good of all? And who continually makes my heart suffer? Are you not all sinners? And is not every sin a knife thrust to my maternal heart? And yet, I forgive everyone, I love everyone.

If our example is worthless, how can you declare yourselves Christians? How beautiful it is, to see children who, acknowledging themselves guilty, humble themselves and try to re-establish order! It is also true that sometimes on your part you make every attempt for agreement and you find an inaccessible wall, but I would like for your hearts at least to be constantly disposed to resume good terms. If then you perceive that the friendships with some persons are morally and spiritually harmful to the family, though keeping a certain reserve, do not let your prayer be lacking and invoke for those whom you consider enemies, light and grace and every good. In that way one can also arrive at heroism.

But listen again what Jesus says: *“If you love those who love you, what merit have you? The pagans also do this. Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”* I beg you therefore, to examine a little your interior, to revise your social and family relationships so that, if there were some modification to be carried out, all may be straightened out. *“If you love Me, observe my Commandments”*, Jesus said again, and you cannot think that when God commanded love of neighbour, He meant to love only the good.

*“Do not let the sun set on your anger”*, the Lord says to you again. Whatever may be the offence received or given, do not stay too long to think about right or wrong, and do not take into account even the post that you occupy. Try to move the waters by arousing a dialogue that reasons and be prompt in recognizing your mistakes. When one wants to sow seed in gardens and orchards in spring, the soil is firmed, so that it is not heaped up and the seed can penetrate. The peace that you decide to give to all, is exactly firming the soil; after that it will be easy to understand and to be understood.

There is a sign in the Liturgy which right from the early times of the Church was significant and promoted concord and that mutual giving in the understanding of the needs of others. It is the gift of peace that you do before approaching the altar. Behave so that this gesture may not become a joke, but reflects internal affection. You must deny it to no one and, if you know that some person has something against you, place yourself alongside her and accompany the shaking of the hand with a beautiful smile. May peace, concord and love gladden your families, in the good friendships you can find that precious treasure which the Holy Spirit speaks about.

I bless you and I embrace you in the sign of peace.



## **THE LOSS AND THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

*February 21, 1975*

My children, why not address a greeting and a word to you while with so much sacrifice you dedicate yourselves to me? I desire to give you my maternal embrace in order to make you understand how much love is enclosed in my heart.

I love God as Father, I love Jesus as firstborn Son and I love you all like children of preference. I love all men of earth, whom I would like pressed around me in order to be able to give them as gift the most beautiful graces. You are the lucky ones who can understand the fire that devours me and you can enjoy my tenderness.

Jesus, the Word of God, is in your heart and this evening I desire to make you understand the preciousness of the word, as I speak to you about Him, the living Word. Speech is an immense gift; understood also in the human sense, it is something of the sacred. Just as it serves to manifest the internal sentiments and to unite hearts, so Jesus, the incarnate Word, willed to manifest his love making himself flesh, and communicates himself and unites all men with his divine teachings.

Unfortunately, just as human speech can be disfigured polluting it with all that degrades it, like blasphemy, obscene talk, murmuring, slander and wicked or useless words, so one can bring harm to the eternal Word, who is Jesus, by sowing his doctrines with errors and with those very frequent sacrileges that are summarized in this phrase: to tear apart the body of the Lord.

In this way, my children, while with sin one loses the Lord, sweet Guest of souls, by neglecting and wasting the divine Word one loses the truth. You have understood why through this reasoning I have led you to these consequences. I want to recall to you the loss of Jesus in the Temple and his finding. It is necessary to back peddle in order to bring Jesus again into souls. It is necessary to learn to use the tongue in a perfect way, without disfiguring anything, with that respect that befits the works of God.

Do you feel sorry for the dumb? Well then, it is better to be dumb than to use the gifts of God to offend Him and neighbour. In the same way it is necessary for you to learn to speak the Word of God, like my Jesus learned to speak it on those three painful days in which we sought Him. You must be like loudspeakers, which repeat with a loud voice what the Lord in the silence of your heart teaches you.

I have said to you at other times: learn to be quiet, and it is right, when the temptation to speak is that of putting your values on show or to denigrate others who do not possess them; but never repent of having spoken to defend the truth, to spread good, to give comfort to those who weep or to make those who might have lost God find Him again.

I bless you all and I give you consolation. You also do likewise and invoke mentally the celestial blessings on all those who are near to you, even if they make you suffer. They are the blessings worth the most and they give consolation to the heart of Jesus and mine. I help you all, know that, and be convinced that I love everyone in the same way with a measure that has no equal.

Goodnight, my little children. See you again.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*February 22, 1975*

Beloved children, how much pleasure your visit gives me! I am the Mother of Divine Love, Mother of Jesus and yours. I desire to communicate my love to you and make you know how great God's love is for you and for all men. I have chosen this house in order to

make my encounters with my children easier. In a home there is the mother and there is the father. Here there is myself and there is my Jesus who communicates with the souls of his children. Thank you for having come to listen to us.

Now I want to invite you to spend Lent in the best way, in order to be able to welcome also into your homes my Jesus and me.

You have made many sacrifices to come here: well then, validate them. When you make your pilgrimages, make them in a spirit of penance in order to repair those rebellions to pain that are so frequent and so harmful in the world.

Learn to accept, to offer up and ask for sorrow as the means of salvation. My Jesus suffered for all men of the whole earth and of all times, but, to incorporate yourselves in the mystery of the redemption, you must do your part, give your contribution. This I ask of you, so that a mantle of protection can be put over the world.

Dear children, yes, pray and put soul into your prayer, put love and validate it with suffering, which is a coin of incomparable value. However, have the presence to pray and suffer in the grace of God, if you want everything to avail for eternal life. He who does not possess the grace of God is like a branch detached from the trunk. How can the sap circulate in detached branches?

Children, be good and love everyone, also those who do you harm, so that the Jubilee Year that you are going through may bring that general reconciliation hoped for by the Pontiff and by all. Be quicker to see the good than the evil and bring everywhere, with your example, that harmony which serves to unite hearts among themselves and with God.

I bless you all, embracing you one by one. When you return to your homes, you will be like the yeast that will make the mass ferment. Bring my blessing to those whom you love and say to all that the Queen of Heaven loves and is near to all. See you again and with more renewed fervour.

## **CONTRASTING REALITIES**

*February 23, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you. I am your Mother, always desirous to help you.

I am here to invite you to see life in its reality, with all its vicissitudes and with all its temptations, on one side, and from the other, with all its graces and with all the hopes that by means of faith it presents you. The devil on one side and Jesus on the other, human life and divine life, earth and Heaven: they are conflicting things that must lead you to a choice and must make you decide for a life of sorrow or of eternal happiness.

The Law of God is in clear contrast with the law of Satan. While the Law of God invites you to love one God alone, Him who has created the world, the law of Satan wants you idolatrous; and of every object, of every desire and of every affection wants that you turn it into an idol. If God wants you to respect the family ties, the devil will want for them to be broken. If God wants sanctity and the indissolubility of marriage, the devil wants divorce and division. If God wants the respect of human life right from the first moment of conception, Satan will teach to practise homicide under different forms, also out of compassion. In this way, if God commands respect for the property of others, the evil one will teach to boycott, to destroy and to appropriate the goods of others. I do not say how much then he works to destroy that chastity which is like the emblem of Christianity, whereby man keeps his dignity and uses his body as a means of sanctity.

It is all a battle of the prince of darkness against the Son of God, in his redeemed. So the world lives out terrible times and men, blinded by error, by pride and by vainglory, pretend to

compete with God and to be similar or superior to Him, repeating the senseless gesture of the rebel angels and that of our progenitors.

Jesus, the divine Teacher, living our life in the world, knowing its temptations also, taught us the way to overcome them. Did He not say that one needed to pray without interruption? And He gave us an example of it, since He prayed continuously and as man He turned to the Father, from whom He invoked help and protection.

The gravest error of modern men is that of feeling themselves on the same level as God, almost as if God ought to accept the laws, the customs, the human requirements and to adapt himself to them. One does not consider that the distance between God and his creatures is infinite, whereby, if He in his mercy and goodness without end permits men to communicate with Him, they must constantly keep themselves little and humble before Him, and they must not use that arrogance that not even you would permit your children to use against yourselves.

God is immense and the whole world is not enough to receive Him, so nobody eludes his gaze and his power. He observes the public and private life of every individual as if he were alone in the world. God watches over each one and wants to bring all to salvation. He grants to each one the liberty to act, by choosing good or evil. He does not stand threatening over those who err, but calls all back with infinite love. Knowing however, how fragile the human will is and how strong the temptations are, He allows the extraordinary to intervene in the life of many. He does in that way let see a glimpse of Paradise and the place of perennial joy.

Today the Church recalls to you the transfiguration of Jesus on Mt: Tabor. Not by accident does she recall to you this event, since, after the temptation of Jesus in which we have seen the man, it was natural we ought to consider Him as God. After having seen the diabolical cunning, it is beautiful to see the figure of the Son of God who, opening a strip of Heaven, shows to the apostles and also to us his infinite glory. Glory to which tend all those who, combating the law of Satan that the world accepts, follow the Law of God.

What is left for me to tell you, children? Open the heart to hope. Never let yourselves be disheartened in the present distress. All has an end, except merit, which remains as a moment of glory reserved for your sufferings. The devil can work around you and keep you in his coils, but he cannot compel you to do evil. This is very beautiful: which in spite of all the temptations, dangers and difficulties, the grace that embellishes your soul cannot be destroyed, unless you want it.

In this way all those sons and those daughters are encouraged which certain situations compel to live in danger. Let them pray, and I will be at their side. If it is true that he who loves danger perishes in it, certainly he who suffers for the dangers from which he is surrounded, is not only helped but gains merits.

I bless you all, children. I bless the religious, present also spiritually, and the priests who at the same time as you promote hours of prayer. I would like to name you all, but it is not possible. Your name is written in my heart in Heaven. See you again!

## **TO LEARN, TO PRACTISE AND TO TEACH**

*February 25, 1975*

Beloved children, here I am with you to give you the joy of my love and the preciousness of the divine teachings. Be assured, my children, that the time that you spend here is not wasted, but it is spent better, so there is nothing for me but to encourage you to be assiduous and to predispose everything in your home, so that you may be able to come serenely to spend this period of time in prayer.

Today I want to teach you the way with which to render your apostolate more fruitful, especially that of the word. The life of man is like divided into three periods: that in which one learns, that in which one practises what one has learned, and that in which one teaches

what one has learned. Even if sometimes, simultaneously one receives and one gives, generally there is a period dedicated to learning. You could say to me that you have passed the first period, but I persist, saying to you that you still have much to learn and to grow in virtue to truly give efficacy to your teaching.

I said to you one day that you ought to be teachers, on another day I wished you to be all prophets, on another still to be all saints. Now I repeat these invitations to you, which must not and cannot be dead words. However, so that you may be able to do some good to all teaching, it is necessary for you to live out in yourselves those teachings that you receive. Jesus spoke of being the only Teacher; if however you live his life, you let Him act in you. Only then can you too be teachers. No one can give what he does not have.

The truth must be assimilated, savoured, loved; then it becomes life. When as children you used to go to school, who was the teacher that was able to make you understand certain theories best? The one who with a confident voice and word knew how to bring them alive to you. You speak. If with the word you add conviction, your experience, your example, your word become efficacious. It is like a light that shines, that amazes and attracts.

Many sermons remain ineffective because they are not a reproduction of a lived life, but are like loose bells that ring. What is the worth, for example, for a mother to say to her children to go to Mass, when she believes to be exonerated by the multiple duties to be carried out? What is the worth for a mother to invite the children to be sincere when she gives continual examples of falsehood? In the same way, what is the worth for her to preach the fulfilment of one's duties when she neglects them? Men are eternal little children who live by imitation. What will they be able to imitate in those who live an insipid life, without fear of God and without love of neighbour?

I repeat, children: you come here to learn. And just as the mother takes her child by the hand so that he may learn to walk, and like she helps her children to follow the homework assigned by the teacher, so I guide you and I train you in all that life offers you, so that you may learn to sort yourselves out in your necessities. Then, you also accustom others. No one is born a teacher, and Jesus himself, though being the Son of God and as such wise and omniscient, willed to entrust himself to his creatures in order to learn. In fact, from Joseph He learned the skill of the carpenter and from me learned to read and to write. How beautiful to possess the divine virtue of humility, whereby one feels continuously the need to turn to others to have help and consider others superior to themselves. What great harmony is created everywhere!

My children, our Jesus must truly inspire you in all; first of all, so that you may be able to ascend deep into the things of Heaven that He wishes to teach you, then to have the capacity and the strength to communicate to others what you have learned. It will be this virtue that will make you know how you must respect the personalities of others, how you must be capable of listening and, where there is no sin, to learn to share the way of thinking of others. It is all a labour that requires a desire for peace and harmony, which must make you act and bring forward a discourse composed of the human and the divine.

Children, your call to the apostolate is not a fatuous thing that must give you useless enthusiasm which develops into fanaticism. No, it must be a conscious choice that calls you continuously to act well, honestly, in conformity with the Law and the will of God.

There are persons here present, come for the first time in this place. Well then, they must draw not only from me, but also from all the others, that capacity for long-suffering, that true faith, consistent, made of prayers and works, whereby they too will become apostles of good.

It is a school that is communicated and that is propagated, and the aim is always that: to learn, to practise and to teach, which is equivalent to spreading. I thank you, if you listen to me with love and humility. I fill you with graces and blessings.

I bless you all one by one. See you again, children.

## **HE ALWAYS ASKS FOR LOVE**

*February 28, 1975 (in a church)*

Beloved children, with great love and with ever new hopes I come to communicate with you, to tell you my desires and to hear what you desire from me. I desire your holiness and, while you are going through Lent, I want for you to give to your days that divine imprint which alone is worthwhile.

You have seen good persons employ themselves in the cleaning of this Church, and you have seen with what love they passed their dusters on every point of the altar and the altar rails. If to these persons were lacking the energy, the goodwill and above all the love, this work, even though attracting the admiration of the parishioners, of the priests and visitors, would remain a dead work. So it is with all that happens in the world.

The moving force that validates every action is the love of God that is transmuted into love of neighbour. At this point you can say that the Lord has no need of works and not even of words, but He has need of love. This is the vocation of the Christian, who cannot fall short without running the risk of being lost.

Do you recall Jesus near the well of Sichem, who asked the Samaritan women for drink? He certainly was not asking for water, but for love. In the same way, from the top of the cross, and every time that He speaks to you by means of good inspirations or by means of his Word, which comes to you through Sacred Scripture or the preaching by the ministers of God, He always asks for love. So, when He makes himself a beggar of love, Jesus asks to accept the suffering and to do his will.

Suffering however, remember it well, is not an end in itself, but it is a demonstration of love, since God does not want suffering, which is the consequence of sin, but He wants by accepting what human life carries with it and putting up with everything for the sake of love, for one to say to Him: Lord, I love you. Besides, like children give to their affection to the mother. Do they not perhaps say: Mother, I love you, therefore, I obey, I help you, I give you consolation?

This is the true way of loving: to learn to accept the will of whom one loves. In this way, if you animate every moment of the day with so many acts of love, you establish a real bond between yourselves and those who have already reached the homeland, between yourselves and the saints of Heaven. It is beautiful to bring forward that day which ought to be for all the most desired.

There are many who, at the thought of death, tremble and flee from it. Almost as if they would like, if it were possible, to live eternally on earth, renouncing also to see God, who is beauty and infinite joy. They prefer to live in the midst of so many crosses on earth, rather than reach Heaven. They give me pain, because they show that they do not love either God, or their kin who preceded them. This is a fear, drunk with materialism and selfishness.

May you not be like so. Keep your mind fixed on the heavenly Jerusalem and, if it is not possible for you to sing every day because some worries depress you, learn at least to broaden your views; learn to see the others who suffer also more than you, and help them with your love. When you perform an act of kindness and goodness to those who suffer, you place a flower on my heart and I return it with a smile. Never shut yourselves up when sorrow wounds your heart, since your sadness could generate a general unrest and cause problems without end. Be serene, children, and if with your suffering you wish to give consolation also to me, bless your sufferings and those who are the cause, just as I blessed God the Father in unheard of sufferings.

Children, Easter must mark for all a resurrection, especially for your children who, living in sin, are like dead for me and also for themselves, since they cannot gain any merit for the eternal life. Pray and offer up your tears for them. Learn above all, to love. Let your acts of

love be a continual recall to God for their salvation. How much joy shall be for you and for my heart, if the Easter day of your loved ones gathered as in a beautiful unity around the table, will be able to repeat the encounter that previously occurred before the altar of the Lord.

I bless you all, my children. Speak about me to your little children, to your loved ones and say to them that the heavenly Mother wants them all to be good.

## **THE PRAYER OF JESUS IN THE GARDEN**

*February 28, 1975*

My children, thank you for what you are doing and for what you will continue to do in this blessed house. I am beside you and I bless you.

I must speak to you about the prayer of Jesus in the Garden, and this sorrowful mystery is well suited for what happens in the world. As Jesus was agonising, a twofold picture was presented to his gaze: the first, formed by those Pharisees who, showing themselves dutiful to the Law, covered their pride and attachment to their person with the cloak of penance. The second picture, that of the apostles, who though having known Jesus and having seen his miracles, did not have the courage to stand beside Him in the most sorrowful moments of his mortal life and fell asleep.

Still in the world there continues to be Pharisees and the reckless who conceal evil under the semblance of good, or even do not want to recognize the evil and mix everything up. Others, declaring that it is impossible to live a Christian life, sin with great shamelessness and without restraint. But there are still those who sleep and who moreover, not only do not try to prevent the evil though feeling themselves suffocated, do not even feel the duty to take into account the grave necessities of the moment and the dangers which the Church is encountering.

Jesus still sweats blood and does not find anyone to watch with Him to give Him consolation. That's why your work, in its littleness, is very appreciated by my maternal heart. You go about with little material means to make those who are lapsed reflect and to awaken the sleepers. Yours however, would be a purely manual work, if you did not permeate it with love.

Close to Jesus agonising came an angel and he gave Him a chalice. Jesus was comforted, He understood and accepted to drink up to the dregs the bitter chalice of sorrow. You shall take on the part of the angel and the comfort that you will give Jesus will be great, since you will quench Him from that thirst of love that is not extinguished except with love. Your little sacrifice will become great, because it will be Jesus himself who will unite it to his.

On the night of the betrayal, I also watched in prayer, though far away, and I felt reverberate in my heart the sighs and the sorrows of my Son. Every day that passes, the passion is performed more acute and more dreadful. From the prayer in the Garden to the Crucifixion it is a repeating of acts which, if they are no longer cruel, are not certainly less than those performed by an ungrateful people two thousand years ago. Yours is the task of awakening the sleepers, nonstop. Awake them with all that is in your power, but above all by loving. Let your acts of love be those fiery darts that arrive as entreaties for mercy, help and grace for all.

And now I bless you all. The name does not matter, I help you all! I bless your families and the persons whom you commend to me. I help you according the duties and the divers commitments that you have. Have trust. If gratitude is a virtue so dear to God, do you want for my Jesus and myself not to have to repay you for what you do?

Goodnight, children.

## TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS

March 1, 1975

Children so dear to me, peace and grace to you and every good. See, I receive you in my arms and I place you on my heart.

A short time ago you received Jesus in your heart and made yourselves one with Him. Now, just as I love Him, I love you too, since He is the firstborn of all children. He is the head and you are the limbs.

How must you live your earthly life in order to be worthy of my Jesus? You must resemble Him as much as possible, so that I may be able mistake you for Him. What must you do with your life? A precious gift to the Father for the salvation of all men, like my Jesus did. You must therefore, love pain as Jesus loved it and have a great love for souls.

There are many children who like the prodigal son have abandoned the paternal home and have preferred to feed themselves on acorns, and to go and pasture the swine rather than live beside the Father.

You must call these children back with your prayer, with sacrifice and with love. You must never lose trust, just as I do not lose it. Remember the father of the prodigal son with what trusting hope was waiting for him? In the same way I wait for all sinners to return to the house of God and to my heart, and so must you wait. Nothing is impossible for God and, if He can do miracles in the order of physical health, much more He wants and can do for spiritual health.

It is necessary to have faith and not let oneself be disheartened. It is necessary to persevere and, if necessary, one must pay. Oh! yes, children, say too: Lord, here is my life to you, but for all my loved ones, for sinners to return to you.

I bless you all, children, and while I thank you for having come to pay me a visit here, I invite you to bring me others, many others. Coming to pray in this house, they will return fervent and good to their towns and they will sow the good word of God that transforms souls. I bless your families and your nation.

See you again, children. May the Lord be with you now and always.

## TO THE YOUNG

March 2, 1975

Beloved children, peace, much peace be in your hearts, and be bearers of peace everywhere. Peace is the fruit of God's grace, and I who am the Mother of Divine Grace, desire to enrich you with this gift through which you can spread everywhere.

How will you be able to give grace to your brethren? Look, I turn again to the page of the Gospel that will be read to you today. It is the call of the Samaritan woman, having taken place at Jacob's well. It is Jesus himself who, revealing to this woman the state of her conscience, makes her reflect. From the reflection, she understands the futility of her life, she acknowledges her sins and asks Jesus for that mysterious water, the drinking of which she will no longer have thirst.

The Samaritan woman in this way, passes from reflection to sorrow, from sorrow to love and love will be that mysterious water which will move her towards the conquest of souls. "*If you knew the gift of God and Him who speaks to you*", Jesus had said to her. You come here because you have understood the gift of God, that is, how valuable a life of grace is, and you want to deepen the knowledge of that Messiah who wants the salvation of all. The more you penetrate deeply the divine truths and make them become the life of your soul, the more you will feel a fire inside you that will make you desire to communicate the gift of God to others.

That's why I will never tire of telling you: live in the grace of God and grow continuously in this life of God. You must reach the mature age, the stature of my Son. You must be for all true witnesses of that Christ, the high Priest, who unites men to God. Do you not form that royal priesthood? Are you not those living stones that comprise the Church? This is still your task: to spread life, calling back to the heart of Christ and mine, those who ignore the joy and the peace that comes from knowledge of us.

I bless you all, children. See you all again. Be always fervent and numerous.

## **THE WATER THAT QUENCHES**

*March 2, 1975*

Beloved children, today I wish to give you a gift and a special promise. I am the Queen of Heaven, and the sun, the stars, the moon, are only used as symbols to tell you, with the greatness of God, also the power and the glory with which He has willed to surround me.

Every day, at the rising of the sun and every evening, when the moon and the stars appear in heaven, I would like your mind to be united with mine to celebrate the glory of God. I invite you therefore, to address to me that greeting so pleasing to me, which is the "Hail Mary", exactly for this intention. I promise you that I will respond to your greeting with a "good morning" and a "goodnight" that will be not only an omen, but a reality. I will grant you a good day, which you will spend serenely in the fulfilment of your duties and, if regrettable things should happen to you, I will give you peace and strength to overcome them. Also the night I will make serene for you and, if insomnia were to distress you, I will make you see it as a gift, through which you can communicate with God.

I am near to you, children, and I would like to fill you with serenity, with strength and with courage. I would like to give you many, many thanks, all those that I, if I were in your place, would like to ask God for. Have faith and learn to ask. Your voice never goes unheeded. If there are in the world blind men who do not wish to see or deaf men who do not wish to hear, the Lord is certainly not like that; rather, you can say that all of Paradise is striving to see and listen to your needs and your invocations of help.

But let us see about reflecting for a moment on the page of today's Gospel. It speaks about the Samaritan woman and shows us Jesus, seating on the edge of Jacob's well, waiting for her. Jesus asks for a drink, and the woman would like to refuse Him the water in the name of that enmity which existed between Samaritans and Jews.

It seems to me that each one of you could see yourselves pictured in the Samaritan woman. Jesus asks for water from everyone. Sometimes they are the tears of repentance of one's sins, sometimes they are the tears of sorrow for the sufferings that poison life daily, and sometimes it is the glass of water of love offered to God and given to the brethren. But more than often Jesus receives a triple refusal. Only an easy life is understood and having erred is not acknowledged.

And yet, all of Christian asceticism is but an invitation to acknowledge oneself as sinner. It is impossible to build without putting down the foundations, it is impossible to lift oneself up to God to do any work of true apostolate without acknowledging one's nothingness and without invoking God's help. Reflecting certainly does not mean letting oneself be disheartened, but to see clearly, and to say with sincerity that "pray for us sinners" which the Church joins to the greeting addressed to me, and which is like a force of attraction that brings God towards men.

Not denying a sip of water to Jesus means to love Him, since He only desires love. Moreover, the Samaritan woman gives to you a marvellous example. She listens to the words of Jesus and runs to call the brethren. "Come, she says, He has guessed everything about me,



He is probably the Saviour”, and the people go to Jesus. He speaks to them about eternal truths, He performs miracles and they believe. *“We ourselves have gone and have believed because we have seen, more than for what the woman has told us.”*

It seems to me that you must do likewise. You come here and discover the beauty of the faith and Christian practice, then you go and communicate to others. Blessed they if, willing to personally see, come. Here Jesus acts directly, I act. Everything becomes easier. You bring the water that Jesus gives you, which I give you, that which truly quenches. Whoever accepts to drink it, feels no longer other desires. Are you not convinced? And yet, how many times have you said that here it is a little of Paradise and have preferred long prayers to enjoyment and rest. You no longer count the sacrifices, if you accept this miraculous water.

But the water of Jesus are also the Sacraments. Oh, how much need there is in the world, in the Church, for these channels of grace that are the Sacraments! And for good reason you must invite and urge your loved ones to want to use them. The Sacraments are the medicine of the soul and often times also of the body. All those who are depressed, anguished and disturbed by nervousness that makes them bad ought to understand, that the Sacraments are the best sedative as long as received with the due dispositions.

And now, children, with the best wishes, confirmed by my blessing, I embrace you.

See you again, children. The thrice holy God blesses you.

## SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD

*March 4, 1975*

Beloved children, I am with you, I am your Mother. I truly desire to give you the most beautiful graces, and it is for this that I want to put you on your guard against a great danger of not being heard. You know how much I feel for the health of your soul, whereupon my help is to be understood above all in this sense. I desire to smooth out the road for you, so that you may more easily achieve that sanctity which is the reason for your existence. But I must also open your eyes, so that you are able to reach out constantly to Paradise.

Unfortunately the greater part of Christians have only earthly desires. All want to be healthy, possibly rich, and not have difficulties and worries. What happens therefore? That, when you ask, you are in disagreement not only with me, but also with the Lord, who wants to give you all that is useful for eternal salvation. So, not being heard in your requests, many times you lose courage and let yourselves be depressed.

How much more grace you would possess, if you were to put spiritual graces first. *“Seek in the first place the Kingdom of God and his justice, all the rest will be given to you as well.”* When you come here, examine your state of conscience well. See a little what is lacking to you, what Jesus desires from you, what you would like to offer the Mother of Heaven, and leave all the rest aside. You will see that the Lord, who is infinite providence, knows how to meet you and to understand you and will grant to you what is good for you.

Also for others you must do likewise. There are many sick who languish in a bed, and you ask health for them. No, ask for the grace that they learn to understand the value of suffering, that they suffer in the grace of God and, if the last hour has arrived for them, that they be prepared for their encounter with the Lord. This is true charity, even if you can reach their souls through the body, that is, making them feel that goodness that God has put in your heart.

No act of goodness remains without a reward, as long as the intention that accompanies it is right. Not the praise of men, not their esteem, not your glory, but God must triumph in all. Only in this way He works and arouses, in those who enjoy your goodness, thoughts of

Heaven and of conversion. Let this period of Lent be sanctified in this way, and you can in that way truly grow and blossom.

I give you another counsel, on which one can never insist enough. The world is standing, children, because God in his infinite goodness continually forgives. He sees the evil and detests it, He sees the sinners and pities them and calls them back. This behaviour of God, realized by means of Jesus Christ, must also be yours. To see evil, to detest it and to repair it through the continual offering of the blood of Jesus, moreover, to have much mercy for those who err.

With this invitation, I not only intend to urge you to have a complete and sincere pardon towards those who offend God, obtaining for them mercy also with your sorrow, but also to request you to learn to forgive for the sake of God those who offend you. If one does not reach total forgiving, one does not love and one does not live a true Christian life. When sick or suffering persons await your work of mercy, do not let yourselves be overcome, do not fear of giving too much. Do it out of love and forget what your point of view might be. You love, forgive, and I do like you and I heal the spirit.

I bless you and I help you all, my children, and while I will accompany you and assist with you at the Holy Sacrifice, I will intercede for you all those graces that you will ask for.

See you again, children, and so much peace.

## **THE SCOURGING OF JESUS**

*March 7, 1975*

My children, be always good, always hard-working, always generous like so. I look at you, as you run between your hands my gifts and yours, and I bless every gesture of yours. If these little actions are worthy of reward and merit my smile, consider what the prize will be destined for those who spend and will spend their whole life to make me known and loved. Now I bless you. One day I shall be all for you, as you shall be all mine in God.

Children, this evening I must speak to you however, about the greatest suffering of Jesus who, beaten badly, was mangled in his most holy body by the beatings which various soldiers, alternating in order to have more strength and more cruelty, inflicted on Him. That body which had only known virtue and which I had given Him and which was always immaculate, was the object of opprobrium and carnage. I felt those beatings reverberate in my heart, and willingly I would have submitted my body to that destruction to spare my Son such sufferings.

But listen to me. Today like yesterday and like always, the scourging is repeated. The Most Holy Eucharist, the immaculate body of Christ, undergoes the most horrendous contempt. The most horrendous sacrileges scourge Him and tear his flesh to pieces. The Eucharist is used for black Masses, diabolical Masses. Consecrated hosts are thrown away and trampled on almost as if they were unclean things. The Eucharist is received without preparation, without Confession, without sorrow for sins and the betrayal of Judas is repeated with a fickleness without measure.

Moreover, there is another scourging that tears the limbs of his mystical body. It is the scandal, which corrupting the innocence, hinders my children from living the life of my Jesus. They are the persecutions, which in many parts of the world keep on separating peoples and nations from my Jesus. It is a continued scourging the one which materialism keeps spreading, since it prevents my children, who were created for Paradise, to enjoy the fruits of the redemption and to reach their purpose.

What ought you do, dear children, before a spectacle which, if you were able to see it with God's eyes, would give you terror? This is my desire: in the memory of the very sorrowful mystery of the scourging, promise that the body and the blood of Jesus will never be wasted

by you. You will seek to make your Communion holier and holier, whereby, from one heart to heart encounter with the next, you will try to be better. In this way that little respect that you might have had up to now shall be repaired, and you will improve spiritually.

Never let it be that you give a bad example to any little child who might come near you, remembering what Jesus said: "It is better to put a millstone around your neck and cast yourself into the sea, rather than scandalize a little one."

Persecution is a deplorable fact and it is at the same time continuous; therefore, do not forget those who suffer the violation of liberty and respect due to each man. Pray for the persecuted and for those who persecute. If the blood of martyrs is seed for new Christians, you must not fear for the Christian faith, but you must intercede for all the strength to confront death rather than fall short to their fidelity to God. The times are becoming more and more gloomy. Pray, children, so that your faith may be made robust more and more and you are able to feel yourselves prepared for any event.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*March 8, 1975*

My children, peace be to you. I enjoy seeing you again in this house. You come to pay a visit to your Mother and I truly welcome you, thanking the Lord for you to preserve this devotion to you which brings you to my feet.

Yes, children, come to draw strength, trust and great charity from Her who can help you. You will leave from this place with a supply of that spirituality with which I will bathe you, so powerful, as to be able to transform your families, parishes and cities.

Yes, children, the world needs to see your transformations in order to believe what you believe. The faith is no longer spread with the word alone, but with the example of a holy life and with works, which complete and vivify your faith.

I wish to leave you a special remembrance of this meeting. See me travelling with you, see me in your homes. I never want to abandon you. If you love me, make me loved. Speak to your little children about me. Bring them near to my altars and say to them that there is a Mother who loves them very much more than you.

If you will recite the Rosary in your homes and call other persons to pray with you, I will give you special signs of my presence. Yes, form family cenacles of prayer. It is necessary for men to be converted and for mercy and compassion to be asked for the world. Listen to me, you who love me!

I bless you all. I bless the priest who acted as your spiritual guide in this pilgrimage. I bless the religious and I press you one by one to my heart.

I bless all your children, especially those sick in spirit and all those whom you carry in the heart.

## **LEARN TO MANIFEST YOUR FAITH**

*March 9, 1975*

Beloved children, let there be so much joy in your heart, since Paradise is not far from you. Oh, if for an instant you were able to see what you are surrounded with! There are myriads of angels who, making a wreath around me, are united to you and pray for you; they are your holy protectors who invoke me in your favour; and they are immense benefits, which descend like a sweet dew on your souls to make them fertile with marvellous fruits.

Beautiful this family! Sweet these encounters, rich with sacrifices and with love, rich with goodwill and with good. I look at you all and, even if each one has his own age and features, I see you all like my little children, already projected into eternity to enjoy my company.

Children, what a great gift is faith! And how much to be pitied are those who through neglect or through bad will reject it. Faith is like the mysterious key that opens the door of Heaven, after having revealed to souls the divine truths, which are the secrets of God. Be ready to lose all, but not this precious gift. The all of which I speak to you, are like fleeting things of life which, sooner or later, you will have to leave.

I know that many times the most tremendous doubts assail you and you are tempted to change course. The doubts are the trials to which the saints also were subjected, but you, like them, learn to react and distance what not only does not give you happiness, but increases sadness without end. You have arrived at this point, and I wish to tell you to a good point. Never wish to regress. Always go forward, learning to ask for help to Him who wants and can give it to you. If it seems to you that you have run aground and do not go forward as you would like, better, because it means that no presumption has taken a foothold in you.

Never lose courage and learn to manifest your faith without fear. What did that blind man do whom Jesus cured by putting a little mud on the eyes? He went shouting the miracle to all and, to whoever wanted to shut his mouth and found so many frivolities to prevent him from propagating the greatness of the Son of God, he replied affirming the truth.

Several of you were blind. The Lord made use of events, of persons and of things to make you find your spiritual sight again. Now, those who had seen you different from what you are, ask themselves: Why this change? They are not aware of the gift and ask friends and relatives for the reason.

You have to be sincere exactly like the healed blind man and, if they were to compel you to keep quiet, you must shout it the louder, since with the spiritual sight you have received the strength and the peace of heart. And for those who do not wish to see, have a lot of compassion. Never judge. Be the guide that supports them and leads them. Perhaps one day they will rejoice like you. Life always reserves some bitter surprises, which not always you are able to account for. With the light that comes to you from above, all shall be illuminated and all shall have a meaning.

And now I bless you all, children. See you again!

## **CONSISTENT AND CONFIDENT PRAYER**

*March 11, 1975*

Beloved children, I am with you to accompany your prayer and to confirm it.

I am your Immaculate Mother, the celestial Treasurer of all graces. And what can I not obtain for those who humbly ask me, strongly love me and docilely submit themselves to the will of God? You can obtain everything, children. It is a great thing being able to have a Mother before the throne of God who, having been a human creature like you, understands all your needs and your weaknesses, so it is not hard for her to be your interpreter.

I therefore, encourage you to never limit your requests. You must also be generous also in asking and to have a trust even greater. Trust is confidence, it is faith, it is hope, it is certainty of being understood and heard. Do not say that many times you have asked and have not obtained, because many gifts are unknown to you or not loved or not understood. Remember that the Lord gives you the clothes according to the seasons, that is, He gives you moment by moment what you need.

Pray in this way, asking for what is best for your earthly and eternal life on the basis of God's will. When one has a simple faith, one is serene like those little children whom the mother presses to her bosom and defends from all dangers.

Now I want to point out to you a page of the Gospel ever so meaningful. Jesus is heading towards the Temple of Jerusalem and, passing by a pool, He sees a paralytic stretched out on his little bed. Thirty eight years of sickness had made him bedridden. He feels so sorry for him and asks him: "*Do you want to be cured?*" At his affirmative reply, Jesus says to him: "*Get up, take your bed and walk.*" The paralytic obeys, but, walking along the street, some Jews see him and hasten to let him observe that he must not do that toil, being the Sabbath day, and would like to know who has cured him. The paralytic does not know what to say because he does not know Jesus.

I stop to make you reflect a moment. It always happens like this in the world. The many "paralytics" who are healed again, be it morally and spiritually, do not know Jesus, therefore, they do not learn to recognize the hand that benefits them. And yet Jesus still passes by in the world and the miracles are repeated incessantly.

Sometimes one fears of being ridiculous, of being identified as too religious, therefore, one prefers to keep quiet. But the good also, many times, do not learn to recognize the providential hand of God, who intervenes in the events of life in order to straighten them out and to heal them again. One still does in the world as the ten lepers cured by Jesus did, of whom only one returned on his footsteps. How pleasing is gratitude to God especially when it brings you back in yourself and reflect on his gifts!

In this way the paralytic met up with Jesus in the Temple much later, he recognised Him and Jesus said to him: "*See you are cured, now sin no more.*" Children, health is a gift of God and many times sin is the cause of its loss. Moreover, if through Confession the soul is healed from that spiritual leprosy by which it is affected, Christians ought to be anxious to approach this sacrament and ought to feel repeated to their mind and to their heart, the invitation of my Son: "Go, you are cured, now sin no longer."

It is true though that the soul also, like the body, feels the weight of its own weakness and the evil inclinations and the temptations are such that often the most sincere intentions are annulled; but if sometimes recourse to God were not to be lacking to strengthen the will, and if there were not too much self assurance, does it not seem to you that you could be stronger and more constant in good?

I want to make you note another detail of this Gospel passage. When the Jews learned that the healing was done on a Sabbath day and furthermore by Jesus, they set themselves to persecute Him and sought Him to make Him die.

See, children, the world always behaves like this. If there are sick in body or in spirit, it abandons them; in fact, the paralytic, in thirty eight years, had not found a good soul to throw him into the pool when the waters were moved. Moreover, if a person, encountering Jesus, that is, finding the faith again, changes life, he will encounter also the criticisms and the murmurings of many. If you do good, they will find that it is a good out of place, and will adduce even valid motives in order to justify their insinuations. If you want to set up a prayer group in your home, they will tell you that there is the church to pray in. If you move to go somewhere else, they will call you fanatics. If you do some good works, they will say that you do them to show yourself off or that you neglect your home. If then you are content with what others do, they could say to you that you are selfish.

You will never succeed in pleasing the so-called Pharisees, who look at the exterior and do not try to improve. You be consistent. Always ask persistently from God and from me to be able to be healthy in mind and body, healthy in soul to be able to work for the spreading of the Kingdom of God. Adopt the opinions of others, if you need them for an examination of conscience, for the rest God's opinion is enough.

Now I bless you all, beginning with those who have the most need, be it for the duties they have as for the responsibilities with which they are loaded. I place you all on my heart.  
See you again.

## **YOUR EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

*March 12, 1975 (at Muggiò)*

Beloved children, peace be to you. See, I am here as Mother and Teacher and I want to help you in all.

Do you have physical illnesses? Oh! I understand you and I want to help you, but also learn to accept them and offer them up. If you put a little goodwill in doing this, you feel the weight of your suffering less.

Do you have moral illnesses? Learn to analyse them in order to see where they originate from. If it is your personality that suffers, perhaps it is why someone does not understand you or does not esteem you or wounds your self-love, learn to lift yourself up, learn to fight yourself, learn to understand others, and you will see that your pains will be halved.

Do you have spiritual pains that afflict you? Would you like to be more good, would you like for your loved ones to be converted, would you like to realize a greater good and you see that those who could help you combat you? Have peace. Put all in the hands of God. He sees your desires. Be happy to love Him. Love makes up for everything, it transforms everything. The perfection of the Law is in loving, loving intensely. Loving God up to forgetting oneself. Loving the neighbour as oneself for the sake of God, up to doing to others what you would like others to do to you. It is all so simple and beautiful. Why should you get distressed? If you want to grown in holiness, grow in love. It is all here.

Today however, with Holy Easter drawing near, I want to help you to make a good confession. There are many who, having to confess themselves, never feel sufficiently prepared, because it does not seem to them of having sufficiently probed their conscience. There are others who do not succeed in discovering any fault neither grave nor little, so they consider confession useless. Therefore, it is necessary to have a right conscience to distinguish and it is necessary to examine oneself, since no one can speak of being without sin.

Now let us see on what one needs to examine one's self. First of all on the evil committed, and for evil it is understood all that is contrary to the Law of God. It would be enough to run through the Commandments one by one to see one's miseries. But cannot all the Commandments be reduced to two, that is, the love of God and neighbour? It becomes simpler and easier to see evil under this aspect. You might ask yourselves therefore: Have I failed in love towards God? Have I neglected prayer? Has trust in his providence been defective? Have I doubted his assistance and his love? And towards the neighbour, have I been charitable with thoughts, with words, with works? In this way you will have a picture of what can have embittered the heart of God.

Moreover, God's judgement is very severe, children. He will ask for an account from you also of that good that you have done badly. Therefore, you ought to see whether your intentions in praying and in acting have always been upright. It is enough for an evil intention to ruin the best works. Sometimes then, the good, through lack of kindness or rudeness with which it is performed, embitters the heart of whoever receives it. Good is to be done well. This is the reason why you must let your good works flow before your mind: in order to see that they have not become bad by the way of doing them.

Then there is all that good that the Lord wants from you and which perhaps you have neglected to do either through bad will or through laziness or through lack of love. No one

else will do that good which you had to do, so the sins of omission can harm not only your soul, but also the families and society, and the glory that your works would have given to God lessened.

From this brief but concise examination of conscience that I propose to you, must spring forth not just a despondency or any sign of sadness, but a new strength that must lead you to a real and deep renewal.

When will you make your examination of conscience? Every time that you hear or that you read the word of God. It will be like a comparison that you ought to do between what my Jesus and I keep on suggesting to you, with your life. What is defective in you will appear straight away to your gaze, whereby an act of sorrow and a sincere proposal will help you to look at the peak of perfection to which you are called and directed.

Children, do not believe that I have exaggerated in setting out this doctrine to you. It is only a call and it is for all. Life passes quickly, children, and this marvellous gift of the human life that God has willed, through his Son Jesus, to elevate up to rendering divine, seems to end on earth, but it starts again after death and lasts for ever. You have little time at your disposal, and with this money that is time you gain eternity. Do not waste anything, I beg you. Do all that you can, so that your glory may be what the Lord wants to give you.

Beloved children, I bless you and I embrace you all one by one. I am always here and I am always waiting for many souls to guide and to instruct on the eternal truths. See you again, children. Bring my affectionate greeting to your loved ones and say that the heavenly Mother wants them good and safe.

## **THE CROWNING WITH THORNS OF JESUS**

*March 14, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you. I am here with you to bless you and to thank you for having sacrificed your time to take an interest in me and the brethren. This blessing will come down, through this work of yours, on all the families that will welcome this gift with gratitude. Be happy for cooperating for the advent of the Kingdom of my Jesus through me.

Now I must speak to you about the crowning with thorns. Not by chance did Jesus accept to be crowned with thorns. It was a symbol of that royal crown that was due to Him, since He is the true King of creation and, as the executioners intended to mock Him, they but confirmed a great truth. They appended on the cross a sign also, which explained with clarity everything: Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews. And they wrote it in different languages.

Jesus, king by right, wants to be however, King by love, of every soul, of every family and of all the human race. You only have to welcome Him, make a place for Him and understand Him. To the many refusals that He receives from men, you must however, oppose your invitation. Against those who deny Him the right to reign, you must counter your most lively desire to join Him and annihilate, if it were possible, yourselves so that He can act in you. To those who do not accept his teachings, you must respond with a more and more assiduous research of his desires in order to make them yours.

In this way the Kingdom of God, which is manifested in you in the complete submission to the will of God, is expanded, with that testimony that is nothing else but true Christianity. There are those who rebel against Jesus and do not want for Him to reign over them because they consider that following Him is humiliating. The crown of thorns, which was the sign of greatness and of humiliation for Jesus, serves to repair the pride of those men who, not recognizing Him as God, do not accept Him as guide in their lives, as strength for their souls, as light for their minds.

Jesus this evening presents himself to you as your sovereign and friend. Welcome Him, and if it seems to you that sometimes the humiliations that you are subjected to are too serious and painful, if they do not want to recognize the rights that you justly complain about, look at the Crucified crowned with thorns and you will find, in the unprecedented suffering of that adorable head, comfort for your sorrows. The humiliations unjustly undergone make you feel truly subjects of the Great King.

I bless you now and I wish you a goodnight: I know that it pleases you very much.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*March 16, 1975*

Beloved children, be the welcomed ones, and may my maternal blessing accompany you always.

You are not far away from the feast of my spouse Joseph, and I desire that you invoke him with great fervour and celebrate his praises. He is the Patron of the Universal Church and he is the model of those who, having started a family, desire to conduct it well and maintain, through affection and work, that fidelity indispensable for the conquest of holiness and also of wellbeing.

You must therefore, pray to him intensely for the needs of the Church, now, as the same consecrated ones at the service of the Lord go about sowing rebellion, error and divisions. You must love in Joseph the whole Church and spread his devotion. Do not restrict yourselves to the invocation of his name, but do so as to imitate his virtues. He is the saint of humility, of silence, of obedience. If these virtues were to reign in families, there would not be so much disorder.

The world needs to return to God, in order to feel the duty of practising true justice, based on charity. My holy spouse, whom God wished to call “the just one”, is the best model for men who have a little heart and a healthy mind. What you do to honour him, you do to me. Know that the true devotees of St. Joseph cannot be lost, since his assistance at the point of death is assured.

I bless you again, children.

I bless the person who conducts the groups. I say thanks to her and I invite her to continue in this work of good that must serve to sanctify many souls.

See you again, children. One by one I press you to the heart.

## **TO THE YOUNG**

*March 16, 1975*

Beloved children, how much light comes to your minds in these encounters with Heaven and among yourselves. What strength must come to your wills, in order to realize that will of God in which resides your happiness and your sanctity. I help you and I show you, almost like a precious invitation, the marvellous picture of Gabriel’s announcement, which brought me with the Father’s greeting, the incarnation of the Word by means of the most perfect love of the Holy Spirit.

Also to you is addressed daily the invitation of the Lord, like to me: Do you want to accept being mother of the Son of God made man? You must always be capable of responding affirmatively. A mother cannot give birth to a son without having first formed him inside herself. It is the word of God that is given to you with so much abundance, which you must learn to try to incarnate in your works.



Unfortunately, many think that the Christian life is an easy way to live. But did not my Jesus say to you that the Kingdom of God suffers violence? And did He not say to you that, if the seed in the soil does not decay, it will not be able to put out the ear? That's why I persist, saying to you: be disposed to the will of God, welcome his teachings and, through your collaboration and your annihilation, behave so that the divine seed can blossom. You will then be capable of giving to the brethren what they need.

Prepare yourselves with great enthusiasm for the feast of the Annunciation. On that day renew your consecration to me, and I will make more and more real for you the expression of subjection that pleases the Lord so much: "*Behold, the servant of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your will.*" To which I will reply, for your joy: the Word is made flesh. And it will be a real joy, because He will begin again, through you, to live among men.

I bless you all. See you again, children. I am happy with you. I see you already saved in glory with me.

## THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS

March 16, 1975

Children so dear to me, so much peace be to you and every good. I am here with you and I desire to repair all that in your life can be defective, just like the good mothers who mend the tears that the children do to their clothes. With so much love I then cleanse yours souls again and I desire to see you all beautiful.

Oh, if you were able to see a soul in the grace of God! what a marvellous thing! A soul in grace resembles God. In fact, you say that man has been made in the image of God. But God is pure spirit, how can man resemble Him? It is certainly not through that body that everyone possesses, but it is through the soul, which mirrors the splendour of God.

When however, the thought of possessing a true beauty flatters you, which does not pass away with the years, but which must last forever, you embellish the soul with the splendour of the virtues and above all you act so as to grow more and more in grace, so as to ravish the heart of God, who sees your resemblance with Him.

If all that I have said to you is marvellous, how deplorable is the state of those who live in mortal sin! Suppose that a child who had a real resemblance with his father, would want to put on the face a mask made of mud and pretended to form an object of pleasure on the part of the parent. I think that it would be an absurdity and that that child would be rather an object of disgust. The same are the souls of those who live in sin, even if, in spite of all, the Father loves them infinitely.

The miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus makes you really reflect in this way. You see Martha and Mary who go to meet Jesus, broken in tears, and say to Him: "*If You had been here, our brother would not be dead.*" Jesus says to Martha: "*I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies shall live; whoever lives and believes in Me, shall not die forever.*" When then Jesus expresses the desire to see Lazarus, Martha would like to refuse to hear Him, since she says: "*He is dead already for four days and he is already fetid.*"

You see in this Gospel event the true friendship of Jesus for the family of Bethany. You see how, before the death of the friend, Jesus, moved by sorrow and by the tears of Martha and Mary, works the miracle, which stands to mean the last resurrection.

There are in the world an infinity of persons who have only an apparent life. We still have and always need for Jesus, the resurrection and the life, to approach them in order to utter the fateful words: "*Come out!*" Come out of the mud of sin that renders your soul putrid. Come out from your life of seeming Christian and rise again as to a new life. Perhaps however,

many Marthas or many Marys are needed to move the heart of Jesus. Tears of love and sorrow are needed.

Perhaps trust in the power of God is falling short because it seems to you that you have already insisted so much. It seems to you that evil has hardened and that no one can change certain situations. Do not offend my Jesus with this mistrust that can be worse than the sin itself. Do you think that it is easier for a mother to wash the face of her child than for the Lord to wash his soul? Despair of salvation, which can be an irreparable sin if committed at the end of life, can equally offend the Lord when it is committed by my friends, by mothers and by fathers who have received abundant graces and despair for the conversion of their loved ones.

Oh, children, have trust! Turn with faith to your great elder Brother who, having had a heart and a soul like you, is capable of understanding all. Jesus, who tasted sorrow to the dregs, knows what it means to suffer and grieve. He also wept. He wept at the tomb of Lazarus, so that the Jews had to say: "*See how He loved his friend!*" He wept with those who wept. Moreover, He still weeps over the ruin of souls, as He wept over the destruction of Jerusalem and over the ruins of the Holy Temple.

The man's body is the temple of God, and even if with death it is momentarily destroyed, it is destined to live forever. But the habitation of the Most Holy Trinity, the heaven of God on earth is the soul in grace, and when it is disfigured by sin, it is a very much greater ruin than the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem.

My children, we are getting close to Passion Week and Holy Week. It is the most favourable time for a more ardent prayer and a more effective penance. The many Lazarus' await a strong intercession from you before the heart of Jesus and mine. Renewed and rendered beautiful by the sacrament of Confession, present yourselves to the Father, to Jesus his Son and to me, and pull off the most sincere conversions.

May you be blessed for what you do. May your visits to the sick be guided by this thought of conversion and salvation. To all those who feel a desire for the apostolate in the soul, my encouragement and my help.

I embrace you all, heart to heart.

## **I POINT OUT JESUS CRUCIFIED TO YOU**

*March 18, 1975*

My children, I am here to pray with you. I am the sorrowful Virgin, the Mother of the Crucified One. Today I want to help you to transform your life, so as to render it serene even in the bitterness of the crosses that can happen to you and which can weigh on your shoulders.

I give you a reference ever so useful. When the Hebrews crossed the desert to reach the promised land, they had to encounter many difficulties, but when faced with sorrow they did not always learn to accept. They were even annoyed for having continuously manna as food, which had every flavour in itself, and they still wished to be able to eat the onions of Egypt. They therefore, complained about everything, and they murmured against God and inveighed against their leader Moses, whereupon the Lord sent poisonous serpents amongst that people, at whose bite they died. The intercession of Moses was needed before the Lord so that the lives of many might be spared, God met the desire of Moses. He invited to build a serpent of bronze and to raise it up, promising that whoever had been bitten and had looked at that serpent, would be healed immediately.

Children, in the troubles of life it is easy for rebellion to enter into hearts and for you to be tempted to inveigh against God or against neighbour. This displeases a lot the Lord, who sees the life of man as a trial to which an eternal reward must correspond. The cross in fact, was

the means of redemption and salvation for the whole human race, it finds its application, after Baptism, in that willing acceptance of that part of sorrow that is reserved for everyone.

If one considers this truth, one finds also unjust that with complaints and with not wanting to suffer one aggravates the hearts or the shoulders of the neighbour. It is true that fraternal charity teaches that each one must carry the burden of others, but how much more joy, and how more effective the apostolate would be if one did not turn every little suffering into a tragedy. How much value has a sorrow offered up to God with serenity and love!

Imagine a mother who had to look after the house, the husband and the children, always in a bad mood. Does it not seem to you that not even the food would be pleasing, if it were not prepared with love? In this way, all that life reserves, is like a precious gift with which you can lay the table of the King, not just because He loves to see suffering, but because He sees a reparation for sin and a means to enrich the soul. I know children who have tremendous sorrows in the heart, and who learn to guard them like precious treasures. They do not dump them into human hearts, since it is written: "*Woe to the man who relies on another man*", but keep Jesus as confidant and entrust their secrets to Him.

That's why, on this Passion Week, I point out to you not just the bronze serpent that was only a symbol, but Jesus crucified. Yes, children, when the bitterness of life disturbs you, look at Him and invoke Him. He can cure those whom the snake of sin has wounded. He can truly make bearable and glad also the life of exile; your life of pilgrims on a journey to the heavenly Homeland. The more you will look at the Crucified One, the more your sufferings will seem a trifle to you, the more the light that emanates from his face and from his heart will flood you and you will have peace.

It is great, you might say to me, to speak about these things, but when one is on rough seas and does not see the shore, one is afraid of being swamped by the waves. Yes, children, if you think you are alone, you can also fear the storms; but know that that God who chastised and pardoned the sons of Israel, is still Him who watches over each one and knows how to measure out the pain so that it may be effective as a medicine. But also know that that Jesus who was crucified for the sake of all, still walks among you to give a hand to all and to help to lift up again those who fall. Have faith, look at Him, and expect everything from Him who can do all. I make myself guarantor and I pray and suffer with you.

I bless you all. See you again, children, and may the love with which my heart is filled fill yours too.

## **JOSEPH WAS THE WISE MAN**

*March 19, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you. Permit me to express my joy to you in speaking to you about him who had such a big part in my life, as guardian of my virginity and as foster father of the Word of God, who in my womb took a human body through the work of the Holy Spirit.

I had married him, but on the same day that we swore fidelity, we consecrated our bodies to God, which we would have kept and preserved virgin. We kept faith to this promise, and not even Joseph fell short not even by thought. We loved each other with a pure and deep love, as angels love among themselves, even if each one of us cared for the physical health of the other and did everything to spare the other fatigue and suffering.

After the Annunciation, to Joseph, who used to pay me a visit without living with me, I asked the permission to go to Elizabeth, my cousin, because I knew that she was elderly and required care, she being expectant. Joseph was happy for that and accompanied me to her. I remained for three months in that house, until John came to be born.

On returning home, one was able to notice my state, whereby Joseph observed me with great fear. He was not able to have doubts about me, but he could not explain either the cause or the event. I would have been able to tell him everything and I suffered enormously seeing his suffering, but the Lord wanted reserved to himself the right to disclose the miracle to my spouse, and I did not want and was not able to betray the secret. They were days of an indescribable pain. My tears were mixed with my sighs and with my prayers, so that the Lord could dissolve and disperse that cloud which made us both suffer.

In the meantime Joseph had decided in his heart to leave me, since the Hebrew law was very severe with those who committed adultery. He felt himself the most unhappy man in the world, even if he was never able to have doubts about me through the trust, the esteem and the love which he nourished in his heart for his beloved spouse. An angel, in a dream, advised him that all that had come about was through the work and through the will of God, and that he had to go back on his steps and take care of the Child, to whom was to be given the name Jesus. Joseph returned and prostrated himself at my feet, broken into tears of repentance and of joy, and walked at our side defending us from the dangers and procuring for us with his work all that was indispensable for us.

Joseph was the wise man, the man of obedience to God, of silence, of humility and of goodness, so all would have something to learn from him in whatever state of life they might find themselves. He did not let himself be intimidated by the difficulties, which rather, with his intelligence and with his common sense, contributed to the realization of the will of God. He loved work, so as to never lose time in useless things, and he made it into a continual prayer. However, he also paused to talk with God in the recitation of the psalms, and enjoyed a heavenly joy when all three together we were able to raise our prayer to the Father.

Dear Joseph, who so well had been prefigured in the Old Testament, you have truly been the dearly beloved one, to whom all owe devotion and affection. You have been just in your life, since you have denied nothing either to God or to your neighbour, and you died the death of the just, since you died in the arms of Jesus and mine.

Now may you call beside yourself all those who desire to practise justice. May you call them and point out to them your road, not easy, but made out of goodness and sacrifice, not only of violence and hatred. You are powerful in Heaven, where you do not remain inactive. As the ancient Joseph was made the viceroy of Pharaoh and was able in that way to benefit his brothers and his aging father, so you in Paradise have sovereign powers and may you help all those children of the Church and the Pontiff who directs it.

Joseph in Paradise has still the power of command, since he on earth was the shadow of the eternal Father and Jesus is still obedient to his request just as He was on earth.

What can I say to you about myself, children? I bless those who love my beloved spouse and reserve a good place for him in their devotions. If it is pleasing to a mother for there to be harmony in her home, my home is all the world and I call everyone to love him who is the Patron of the Universal Church. Pray to him, especially in these moments, since the demons fear him a lot and against them he has special strength and power.

I bless you all, children, and I place you under the special patronage of Joseph, so that he may make you strong in combating the temptations and so that he may give you serenity and peace.

See you again, children.

## A THOUGHT FOR HOLY WEEK

*March 21, 1975*

Children so dear to me, peace be to your hearts. I am here to help you and to point out to you the way of holiness, of serenity and peace. I am your Mother, desirous of your good, of your happiness in this life and in the next. How can one be happy on earth, while so many sorrows and so many difficulties are encountered every day? While so much wickedness and violence threaten to destroy the liberty and life of many?

Children, the feast of the Annunciation must be the best response to your questions. When the Archangel Gabriel came to bring the announcement of God's will, the world was like suffocated by mire, and the expectations that were presented before the eyes certainly were not better than those that you can see these days. I adhered to the will of God and in that I found joy and happiness.

Also to you the Lord presents, day by day, his divine will in the diverse events that can happen to you: first it is sickness that comes to knock on your door, next they are the moral sufferings that originate from misunderstandings or from the different situations of life. You must learn to say your yes, imitating me in my submission to God. It is true that many times what you ask is more than just and you would like to be heard, but never doubt the providence of God. The Lord is far-sighted and knows how to draw good also from evil. If you will learn to accept and to bless the Lord in everything, the result will be undoubtedly the conversion of many and your interior happiness, which no one will be able take away from you because it will be the fruit of your union with God.

Moreover, children, give a thought for the Holy Week that you are about to begin. It is holy through the mysteries that are recalled and are renewed, but it is said also holy because Christians are called, making themselves one in these mysteries, to draw strength and grace in order to reach that holiness which is an ideal and a destination. This is my invitation, children.

If the institution of the Eucharist is a great gift of God, do not abuse it, but see to it that the celebration of Holy Thursday may find you all beside the altar like the apostles, to receive through Communion that love which makes you love the brethren, especially in the exercise of the apostolate.

May Good Friday call you beside my Jesus crucified, not only as a habit, but for a ritual in which you may be able to speak all your gratitude to Him who immolates himself continuously on the cross for you.

On Holy Saturday, try to keep especially in mind your sorrowful Mother. Try to understand my sorrows which are great as the sea, especially those which come to me by so much youth gone astray, by so many priests who betray their vocation, by so many families deconsecrated and disunited, and by so many souls who voluntarily are lost.

That consolation that you will give me with your prayers, with your acts of love, shall be repaid to you in life and in death, since I will express my gratitude and appreciation with special favours. And Easter Sunday will be for you a real joy, when to Jesus risen you will be able to manifest the desire to truly start a new life, that of risen ones, heading towards the Homeland.

I desire to be your guide in this way, so that your life here below may be serene and holy. If it might happen to you of not keeping faith to your intentions, renew them, everyday even, without losing your courage. What do the mothers of this world do when their children humble themselves to beg excuse for their failures? They not only forgive, but rejoice in seeing their children amend themselves. And do you want me to be less than them? I am always waiting for all those who err, to press them to my heart and to say with renewed affection: let us feast, because those who were far away have returned.

I bless you, children, and I urge you: love one another and be more ready to see the virtues than the defects of your fellow men, as I see you already perfect, like you will be one day in Paradise.

See you all again and always.

## THE JOURNEY OF JESUS TO CALVARY

March 21, 1975

My children, peace and grace be to your hearts. I am your sorrowful Mother. I would like to journey with you the way of Calvary, in order to teach you how to give consolation to the heart of Jesus and to teach you how one must suffer. I will limit myself to show you some pictures.

You know that human life is sown with thorns and tribulations; in practice, it is for all a journey, and a heavy cross is not lacking to anyone, which however, is adapted to the capacity to carry it and to the strength of each one. Nobody is tested beyond his strength. A mutual and fraternal help however, is required that can give courage to the weakest.

I found myself on the way to Calvary and I met up with my Jesus, disfigured and rendered unrecognizable from all that suffering to which He had been subjected. My motherly heart would have been able to demand for justice. I would have been able to have words of blasphemy against those who had beaten Him so badly and who continued to treat Him as an evildoer, but before my gaze all those souls presented themselves who, along the centuries, would have been disfigured by vice and by sin and by all that ugliness that is like a natural apparatus of human life. Then I approached Jesus with an infinite desire of salvation, so I was only able to utter but two words, which expressed all: *“Courage, Son!”* Jesus understood everything. The desire of salvation was also his and from my words he received comfort, even if seeing me suffer gave Him a tremendous pain.

Children, every time that a soul is stained with mortal sin, that bitter pain is renewed to me and provokes the same suffering to my Son. You also are continuously surrounded by souls who sin with impunity because they do not realize the evil they do. For you the task of reparation, for you the transforming of yourselves into good Cyreneans or into your Mother, in order to soothe our many pains.

There were some saints who desired and carried out this desire: to be on the way of Calvary to weep, with their own sins, also those of others. Also the pious women wept when Jesus passed before them. They were moved by the pains and the martyrdom of a man, but they did not seek the cause of those sufferings, so they remained vain tears.

You must be prepared for life, therefore, of the evil that is committed everywhere, you must understand the responsibilities and the consequences. If therefore, it can be considered a gift that of understanding the gravity of sin and to weep over it, you must first of all, draw out a sincere intention for yourselves and make every effort to prevent it, so that what Jesus must say does not happen also to you: *“Do not weep over Me, but over yourselves and your brethren.”*

To share a sorrow means to want to understand it deeply and make it yours. This I desire from you, and if it shall be like so during your journey towards the summit of Calvary, I will bless you every day, because you will have understood what the redemption means.

I bless you now and always, children, wishing you a goodnight.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*March 22, 1975*

Beloved children, be the welcomed ones in this house, which I have chosen for my abode and as place of graces. I welcome you blessing you and I thank you, because in this Passion Week you have willed to unite your sacrifices to those of my divine Son and mine.

I promise you that you will not leave here empty handed. I will help you in all the necessities. I will give you also the desire to be good, very good, so that your relatives and friends, seeing you on your return to your towns, will have the desire to come beside me. I am the Gate of Heaven, and whoever finds me and loves me, finds the right road to reach Paradise.

Children, know that the Lord loves you with a love without measure, and I who am the Mother of Divine Love, have a special task, that of making Love loved. How will you be able to rebel against my maternal work? No, you will not be able, because I will keep you tightly in my arms and I will never allow you to distance yourselves from my Jesus.

I bless you again, children. I bless your families. Do so that all are made to understand that the love of God never fades, not even when sorrow knocks on your door. Bring unity to your parishes. Where it is possible for you, unite hearts, so that my Jesus may reside as sovereign amongst you. Love the Pope, and do not take into any consideration the gossips that are spread against him. Know that he is the sweet Christ on earth and whoever dares to offend him draws God's chastisements on himself.

I am with you, children, and I accompany you.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*March 23, 1975*

My children, peace be to you, to your families and to all your loved ones.

I welcome you beside me and I wish to make you more and more good, so that you may be able to bring the perfume of goodness everywhere you go. Your pilgrimages to the places in which I go about calling my children to prayer and penance give me so much joy. Your encounters with me are a means to increase that spirituality which the world presently needs, which only lives for materialism. Continue to make me known and loved, so that I may be able, also by your means, to convert hearts.

Today the Church recalls the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, while the people extolled Him. Those same ones who applauded Him were then those who cried out their "crucify", because the world passes easily from praise to cursing, or at least blasphemy.

Also for Christians it is the same. You will find many who praise you and who easily will turn their backs on you. Do not give any importance to what is said about you. Do good only to please God and do not concern yourselves with the criticisms of men. Keep faith to your principles of faith and morals, though seeking always to be conciliatory in all that is formal and where there is no sin. Let that invitation to reconciliation and to forgiveness, which the Jubilee Year is bearer, be carried out by all in the most complete peace with God and neighbour.

I bless you, children, and I wish you a holy Easter and a serene journey. I bless the young and the old, the religious and the parents, I bless your guide and I will obtain special graces for her for the love that she shows me. See you again, children, always more and more numerous and devout. May your nation be blessed through you.

## TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS

*March 24, 1975*

My children, be welcomed, be blessed; and may my sweet Jesus, who through me descended on earth to point out to all men the road to Heaven, dwell always in your hearts.

I am the Virgin of the Annunciation, children, and my desire is this: that you be able to understand, moment by moment, God's will and be able to realize it always. What is the will of God? That you become holy. How can you become holy? By loving God and neighbour. It is all so simple.

If I were to ask the young present: what will you do in your life?, you should be able to reply: "*We shall bring love everywhere.*" Yes, children, since bringing love is bringing God. And you all can and must be instruments of salvation by loving and sowing love.

My children, always have this great ideal and your life shall be serene, so that you will transform also the sorrows into precious pearls to bear witness for love. Too many people in the world only know hatred, they only seek violence and the triumph of pride and arrogance.

I desire to manifest to you the heart of my Jesus as a furnace of love, and whoever wishes to be a real Christian can but only burn with love. Love everyone and first of all put the Pope, then your families and the whole human family. I am always with you and I love you, because I am your Mother and I want you all safe in Heaven.

I bless you, children, starting from her who led you to my feet. I bless the young and the little children, who form the object of pleasure of my Jesus and myself. I bless the mothers and the fathers. To all I give, as a sign of affection, my embrace. May your encounter with me mark the beginning of a new life made up of faith, love and hope.

## YOU MUST LIVE MY LIFE

*March 25, 1975*

My children, peace be to you. See, I am here because I love you and I desire to carry out my maternal mission towards you.

It is the blessed day in which, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity took up his abode in my body, and you are in Holy Week. See how the two great mysteries of the Incarnation and the Redemption are tied together and must tell Christians how precious the life of man is, if that God whom the heavens cannot contain, had to enclose himself in the womb of a woman and die on the cross to save them.

There is also a reflection that must make you rejoice of this event. God made himself man, and from the moment of conception you also have begun to have life from me, since I gave birth to Jesus, head of the mystical body that is the Church, of which you are the members. And again this body is nourished by me and nurtured. It will be complete only when, at the end of the world, the number of its members shall be completed.

Everyone of you is guarded by me as a precious inheritance received from God, and I cannot neglect you, because, as the new Eve, I am the Mother of all the living, and as Co-Redemptrix I must bring all to salvation with the blood of my Jesus and with my sorrow.

Children, if my Son had rebelled against me and had not breathed through my lungs and had not been fed with the food that I took, He would not have grown in my womb. You therefore, like Him, must not rebel and you must live my life. I give you breath: it is prayer; I give you my food: they are my teachings and my bread, the Mother's bread, the Holy Eucharist. Never refuse these things and take them with a lot of desire, since having hunger for the things of God and mine is an indication of health.



There are some who pray a lot but do not receive a good breath because the prayer is not made with full lungs, that is, with regularity and with love. If your prayer becomes a habit and you do it from time to time and with little attention, going along with the distractions that come to you at every moment, the prayer is defective, the breath is defective. The oxygen is lacking, or it is polluted by bad and useless things.

I would just like for you not to pile on practices upon practices of piety, but for you to be precise and constant, choosing perhaps those that are less pleasing to you, but more substantial, in the sense that they must be an evident manifestation of your true faith. There are some persons who mistake superstition for faith and, while they are prompt to see signs of heaven in many things of no value that can happen in their life, they forget the sacrosanct duties, especially that of living in the grace of God, observing the Commandments and the Precepts of the Church, amongst which the Sunday Mass is the greatest.

Nourishing oneself with me is simple for those who study me moment by moment and humbly abandon themselves to my guidance. There are naughty little children who at table refuse what the mother prepares with so much love. They want to choose and they choose what does them harm. Whoever wishes to be fed by me, must be docile and accept what I hand to him. It is all a gift of Heaven what I give you, but the rebellious cannot taste the sweetness of my food. They do not understand, they do not want and cannot enjoy it. How many cold and fruitless Communions many make! They come to the altar, they return, they are like those birds that receive food from the mother's beak and let it fall.

I want you all strong and constant, all pressed to my heart, in my womb. You will grow slowly, but a little day by day you will mature and, after having brought you with me to Calvary, I will render you participants of the resurrection of my Son and I will open the door of the heavenly Kingdom to you. The true life is there. There, one is born and one never dies.

Children, I see amongst you some souls who are sorry about having made their own loved ones suffer while they were in life. They regret for not having understood them and for having been selfish and wicked towards them. Do not be sorry, rather pray, so that they may be freed soon from Purgatory which they must continue also by your fault; and know that the souls of the deceased who are saved, do not remember your rudeness and pray for you.

I bless you, children, and I help you. May the novena of Mercy find you all close-knit in the suffrage of the dead and in asking mercy for all. See you again, children, and may there be a lot of peace for your hearts.

## **THE DEATH OF JESUS ON THE CROSS**

*March 28, 1975*

Beloved children, your amiable persistence in order to receive my word touches me and I am glad to address it to you on this night of sorrow.

We have sighted briefly the greatest mysteries of Jesus' infancy, then we have seen some of his great sorrows and we have reached the climax of the sorrow, which shows you the Son of God, made man, transformed into a rag. There is no part of his body that is not lacerated. And yet Jesus still has the voice and heart to think about everyone. I am not about to describe to you therefore, his sufferings, but I remind you of some of the words uttered by Him in those three hours of agony, so that you can all draw that spiritual benefit of which you are desirous.

*"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."* Behold, the first words uttered by Him after having been raised on the cross. Children, before the evil that is spread more and more and before the sinners who, indifferent before the Crucified One, continue not to believe, not to love and not to hope, lift up your beseeching cry to the Father: Forgive them,

forgive! If your prayer shall be made with faith and with the heart, I assure you that it will bring its benefits. You can be those who help the dying and obtain for them that efficacious grace that makes them amend.

I prayed at the foot of the cross, and the conversion of Dismas showed me the value of the suffering of my Jesus, exactly when his life seemed to end with a failure. How many apparent failures and how many extraordinary graces, obtained by the prayer of the good in special moments of their lives! The life of a Christian is all a mystery, just as the bloody sacrifice of the redemption was a mystery: a mystery of love, of sorrow and of grace.

When in moments of disheartenment or of spiritual darkness, in moments of doubt or of confusion you would like to find comfort, look at the Crucified One and have the courage and strength to say: "*Father, forgive.*" It will be like throwing a handful of pearls to certain poor persons who do not want to possess the true riches; they will accept them, these pearls, and will treasure them. The redemption makes headway like this, through prayer and sacrifice.

Moreover, I want to point out other words uttered from the mouth of Jesus to you. "*Today you will be with Me in Paradise.*" But what is this Paradise for which it is necessary to live and to die for? It is a place of indescribable delights, I can tell you, but right from this earth, without being deluded ones, you can foretaste it. When the peace of conscience puts you on a spiritual plane so elevated as not to notice the baseness of the earth, you taste the joys of Paradise. When, conforming yourselves to the will of God, you learn to discern in every event a sensible sign of his love; you rejoice and there is no sorrow, however much is taken away that desire for the infinite, which happens in some way. When the hope of Paradise is destroyed, it is already a prelude to true death; the rekindling of it and making it certainty is life, true life.

How I would like, children, to speak to you with all the affection that I nurture for you: look at the sky, since you are made for Paradise. The past does not count, whatever it may be; an act of love and an act of perfect sorrow is enough to erase it. Always aim on high. The flight of loving souls is that of the eagle. Therefore, always aim for the heights.

Permit me, dear children, for me to remind you of the last cry of my Jesus, after which He bowed the head and died. "Consummatum est", He said. For you also it must be likewise. You must arrive at the end of your days and be able to say: It is all finished. That is to say: I have accomplished my mission. The Sacrifice of the Mass is the renewal of the sacrifice of the cross, but every life is like the celebration of a Mass for those who live the Christian life.

Every mission has its special characteristic, like every Mass has its particular intention and celebrates a special feast. If your life shall be seen like so, like a feast of the Lord in which you ought to dedicate to Him your adoration, honour, reparation, it will be well concluded and serenely you will be able to make an offering to the Father for all the brethren. Let it never be wasted by you not even an hour of this precious existence that is worth eternal life, and never let your mission fail through that superficiality that can enter into you in doing it.

I help you and as your Mother I will not abandon you. Sometimes it will seem to you that everything goes in a way different from that supposed by you, but I will always be there to pull the strings, to fix the mistakes, to mend the tears and to give trust and peace back to you. Jesus crucified and your sorrowful Mother are for you a guarantee that in the cross and through the cross, you shall have salvation, and you will reach the stars and beyond the stars, where your abode is.

## YOUR LIFE OF RISEN ONES

March 30, 1975

Beloved children, peace and grace and great joy be in your hearts. Jesus, my divine Son, rising from the dead defeated the devil and sin with it. He defeated death and gave to suffering that value that it deserves. I would like to clarify these concepts today, while in your mind I would like to fix the luminous figure of Jesus, who after having loaded himself with the sins of men and having drawn the punishments of God on himself, after having become the man of sorrows, was able through his own power, through that divinity that was intimately united with his humanity, to rise from death to life.

How I would like to speak to you about the joy of my first encounter with Him after the resurrection! I who had seen and felt all his sufferings reverberate in my heart, was able, embracing Him, to understand how serious sin is and how beautiful grace is. Yes, the devil was defeated in Jesus and through Jesus, the new Adam, come to earth to bring life to all those who believe in Him.

Sin produces the most painful separation, since it distances the soul from God, who is its life. But Jesus came to re-establish an order and to re-unite to God those who are separated from Him. Jesus risen annuls a law that sin had brought with itself, whereby it had been said to the progenitors: "You will die." With the resurrection Jesus gives an announcement of life: "*You will live*", and He calls all men to live his life. The wounds with which his most holy body was covered, are like shining stars, like luminous beacons that point out to men the way of salvation.

It has been said to you that I go towards every soul purified by the sacrament of Confession, with the same joy with which I went towards my risen Lord. It is a truth, like it is true that every little child who possesses baptismal innocence, to my eyes shines with a special and divine light; but the light that floods the souls of the blessed and the souls in grace, is only a reflection of that beauty and divine luminosity with which the most holy body of the Son was endowed in his triumphal meeting with the Father.

To rise is to triumph over the sorrows of the present life and to render them precious for eternity. When you sing: "*I shall rise and I shall see the Saviour*", you but confirm a great truth to which also the pagans believed and believe in. The immortality of the soul is a truth which you must often think about in order to learn to give to the things of this world the value they deserve. And that also your body will rise again and be united to the soul to take part in the eternal punishment or reward, it is a truth too that one cannot deny without being heretical. If therefore, you believe, you must from now on live like risen ones and start heading in the sign of faith, with Christ, towards the only destination that awaits all. The same victories of Jesus must be yours.

Death must not frighten you, rather, you must consider life a continuous and daily step towards it. The serenity in looking an irrefutable reality in the face must demonstrate the certainty of your hope. He, therefore, who has to go on a journey, must arm himself with what he needs and above all defend himself from the dangers.

Children, Satan's claws get to scratch everyone a little, even without men noticing it. Eyes open, my children, and weapons in hand. If you will learn to keep yourselves lifted up with thoughts, with words, with affections and with actions, the temptations, rather than make you victims, will make you heroes and victorious. No one sins if he does not have the will to fall and to offend God by choosing his own will in opposition to his. He wins who, like many saints, is ready to say: "*Death but no sins.*" It is a commitment that requires a continual effort, but you will succeed.

And finally, if you want to rise like Jesus, you ought to carry in your body the stigmata of the Passion, that is to say, you ought to carry your cross every day of your life. Suffering is

the legacy of sin and it is a sign and means of redemption. Oh, do not let yourselves be intimidated, annoyed and disheartened by those daily sufferings that are not lacking to anyone! They are a weight, but if you learn to accept them and offer them up, it is they that carry you. They become riches, which the Lord uses for your happiness and for mutual salvation.

If Jesus had not risen, one could have been able to doubt the truth and the divinity of his doctrine. Perhaps Jesus would have passed as a great man of this world or as a failure. Our strength, our hope, our faith have had like a seal with his resurrection.

Moreover, children, do you want to consider a little your human life as baptised, as Christians, as risen ones? Well then, permit me to tell you that, if you do not give a divine imprint to your life, if you do not work all those transformations in you that render you in conformity to Christ, you will never be able to give to your brethren a tangible sign of truth, and everything that you believe in, that you love and in which you hope will be put into doubt.

I bless you and I help you in all. I embrace you in Jesus now and always.

## **BE RESURRECTION ANNOUNCERS**

*March 31, 1975*

Beloved children, you never tire of coming to hear me, and I never tire of speaking and listening to you. Do not good mothers do the same with their children? And what joy you feel when your children ask you for advice or confide in you, is it not true? I therefore, am here and I want to manifest my heart to you with all those joys and with all those pains that I have inside, so that you can understand me more and more and love me so intensely as to compel me to grant you the most beautiful graces.

What do I wish to teach you today? The call on the day of the angel, the one that follows Easter, and I truly want to tell you that it is more than necessary for those who love me to be truly resurrection announcers. The task of the angels is great, because they are at the direct service of God, but also everyone of you can be so, if in the fulfilment of the daily duties which are those of your state or even of your mission, you learn to rise up above the human and above those who command you, to see God alone.

You must accustom yourselves to perform the most indifferent and most simple actions with so much love and so much thoroughness as to render them extraordinary. It is a way of announcing the resurrection. Also when in your homes you throw everything into turmoil in order to tidy up, you can announce the resurrection.

How did the resurrection of Jesus happen? There were earth tremors, an angel turned over the stone and Jesus came out like a conqueror, letting the bandages fall. When Peter and John arrived at the tomb and entered it, they found the bandages on the ground and the shroud folded up on the stone.

You are for the greater part mothers, and you know something about tidiness and untidiness. Sometimes it is exactly necessary for you to give a tremor to the consciences of your children so that they may let go the bandages, that is, the bonds that keep them attached to evil. You must help them to tidy up and you must, like the angels, announce that Jesus is found among the living because He is the author of life.

In this way, with goodness, with certainty and with great sincerity, you can put yourselves before the brethren to say: If Jesus is risen, we must awake ourselves from our lethargy. Not just as the guards awoke themselves, who frightened went to relate the event to their leaders and accepted to be paid for lying. They had, in fact, to say that during the night, while they were sleeping, the disciples of Jesus had gone to abduct his body.

You must invite to speak a clear language, that which Peter spoke on the day of Pentecost and that which the angel spoke standing on the overturned stone. You must say: We have risen with Jesus and must live united to Him. The life of grace involves some sacrifices, but they should not frighten us. The flatteries of the world must not attract us nor make us deflect from our intentions, since the scene of this world passes quickly. Our faith must communicate to us that spirituality through which we must feel light, almost transparent, like the body of the Lord was in those forty days in which He remained on earth. In fact, Jesus showed himself truly as man, He ate with the apostles, spoke and walked, but his behaviour was so celestial that the apostles were taken by great fear and respect beside Him.

Oh, if my children were capable of making their actions supernatural and sanctifying their life, how effective the apostolate would be! How easy it would be to make oneself understood and speak to souls!

Dear children, may the feast of the Angel, which many have wasted in amusements and entertainments even sinful ones, bring to you an infinite desire for perfection and an ever new desire to bring to all, on the wings of love, that resurrection announcement which Jesus has given you. Every season of the year has some special characteristic that makes it suggestive, but spring is like a call to the resurrection, it is a renewal of life that repeats itself.

The Church is a never-ending spring that invites souls to get dressed again with the new man, who is Christ risen, to take off the mourning clothes, the old man with all that weighs him down and makes him displeasing to God. Accept the Church's invitation, and she makes the spring of your soul flower again with a blossoming of virtue and ripen into abundant fruits of good. My Easter wish is made effective by your prayer.

See you again, children. I embrace you one by one and I thank you for your response to my calls.

## **THE MERCY THAT YOU WILL EXERCISE...**

*April 1, 1975*

Children so dear to me, peace be to you. I am the Virgin of Light, and I desire for your minds and your hearts to be always illuminated by that spiritual light that makes it easy for you to act in conformity to the Gospel. May your thoughts always be illuminated, and let your decisions be the fruit of that reflection that makes you prudent and balanced, but above all be the result of a comparison made with the Law of God and with his will.

The light of the heart is that warmth that makes you act for the love of God and neighbour. Oh, how much need there is for this divine and human warmth in the world! Learning to understand the needs of others is a fruit of a healthy mind, but meeting peoples needs is a fruit of the heart which, annihilating selfishness, substitutes it with generosity and giving.

You are preparing for the great feast of Mercy. Jesus will show you his heart. He will make you understand the dimensions of his heart, rich with grace and goodness. I would like for you to prepare yourselves in a very special way. Whoever goes to draw water at the fountain, can take a larger quantity if he brings a larger receptacle. You will come to draw from the heart of my Jesus many graces.

Now, who will make a greater provision? Those who shall have the most greater receptacle. The measure of what you will obtain shall be given by your generosity in giving. First of all therefore, you ought to be merciful in order to obtain mercy. All men have need to be forgiven, because all are sinners. If you are capable of exercising goodness and mercy with all, you will find Jesus disposed to forgive you and it will be He himself who will come to you, not only in all the needs of the spirit, but also in those of the body and in those varied things that form your worries.

To all you must demonstrate your goodness, but especially to those who make you suffer. Learning to forget an offense received and smile before those who do not understand you, is certainly a good thing, whereby certain times it seems you are being heroes, if you bear it. But if you consider the behaviour of Jesus towards those who offend Him, yours then will not seem to you an act of heroism; you will understand instead that, being yourselves so many times ungrateful or wicked with the Lord, you merit only scorn on the part of all.

Children, the mercy that you will exercise with others, shall be the measure with which the Lord will try you on the last day. Therefore, have a holy consideration to be good and a holy fear of facing a harsh judgement. Learn to love also enemies, because this is the badge of Christians. Jesus said: *"The pagans also love those who love them."* You must be more than the pagans.

I want to recommend to you another virtue so dear to the heart of Jesus. It is simplicity. It is so difficult to be simple in a world that lives only with complications. And yet I desire for you to bring, as a floral gift to my Lord, many beautiful daisies. They shall be your hearts, in which there must be no duplicity or ambiguity. Simplicity is the sister of humility and it does not disdain recognizing one's mistakes and one's shortcomings. Simplicity loves to show what she is and to recognize the worth of other persons.

He who is simple does not take offence, does not distort, he knows how to smile, how to hide and to accept all that the good God puts on his path, be it good or bad. The simple person with difficulty judges or condemns, because he feels too little to do it. So, while with heart dilated by the warmth that goodness gives him, he is always ready with mercy to welcome, to forgive and to love, with the light of the mind and simplicity he surrounds himself with souls to be helped, to be consoled and to illuminate. With these two virtues, go to meet Jesus, infinite mercy, and expect everything with great faith and with sincere love.

I will instruct you in these days and I will send you my angels, so that with numerous inspirations they may point out to you moment by moment all the good that you ought to do. Do so as to forget yourselves the most possible, in order to see the needs of others and intercede for all. The great disasters which, provoked by men, bring into the world mourning and weeping, must not leave you indifferent, but be a continual call to faith and to the exercise of charity. Let *"Give and it shall be given you"*, be a continual warning to exercise mercy.

I bless you all always.

## **I INVITE YOU TO EXAMINE YOURSELVES ON LOVE**

*April 3, 1975*

Children so dear to me, permit me to address to you a motherly word, so that you may be able to prepare yourselves with enthusiasm for the feast of Mercy.

It has been said to you that the best preparation is that of exercising mercy to your neighbour and of being very simple. But how will you be generous and merciful with those who err and with those who need help, if you are not convinced that you too are in the same condition? That's why I invite you in these days to examine yourselves very well, to see how much love towards God, towards the neighbour and towards yourselves is defective.

In that way you will make an observation of your misery that will draw to you a gaze full of goodness from my Jesus, who is infinite goodness.

Many Christians consider themselves to be fortunate because they have not committed in their lives certain serious things, certain crimes, by which some have appeared in the eyes of all as great delinquents. But the Lord does not see as men do. He looks in the depth of the heart, and perhaps He is more disposed to forgiveness for certain serious failings than for



certain idolatries of oneself that some have, whereupon they feel the only sinless and just ones.

If you want to measure the degree of love that you have towards God, you must see up to what point you are committed to annihilate your ego that peeps out in every moment. When a person is seized by his nothingness and by the right that God has to receive every honour and glory, all becomes perfect in him. Prayer becomes truly the humble elevation of the mind and of the heart to the Creator, and the desire for the apostolate assumes a special meaning, which is that of expanding the Kingdom of God so that He may be loved by all.

How much the Lord rejoices in using misery to perform great works! And do you know why? Because one sees and one enjoys his mercy better. When the apostolate becomes the imposition on others of one's way of thinking and acting, it is no longer God who acts. Charity comes to be lacking and faith loses out, because the consequence of human works is disappointment and discouragement. Would you like to consider in these days to what degree of perfection you have attained in feeling yourselves nothing and in letting the Lord act?

Let's move on to the second point, the love of neighbour. You must exercise mercy. Unfortunately, what my Jesus asserted competently, is always true: *"Why do you want to remove the speck from the eye of your brother and you do not see the beam that is in your eye?"* All men are led to make comparisons, but, while they are indulgent with themselves, with others they are very severe. That apprehension, that worrying for others to be converted by that good man seems zeal, but more than often it is presumption and sometimes lack of charity.

How ought you therefore, to behave with those who err? First of all let the Lord judge, who alone can measure human malice, then you will be able to express to the person concerned your opinion, supposing that you can do it; and finally you must before God take the place of those who err and say with great faith that through the merits of Jesus you ask for mercy. In that way, those conversions that are so dear to you will be much easier.

Do not forget however, that proverb which says: "Doctor, heal yourself." Oh, dear children, persuade yourselves that the best means to induce others to conversion is that of looking deep into yourselves and making every effort to take away those defects that displease God so much. Certain obstinacies, certain coldness, certain resentments, certain grudges harboured inside, are like a poison that take away from you that grace by which you could act on others. Never forget that in this world nobody is perfect, moreover, that no one is completely deprived of virtue. To exercise mercy towards the neighbour means confirming what good there is that everyone possesses, and to have towards the brethren that trust and that optimism whereby, even if they were miserable, they would become dear.

And finally, you will try to examine how is the love that you have towards yourselves. If you truly love yourselves, you must be ready to lose your life, in order to follow Jesus with that selflessness that lets you take the last place, and seeking in the domination of your body and your will to please God.

Whoever loves Jesus, must take up his own cross and deny himself. There are actions that are pleasing and one would like to do them also by rebellion. Here is the opportunity for denying oneself. Obedience to the Church is strength, it is love of one's own soul, which in her finds a sure guide. The woman, in the family, must edify all its members through her dedication and obedience. The children who obey have a guarantee of blessings and many dangers are spared to them, as they prepare themselves to have in the families that they will start, obedient and affectionate children.

Now, here you are at the conclusion of this brief examination of conscience: a true joy in seeing you needy of mercy and a great consolation for your Mother, the Mother of Mercy, who will have prepared you to have from the heart of Jesus every good.

Courage, children, and see you again.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*April 4, 1975*

Beloved children, be the blessed ones in this house, where I go about instructing souls so that may be sanctified.

You receive my word, you carry it with you and you keep it in your heart, in order to be able to translate it into practice and make it become light for others. You must be the yeast that make flour rise, which will become savoury bread. You cannot be indifferent to the errors and to the evil that is spread, but you will not be able to change the world if you do not work those transformations in you that are characteristics of those who rise from death to life.

When one comes here to pray, one must desire to grow spiritually and to bring others to good. I recall to you the Gospel event. The apostles had climbed with Peter on the boat, but they had worked all night without catching a fish. Jesus, presenting himself on the shore, invited them to cast the net on the right side. The apostles obeyed, and the net was so full of fish that they drew it in with a great effort.

See, children, if you want to do everything alone and think of being self-sufficient, you will not succeed in performing spiritual things and changes of any kind; but, if all that you do, you do in the name of the Lord and in order to do his will, He himself acts in you and the miracles are multiplied to your great surprise.

The apostles had not recognized the Lord straight away and might have thought that it had been they themselves who acted and obtained the miraculous haul. When however, they recognized Him, Peter did not delay in girding his clothes about him and throwing himself into the sea to reach Him. You also do likewise, children.

The Lord is truly risen and is always with you. Be docile to his will, be ready to cast the nets through prayer, adorn yourselves and provide yourselves with the garment of chastity and of mortification, and you might recognize that God still works in the world with his goodness and mercy. Walk as risen ones in the way of the Lord. Be the salt and be the light. Rekindle your faith more and more, and do not forget that no matter how great the malice of men is, the mercy of God exceeds it infinitely.

I bless you all, children, and in a special way I bless the ministers of my Jesus and my dearly beloved children. Learn to make known to all the poem of love and sorrow enclosed in my heart, you who being especially consecrated to me proclaim yourselves my devotees, and never doubt my assistance. Bring my blessing to your families, to your communities and to your parishes. There is no distinction either of country or of language for me. I love you all because you are mine and I must bring you all into Paradise. My home and yours is there.

See you again, children.

## **THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS**

*April 4, 1975*

My dearly beloved children, peace be to you and grace and every good. I am your Mother and I am here to invite you to make your life a means of resurrection.

The mystery which this evening you wish to commemorate calls you to this twofold work: to reawaken the faith in you in order to be able to reawaken it in others. When in the morning you open your eyes to the sun, which rises upon the good and upon the wicked, you must consider that that God who governs the world wishes to be for all the divine Sun who illuminates, fecundates and warms souls. If the announcement of a new day invites you to work and to live to nourish the soul and the body, the thought of souls who renounce to live and to rejoice with God, must give you a worry and a desire. That same desire that Jesus



carried to the tomb of Lazarus to make him come out from the sleep of death, must encourage you to seek with all the soul the resurrection of your brethren.

There are elderly persons, already on the edge of the tomb, who refuse the Sacraments and the priest because they consider themselves sufficiently just as not to have the need of the justification of my Jesus. There are families in which there is in no way a call back to the faith. There are the young who, transforming their lives into a continuous idolatry, seek joy and pleasure in the satisfaction of their desires. There are priests disenchanted with their vocation, who go about begging for human affections and suffocate the thought of God in human works, which are useless for themselves and for others. There are heartless mothers who do not accept being instruments of life, because they would have to take on some sacrifice. There are people who hate work and would like to spend life, so precious, in idleness.

Rebellion and disorder therefore, are making headway everywhere. It is all an indicator of death, and you must help my heart of Mother to intercede for mercy; you must continuously invite my Jesus to say the miraculous word that gives back life: *"Come out."* Lift yourselves up, yes, from that tomb in which you lie and where your bodies are rotting at the expense of the souls.

My Jesus, after three days of death, took up life again. His resurrection had been prefigured by Jonah; who remained for three days in the belly of the whale; but He also had clearly spoken about his death and resurrection. *"Destroy this temple, and I in three days will rebuild it"*, He had said, meaning to speak about his body. You all, children, shall have to know one day the decay of death and the darkness of the tomb, but also for you the trumpets will blare that will announce the resurrection, and it will be the most beautiful day because you will see the face of the Lord.

Jesus, after his death, descended to the underworld in order to open the gates of Heaven to a host of souls who had lived hoping in the redemption. Every Christian cannot ascend to Heaven alone, but must bring behind himself many souls, whom with his example, with his prayer and with his sorrow he shall have saved. For you this wish: that a true host of souls may accompany your entrance into the Kingdom of God.

I bless you, children, and I embrace you with much affection, wishing you also a goodnight.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*April 5, 1975*

Beloved children, here I am with you to beseech the Father so that He may exercise mercy on all humanity. I am the Mother of Mercy and, like the ancient Esther, I present myself to the King so that He might spare so much suffering to men and grant salvation to souls.

You are preparing yourselves for the great feast desired by my Jesus in order to make his infinite love better known to men and, while I desire to enlarge your heart so that you yourselves may be able to understand this great truth, I give you a task that you ought never forget in all the days of your life.

The reconciliation with the Father came about and still now comes about by means of the precious blood of Jesus which, shed on the cross, is still given to humanity in the sacrifice of the Mass and utilized in the sacraments, especially in those of mercy: Baptism and Confession. Learning to respond to the grace of Baptism and using Confession well, means responding to the mercy of God and utilizing his blood for one's own sanctification. Children, be jealous of the blood of Jesus and do not permit, as much as it depends on you, that not even a drop be spilled.

Confession is like a healthy bath which gives back to the soul the baptismal innocence. And yet, how many Christians do not understand either the importance or the utility and return to the confessional with other sins that are added to those of which they are guilty.

The sacrament of the Eucharist is the memorial of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, but how many sacrileges besmirch the body of the Lord! My children, never forget that he who receives unworthily the body of the Lord, makes himself guilty before God, since he uses the means of mercy for his own condemnation.

Bring to your towns a ray of light and arouse, in all those who surround you, a great respect for the Eucharist. I promise you help and graces, but be witnesses of my desires and my word.

I bless you, children. Never let yourselves be intimidated and disheartened by any adversity. Know that pain is but a great means to participate in the sufferings of Jesus and in extending to all his mercy. Bring my blessing to all the persons whom you love, and say that the heavenly Mother is always ready to receive everyone and to present them to her Jesus, so that in Him and through Him they may be saved.

See you again, children.

## **I INVITE YOU TO MEDITATE ON THE INCARNATION OF THE WORD**

*April 7, 1975*

Beloved children, I thank you for having come to render me homage today, in which the Church celebrated the Annunciation. It is the greatest mystery that is performed in the world, that of the incarnation of the Word, and it is right to give to it all that importance that it deserves. It is the God of majesty and of infinite greatness, who accepts to enclose himself in the womb of a virgin and to assume human nature. It is a mystery of love and of humility which, as it annihilated our Lord, raised man up to be divinized by Him. A mystery of love of an incomparable greatness, which claims the faith and the love of every human creature.

I invite you to meditate on this mystery and, while with it you will thank the Father and the Holy Spirit who performed it, I invite you to realize it in yourselves by making your heart the desired abode of the Son of God. You say to me: Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb; but I can say that you too are blessed, more blessed than the angels, since it is granted for you to lodge every time that you wish, also every day, the God of Heaven and earth and to make yourselves one with Him.

That's why therefore, I turn my announcement back to you: never let it be that with indifference, coldness and little devotion you welcome Jesus in holy Communion. If your encounters with Him are inflamed with love, your defects and your imperfections in which you daily fall shall be burned away. A Communion made well is enough to sanctify you, while the Viaticum received with great remorse of conscience, will be enough to erase all the purgatory that could be reserved for you. If you wish however, for the last Communion to be a prize and a means to introduce you into eternity, try to prepare yourself with many Communions made well. I say to you a phrase that I have repeated at other times, but which is rich with wisdom: *"Let your daily Communion be always received as if it were the last."*

Were you to know, children, how many persons unprepared and in serious sin are suddenly seized by death! It may seem a thing that must happen only to others. And yet, in all social classes, in all the streets of the world and for all ages, death stands as in ambush. My Jesus has said to you that death comes like the thief, when the least you expect it. Be always ready to depart, always ready to receive the announcement of the angel, that of approaching the

divine Banquet and that of being introduced into the Kingdom of the Heavens to take part in the eternal Banquet of the King.

Remember these thoughts every time that you recite the Angelus and make this prayer a beautiful devotion, with which, as you honour the incarnation of the Son of God, you discover the divine will. I will bless you every day that you will recite this prayer.

In the meantime, as I see your every intention and desire, I hasten to hear you. I begin with the desires of a spiritual order. Have great ideals too and do on your part all that good that you can, without anxiety and without losing peace if you cannot arrive where you would like. Every good desire is valid before God like a real good and it shall have its reward. Then I bless and I hear all the desires that concern your neighbour, especially the sick, to whom, if health is not granted, peace and serenity shall be given. I bless your families, your relatives, the persons who are dear to you.

I promise you to help everyone, so that they may understand the importance of living the Christian life and saving the soul. Extend your intentions to all the good works that can be done in the world, so that all may be vivified by the love of God and neighbour.

Blessing the little children present and all the youth is dear to me.

I bless the whole prayer group come to this house, and I beg you: be always prompt in gathering in that blessed church, where many holy souls have prayed and wept. I am with you.

See you again, children. May the love of Jesus, infinite mercy, fill your hearts.

To those children who come from so far away, a special blessing which I extend from now to all the prayer groups of that nation.

Pray, children, the hour is grave.

## **THE JUST MAN LIVES BY FAITH**

*April 8, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you and grace and every good. I am with you, I am the faithful Virgin, and I desire more and more to encourage you to continue this mission entrusted to you, of making known the importance of prayer and of making known, through spreading the word of God, the truth. It is only in the acceptance of truth, in fact, that the faith becomes the anchor of salvation.

Faith helps to live and helps the faithful to die well. When one reaches eternity keeping the faith alive, the soul is introduced into the Kingdom of love. There faith ceases — which has been the lamp that has illuminated the journey — since it is the place of infinite light. The curtains drawn, the bandages which cover the eyes of men fallen, in the vision of God is performed and is revealed every mystery.

Children, be proud of your faith and be happy of not seeing while you are alive, since Jesus said so to Thomas, when He invited him to put his fingers in the wounds of his hands and his hand in the wound of the side: “You have believed because you have seen, but blessed those who believe without seeing.” Besides, children, even if truth is veiled, you are not blind, and it is beautiful to think that beyond those veils there is an infinite reality, grandiose and divine.

There are those who wish to be blind and do not accept the truth, or want to touch all with the hand; but what merit can they have before God? Did He not say: “*The just man lives by faith?*” It is true that human prudence teaches to take account of everything, and the Lord permits for reason to be used in order to study and to understand certain truths. But take heed that at a certain point you will find yourselves before the incomprehensible, since the distance that exists between God and man creates unfillable abysses. Do not try at this point to give

human explanations to things, bow the head and adore. It will be best for you and you shall be more upright, since you will not relate fables and mix the truth with error.

Children, be simple and humble, so that serenity may not fail in you, which derives from the possession of those truths that put you in communication with God and which makes you see Him present in your life and in that of the world.

There are some who, learning the profane sciences, have believed in reaching the high summits and to be able, for this reason, to judge God himself. The angels also believed themselves on the same plane as God and they were cast into hell. There are those who neglect the faith up to considering it a virtue of little old women, therefore, they boast of being atheistic. Others boast a special faith in which they identify God with man, up to the point of making Him an accomplice in their imperfections and their defects. And there are in the field of the good, of the practising, those who do not maintain that balance and that common sense that are so necessary to live a normal life and to be a good example to all.

I invite you to understand, to reflect on every teaching that is given to you and to rethink the way with which to translate it into practice, especially by comparing the different situations in which you might find yourselves, with those of the life of Jesus and mine. You will find in that way the solution for every problem.

How many times my children before sorrow remain disheartened and speak of having lost the faith. What did Jesus do, what did I do when the cruellest pains transfixed my heart? Perhaps I stopped praying? Perhaps my Jesus cursed the Father or you, who were the cause of his suffering? No. Well then, do not hesitate to embrace the cross. Pray, and whatever may be the cause from which your suffering originates, know that your faith has the power to sanctify the moment that flees and to project your sorrow into eternity transforming it into joy.

Do good, children! Do good to all. A good that is not restricted to an almsgiving, to a good word or to a material help. Do so that your good may always carry this trademark: Jesus, God of love, and that it be Him to work in you in virtue of that faith through which you are his brothers.

Faith is the sister of hope and, the more the former is alive, the more solid is the latter. He who hopes lives, since, when one no longer hopes, everything dies. Nourish the faith, since with it you shall always have courage to confront the delicate and sorrowful situations of life. Have faith, and with the eyes that it gives you, learn to give a life meaning to the mysteries that surround you and which only in God and through God can be explained.

I bless you all, my children, and I expect you more numerous at this divine school, as I promise to accompany you along your earthly journey, up to reaching the Homeland.

I bless those who come from afar and who live in this house. See you again, children. Come here to draw spirituality and strength to be brought into your parishes and everywhere.

## **YOU ARE TABERNACLES OF THE LIVING GOD**

*April 15, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you! I am your Mother, always here with you to give you help in the difficult journey of life. I am here to nourish your mind with those teachings that give you light and to teach you to receive that living bread descended from Heaven, Jesus my Son, with that love, with that respect and with that fear that He deserves.

You might say to me: How can one reconcile love with respect and fear? It is possible, children, if you believe that you must consider Jesus as true man, the best of men, who loves you and gives himself completely to you, but also as God, whose greatness exceeds infinitely every human creature. Yes, children, Jesus, who made himself food for you, is God and man.

If therefore, the greatest confidence must make you express your affections and animate you to ask material and spiritual favours from Him; if you can treat Him like the best of friends and make Him a sharer of your joys and pains; if knowing Him as rich with grace, the fount of grace, you can turn to Him to ask for help, you must never forget the distance that exists between Him, God like the Father, and yourselves.

In this way I desire for you to be aware that our Jesus has the right not only to a respect that can be limited to not doing evil, but also to adoration, which is bestowed to Him by the angels themselves.

You often say that too much familiarity makes one lose reverence. I instead, would like for both one and the other to be amalgamated, so as to render you alluring also to the angels.

The respect that you must have for your body, you cannot attribute it to another fact except this: you are tabernacles of the living God. Thousands of times you have received Jesus in your heart. It is the Mother's bread, is it not true? Flesh from my flesh, blood from my blood. As long as with mortal sin you do not distance Him from you, my Jesus remains with his mystical presence inside you. Consider and meditate on this truth and communicate with Jesus, who is there listening to what you say to Him.

In churches, in the Tabernacle, He remains continually in Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. How do they demonstrate believing this truth those who turn the Church into a place of passage or place of gossip?

I would like a luminous example of respect, of adoration and of faith to emanate from you. Churches must be considered as the true home of God and gate of Heaven. You must demonstrate respect with a serene and quiet behaviour, seeking to avoid those useless words that are not suited to the high authority of God and which is time wasted, which could be better spent in communications with God. Moreover, you can show that respect that you must have also in the clothes that you wear.

What concerns your body however, stands also for others. Your neighbour is a tabernacle of Jesus like you are. Their body also, consecrated by the sacraments and sanctified by grace, deserves respect.

Oh! I will never end urging fraternal charity on you, exactly because what you do to the least among the brethren, you do to Jesus himself.

How do the mothers rejoice when their little children behave politely with everyone! Good mothers know with great love to make loved and respected also those who show physical or moral defects.

I am the heavenly Mother and, looking on men with the gaze of God, I see them crippled, lame, blind, deaf and even corpses. And yet I love them all, and I do not exclude anyone from my maternal work, because in them I see my Jesus. Even if bloodied, lacerated, suffering, it is always Him and I have for all a great respect.

You also do likewise, and I will be so happy for my lessons to bring good results. To encourage you in this task, I warn you never to stop at appearances. What would you say of me if, in seeing a black or yellow skinned son, I were to reject him? You are all equal before God, and many times he who believes he sees well is completely blind.

I bless you all and I help you. See you again, children, and be certain that the prayer groups, be they family or parochial, give pleasure to my heart and I bless the homes and the parishes where they are started. I embrace you with so much affection.

## **THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*April 18, 1975*

Children so dear to me, how sweet it is to my heart to speak to you about my heavenly Spouse, the Holy Spirit, so that you may be able to understand how necessary it is for Him to direct your soul in order to bring it to sanctity, that is, perfection.

The Spirit of the Father and the Son, who breathed on the unformed mass of the world and made life flourish, must truly operate in you that rebirth and those transformations whereby your life must become a means of life for many other creatures.

When the Holy Spirit descended as a globe of fire in the Cenacle, where the apostles had gathered with me in prayer, there was a general dismay. Even if Jesus had spoken many times about Him as the Spirit Comforter, his presence generated in all a sense of fear.

Even now it happens like this among Christians. The Holy Spirit is known little, is loved little and his action is feared, because one prefers to live a mediocre life rather than a fervent and zealous life. In this way, the third person of the Most Holy Trinity can be compared to the unknown God or the great forgotten one.

I beg you to invoke Him in all the most delicate situations of your life. Not only for the choice of state, which with certainty and clarity can be pointed out to you, but also in all those decisions that call you to a more effective, more active and more efficacious apostolate.

The Spirit of the Lord has been the sure guide for all those who wished to accomplish great works in the Church, who were like luminous beacons for all humanity. But also the little souls, who wanted to practise the spiritual infancy or carry out the act of continuous love, had the help of the sweet Guest of souls and his action was efficacious in proportion to their response. Just as the marble cannot rebel at the action of the artist from which he must portray a masterpiece, so the souls who desire to reach the heights, must respond and be docile to the guidance of their Author.

Children, the Holy Spirit is truth and life. Commend the whole Church and in particular the Pontiff to his work. Even if my Jesus promised to Peter and to his successors the continual assistance of his Spirit, it is necessary to entrust to Him continuously the fate of the Church and of its Head; less mistakes, less heresies, less tearing of the seamless garment of the Spouse of Christ there will be, and more unity and certainty in the faith.

Children, I bless you all. May the Holy Spirit fill you with his love.

Goodnight, children.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*April 19, 1975*

Beloved children, be welcomed in my house. I am your Mother and I welcome you with so much affection.

I want for you to bring to your homes the memory of me made of goodness and trust. I speak to you about goodness therefore, and I say to you that my goodness, which I learned from the heart of Jesus, my Son, is so great that, equal to Him, I can forgive all to my children of earth, as long as they are repentant of their sins and promise to change life. I always have confidence in all my children and I hope that with the help of God they can amend.

However, we have need of you, of your goodness and your trust. Learn always to overcome evil with good and believe that the Lord can change the world, if you will learn to pray and to do penance, as I have many times asked in my various apparitions, and if trust will never fail in you. Let your goodness become prayer therefore, become love towards God

and neighbour. Let your trust be true faith, which transmutes into sacrifice and into that certainty of the presence of God in the world that makes you be just.

I embrace you one by one and I wait for you still, for you to acquire that spirituality so strong and generous that you can bring everywhere. I thank you for the gifts of love that you have brought me; I will render them to you in perfumed flowers of graces.

See you again therefore, and fervent. And... be saints!

## TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS

*April 19, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be in your hearts, in your families and in all the world. This you must always ask for and desire, since peace exceeds every human good.

Moreover, I am the Queen of Hearts and I desire holiness from you. What shall you do to be holy? Listen to the words of Jesus: "Be perfect as your Father who is in the heavens." How will you get to achieve God's perfection? Behold, children: by doing his will. And if you ask me what the will of God is, I reply to you again with the words of Jesus, his Son: "*Love one another as I have loved you.*" If you will seek to put into practice this Commandment, many family, personal and social difficulties will be smoothed out. Then there will be true peace.

When you are tempted to love some and despise others, consider that those whom you despise are sons of God, my children like you. It is for me a great pain that there is no mutual love in the world. Learning to love is a sign of true faith and it gives you a little foretaste on earth of that happiness that is enjoyed in Heaven, where discord is unknown. Children, learn to understand and to help all, and you will find me always at your side to bless you.

I embrace you and I urge you: be good. Come to me, when you have some particular need for the soul and for the body.

See you again, children. Bring me greeting and my blessing to your loved ones and tell them how much I love them.

## TO THE YOUNG

*April 20, 1975*

Beloved children, what joy the enthusiasm of your hearts gives to my heart of Mother for having found or rediscovered God! Truly it is the greatest conquest, that of souls who find the Shepherd again who can guide them to the eternal pastures and can nourish and quench their thirst.

Jesus is truly the Good Shepherd who does not let anything lack to his little sheep, not even that intimate joy that surpasses all worries and which overcomes every sorrow. I desire to lead you to Him moment by moment, as I point out to you the road of personal perfection and that of the apostolate.

While therefore, I invite you to grow more and more in the knowledge of the divine will, I encourage you to spread the good with all the means granted to you. One time it might be with the word, another with prayer and again with example and with action; but never let love be lacking in all the actions, whether you pray or dedicate yourselves to other works, because love is like the souls that vivifies everything.

Learn to love and do not forget that true love is to give God to souls, about which St. Paul rightly used to say that anyone could also strip himself of all his goods and give them to the poor, and not have loved. In this world, in which it is easy to forget the command of love which is made of compassion and forgiveness, may your example and the peace that your

words must produce, be truly efficacious and serve to calm souls, to settle arguments and to bring back love everywhere.

I bless you, children. I bless your hearts, which I desire burning with the pure love of God.

To all, the wish of being able to serve the Lord always with gladness, comforting those who suffer and giving light to those who are in darkness. See you again!

## **ASK THE FATHER FOR HOLY PRIESTS**

*April 20, 1975*

My children, here I am to pray with you. Let us ask the Lord of the harvest to send many workers into his vineyard.

I am the Queen of Vocations, and I keep the supplicating cry of Jesus first of all addressed to my heart. "The harvest is great, but the workers are few", He said, and today more than ever priestly and religious vocations are getting fewer.

If you ask me for the reason why these vocations are lacking, I answer you that there is lacking the spirit of sacrifice and generosity in learning to deprive oneself of those material things to which all men aspire. But there is another reason: faith has fallen, whereby not much importance is given to the service of God and the brethren. While one time it was the most desired and asked for gift that of having a son priest or a daughter religious, now they are looked upon with indifference, and also with pity, those who have called ones in their family.

The young encounter then, many obstacles in the realization of their vocation. Many times they do not have models to imitate in their superiors, or a wise guide in whom must form them. Sometimes they find obstacles in companions, who having entered a seminary without a vocation, function as a tempter. They encounter obstacles in families, who do not know how to follow them by deepening their courage and perseverance and accompanying them with prayers and sacrifices. The devil, then, sows discouragement and distrust, showing the path of vocation as hard and bristling with thorns, while the world offers satisfactions and joys.

What must my children do before a pressing necessity and a shortfall of numbers and quality of the called? There is nothing but to commend oneself to the Father and ask for holy priests. It is even true that there are many of my dearly beloved ones who have not understood being called to holiness and live a life less than mediocre, but it is also true that every parish has the priests it deserves.

Tell me sincerely, children, what do you do individually to make your priests more good? Do you have towards them that esteem that they deserve as intermediaries between man and God? Are you convinced that, if Jesus lives among you, in your churches, as He lived once in the house of Nazareth, it is because a priest calls Him on the altar? Are you convinced that, if the Church after two thousand years is still alive on earth, it is because Jesus has entrusted his word, his doctrine, his sacraments, in which you can find the means of holiness and salvation, to those He called?

In this way I can let pass before your eyes all the merits of the Church, all the works performed by holy priests, in the name of Jesus Teacher and Head of the Church. Works that have healed family and society. Was it not Christianity which abolished slavery, and was it not the holy Popes who defended and who defend the religious, human and civil rights of nations?

Justly you must recognize that the priest, even if elevated to an infinite dignity, since he deals directly with God, remains a man. His nature does not change, even his defects remain, which He must strive to remove. But who would be able to assure you of the forgiveness of your sins, if he were not to give the absolution on God's behalf?



Know, children, that the men of this world become capable of violence, they become ferocious up to killing each other, not so much because despotic or materialistic ideologies seize their mind, but because they put off approaching the sacraments, in which the Prince of Peace, the One Crucified out of love, would teach to all to forgive and to love.

Take away the priests from your towns and from your cities, and not only will you not have that material wellbeing that many dream of, but you will have the desperate and the cruel who would put no limit to their wickedness. It is even true that it is enough for one wicked priest to ruin a whole town, but thank God that there are still some holy priests, who have as model the Crucified One and as guide their Immaculate Mother.

Let this day of vocations therefore, continue on, and may you be able to feel very strongly the desire of Jesus for you to be happy to sacrifice yourselves, to go along with Him, all the days of your life.

I bless you all, children, and I embrace you pressing you to the heart.

## **BE SERENE AND TRUST IN GOD**

*April 21, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you and grace and every good. It is my maternal wish, that you yourselves be able to realize my desires by cooperating with your good will.

The world seeks for and desires peace, but it cannot find it because it does not seek it from Him who can give it. I want to give you peace and you must bring it to the brethren. You must fill yourselves with peace whereby no ordeal, no sorrow, no adversity, may either take it away from you, or even diminish it. The peace that I desire for you to possess is the certainty of being in good hands, that is, in the hands of God and mine, like that of the little child who is in the arms of the father or the mother. Peace is that interior serenity and tranquillity that derives from a right conscience, from the conviction of having done and of doing one's duty.

Whatever may be the outcome of your actions, if you have acted well and with a right intention, nothing must disturb you. There are mothers and fathers who live with anguish in heart because their children have not followed the road mapped out by them, and they weep and despair up to losing love for God and prayer. No, children, the Lord wants your peace, even if the Christian upbringing imparted by you has not given its fruits. Yes, your sorrow is great and I understand you, I who have many children who betray their faith and crucify my Jesus still in their hearts; but the certainty of having done your duty, even if it is permitted for you to weep, must not make you doubt of the divine reward and must be a stimulus to continue to believe, to love, to pray and to forgive.

I want to give you an increase of grace, in this visit of yours. There are some who say: Our Lady is everywhere, and it is true. But does it not seem to you that I can choose the places of my encounters, even if I ask you for some sacrifices? Do I not perhaps return your gifts of love with my word? And is not this enough to give you joy? Oh! yes, it is a great thing, moreover, I increase grace to you and I fill you with that spirituality that makes you true Christians.

Unfortunately many call themselves Christians, that is, followers of Jesus Christ, but they are so only in name, only for having received Baptism. You must be witnesses of Christ with your life. The early Christians also had to bear witness to Him, and whoever saw their behaviour was able to say: *"Truly they are followers of the Nazarene."* They did not do extraordinary things, but they learned to love and to perform their duty properly. You also must do the same.

These are sad days for many, which you are passing through, especially for those who but follow the wiles of the evil one and with the heart full of hatred sow discord and crimes; but you must trust your Mother and, living in the grace of God, you must not fear anything. Did not Jesus say to you: *“Do not fear those who can harm your body, but those who can ruin your soul.”*? Be serene and trust in God, never letting prayer fail.

I want to give you every good. But, children, my goods have no resemblance to the goods that the world offers. I want to give you patience in carrying the cross, the desire for holiness and perfection. I want for you, leaving here, to feel so happy as you have never been.

Tell me, children, what can Paradise ever be? Shall it not be your definitive encounter with God and with the heavenly Mother? I have spoken to you as behind a screen. The screen is your spiritual mother, but if you learn to ascend high, then yes you can savour these encounters with Heaven!

Children, I bless you all and I call you by name, inviting you to tighten more and more your bonds of affection with me. I will make you see the results. I love you, children, I protect you and I will always protect you. Many graces I have granted and many more I will grant. Be serene.

## **ASK FOR HELP IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PERSEVERE**

*April 22, 1975*

Beloved children and so dear to me, peace be to you. See, I am here to encourage you and to help you. Some call me the Mother of Holy Perseverance, and I in fact am so, since the journey of life is arduous, and it is my task to help all to persevere in the faith, in love and in the good intentions in order to arrive happily at the finish line.

In Paradise there are many souls who were faithful up to sacrificing their lives at the hand of executioners, and you call them martyrs. Moreover, there are also endless hosts of souls who conducted an ordinary life and who learned to be faithful to their duty, faithful to God, in whom they trusted, faithful to Jesus Christ, in whom they shared the passion putting up with the pains of life. These you can consider as souls martyrs of the little daily crosses.

I invite you to look with a serene eye at that last stretch of life that still remains for you to travel on, to strengthen yourselves in faith and to ask every day for the help to be able to persevere in good. There are some who have a self-confidence whereby it seems impossible for them of having to lose the faith, the trust and all that complex of graces which they enjoy. It is the confidence of the apostle Peter, who used to say to the Lord: *“Even if all were to abandon you, I will remain always with you, even if I had to die.”* You know instead how weak Peter was, who let himself be bought and intimidated by a little servant girl. But no one can boast of being less weak than him, that is to say, no one can be certain of persevering in good.

Sometimes, it is physical ailments that take away the will to pray and which get you down morally. Other times it is doubt, which makes one ask oneself: what's the point of praying and sacrificing oneself, while he who does evil rejoices and is better off than those who live the Christian life? At other times it is the nausea of good, whereby it is said: why should I behave so and do good to others, while I am repaid with ingratitude? Or even, it is that coldness and indifference that makes one love the quiet life and, distancing any sacrifice, the strength of will to react over oneself comes to be lacking.

In this way one sees persons, consecrated souls who for many years were all fire, become cold, neglect the practices of piety and be indifferent to any call, with a great bad example to the brethren.

Sometimes it is the bad example of atheistic or incredulous persons that persuade others, who, letting themselves be won over by human respect and drawn by the greater ease of living seeking only the comforts, neglect permanently the call to faith.

I would like to truly put you on your guard against these dangers, and I would like for you too to try to make known to all how necessary it is for him who puts the hand to the plough, not to turn back and sit down, if he wishes to see his own vineyard cultivated and if he wants to reach salvation.

Concerning this, I would like to counsel you to not want to do too many things, to not multiply the devotional practices, but to remain faithful to those that are the fulcrum, the substance of the true faith. It is necessary for you to learn to distinguish the real duties from the superstitions, for you to learn to give real value to the sacraments and to the Holy Mass, more than to the sacramentals.

I explain, children. There are many persons who are ill and go willingly to receive blessings and exorcisms, but are not concerned with taking sin away from the soul by means of the sacraments. They do not know that sin is the cause of every evil and that the grace of God, being God himself who lives in the soul, can give happiness and joy. In this way the obligation of Sunday Mass is many times forgotten and, while every reason is given to justify missing, then they go to visit the dead at the cemetery or pay a visit to the shrines.

Children, the Christian life is a serious thing. It is to be accepted entirely and it is to be lived out in its spiritual realities, just as Jesus has taught. It is necessary to love the Father and to observe his Commandments. It is necessary to love Jesus, the Son of God, and to put the Gospel into practice. It is necessary to love the Church founded by Him, and fulfil those obligations that the Church imposes, not so much as a human society, but as a divine one, whereby her laws are based on the same teaching of God.

These things — which the greater part of you already do with great joy — you must, persevering with divine grace, do them for your whole life. However, your role as Christians being a commitment and a responsibility also for others, you must seek with all those means that you have at your disposal, to convince everyone and your loved ones first of all.

Children, life is a trial and it is of brief duration. Playing and toying with eternity, oh no, it is not worth it! Say so to those children who want to sow bloodshed and disorder. Life is a breath, a lightning which, as it flashes, already disappears. It is a precious pearl that is not to be thrown away. When you get the urge to complain and to grieve over health, youth or any other good, consider that everything is vanity except to love and to serve the Lord, and that your privations, borne, are worth as much as treasure to heal the world.

See you again, children.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*April 23, 1975*

Beloved children, I welcome you with so much love and, as you prepare yourselves to return to your homeland, as a good Mother I want to leave you a memory of myself.

You must keep in your hearts those graces that you have received and you must think about the things that you have seen and heard, in order to give yourselves courage in moments of disheartenment and sorrow. You must live your life in such a way that whoever will see you, will have to say: Our Lady has come to pay us a visit. Your words and your behaviour must reflect my words and my behaviour.

And finally, you must learn to spread charity by loving all. Rather, if you are able to have preferences, you must have them for those who make you suffer and who, being sick in the

spirit, have a greater need to be helped. I will help you and I will recall, beside my heart and yours, those whom you love and I will make some saints.

Never forget in your prayers and in your sacrifices the Supreme Pontiff, who suffers for the whole Church and for the sufferings of all. Whoever loves and helps the Pope, has a privileged place in my heart, since he is the sweet Christ on earth.

I bless you one by one, children. I bless this dearly beloved tireless son of mine whom I have chosen for this mission, and I hope that he may always be able to animate your pilgrimages and make them means of revival of faith and Christian life.

See you again, children. May your families and communities feel the benefit of these encounters with Heaven for their spiritual renewal.

## **LOVE THE CHURCH LIKE YOU LOVE ME**

*April 25, 1975*

My children, be the welcomed ones in this place of meeting with me. I am your Mother who loves you infinitely, since she loves you with the heart of God. I enjoy staying with you and I desire for you to tell me what grieves you, because I desire to help you in your needs. Towards me you must have filial respect and confidence, since I have a maternal tenderness towards you.

One thing is very dear to me to tell you: love the Church like you love me, who am her Mother and Teacher. Do not be frightened by all that disturbs her and by the wounds that are inflicted on her. The Church is of divine institution, and the devil and adverse forces will never be able to destroy her. You however, must pray a lot, because prayer is a mysterious force which, helping the members, vivifies all the mystical body of Christ.

It is necessary to fear God, since his justice is infinite, but your fear must not be servile. It must be the fear of offending Him who is infinite goodness, which makes you be careful and prudent. Love must direct your actions and transform your life into an offering and into a continuous Mass. Children, one lives only a little time and one lives for eternity. Every minute has a resonance in eternity. If you live loving God and neighbour, you will continue to love in Heaven forever.

Place here, in my heart, all that is a cause of suffering for you. I will help you sanctify your sorrow by uniting it to the sorrows of my Son, and you shall have so much comfort.

I bless you all one by one and I urge you to bring everywhere, with my memory, my promise of help.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*April 27, 1975*

Beloved children, here you are at my feet to conclude your beautiful days of prayer. I am your immaculate Mother, and what can I do for you, except to encourage you to bring this spirit of prayer and sacrifice of which you have given me proof, to your towns? Prayer is loved little in the world because faith has fallen short, and more importance is given to action because one thinks of being self-sufficient and not having need of God. You have understood well how necessary it is to pray, do apostolic work and convince others especially with your example. I shall be grateful to you, and if you would like to spread my Rosary, I will make fall on you, on your families and on your nation, a shower of roses, of spiritual graces.

With so much love you call me Rosa Mystica, and so I am, by the perfume of charity with which my heart is filled; but, if you give me roses of love with the Rosary, I transform your heart up to rendering it perfumed with virtue and pleasing to God. Your actions then, accompanied by prayer become of divine value, and my Lord performs them in you and with you so as to make them truly useful to your neighbour.

The prayer of little children is the most pleasing to God, because they speak with their innocence; moreover, the prayer of adults and the elderly, accompanied by sacrifice, is powerful on the heart of God, because in penitence He sees the humility of heart and the desire for purification. Continue therefore, with love and with trust this way of living of yours, and always keep your Mother present who never abandons you.

I bless you, children. Carmela will give you a Rosary bead, which I will bless. With it you will honour me in the month of May that you are about to begin and you will make your families pray to me, to whom I will give faith and grace.

See you again, children!

## **JESUS IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE**

*April 27, 1975*

Children so dear to me, peace be to you. I am the Miraculous One, I am here with you. How much I desire to give you help and strength!

You are like little children who at times refuse to budge in order to have what they desire, but how to make you happy, while you ask me for what I cannot give you because it is harmful to you? Sometimes you come here and you are disheartened and anguished for useless things, for which it is not even worth bothering about. In this way, you put so much poison in your life and you get embittered for nothing.

I want to help you, but I want you to put yourselves with trust in my arms. I do not abandon anyone, and when to you it seems you are at the end of your tether, I am already there to give you an extra help, an extraordinary help.

What would life be worth for you, if you were to possess all that you desired? If you swam in gold, if you rejoiced in idleness and if you did not have the littlest cross, does it not seem that you would waste your life and not have the right to an eternal reward? Children, take life, one day at a time, with tranquillity. What's the point of getting upset? Does it not seem to you that, if starting from today, you tried to live trusting in God and in me, I would not let you to be lacking in that providence that is necessary for to you? Come on, courage!

When painful situations are created by others and are not the consequence of your mistakes, see in these situations the will of God and accept them out of love. But even if they were the consequence of mistakes committed, accept the cross as expiation. I assure you that great peace will enter into your heart.

I speak the word of God to you. Whoever welcomes the word of God and puts it into practice, becomes a living rock of the Church. He is a true Christian, since the Word of God is in him. Whoever rejects the word, whoever does not believe cannot live according to God, therefore, he has already pronounced his condemnation.

These things, which have been told you many times, must be life of your life; in this way, walking in the light, you can be of help to others. When then you interpose between God and the brethren to beseech for compassion, mercy and help for all, when you offer yourselves on the altar with Jesus who immolates himself, so that your sacrifice may serve to make the Father forget the sins of the world, then yes you become priests with the supreme and eternal Priest, and your service as victim is highly qualified before God.

To this royal priesthood are invited to be a part all those who feel the duty to communicate to the Church that divine vitality which it needs. One cannot be however, living rocks, nor royal priesthood, except by following the footsteps of Him who said: *"I am the way, the truth and the life."*

Jesus is the way. There are no other persons however, who can arrogate to themselves the right to drag souls behind them. Created by God, redeemed by Him, He has all the rights to say that they are his. However, Jesus wishes to be followed freely and with love. As He has lived, as I have lived, following his teachings, so you must live.

He has proclaimed the truth, but they were not theories. Truth is identified with his person. One only is the way, one only the truth. They are not things that contradict themselves, they are equally true. Truth is one, my children, and you must not accept as good all those theories that seem to bring benefits to men.

He who believes loves, he who believes hopes, he who believes lives. The life of Jesus is communicated to you in great abundance. The sacraments place you as living branches grafted on to his trunk, his divine body. And the grace that dwells and that flows in you, which you can increase by increasing your love and practising the Christian virtues, shall be the paragon with your glory in Heaven. More grace, more happiness, more holiness, more love.

In this way, children, I wish to work my miracles: I want to make you holy up to resembling me perfectly. When therefore, you feel depressed, unhappy, incapable, say to yourselves: the Miraculous Lady wants me holy.

To all, my children, my affectionate embrace and promise of help. See you again, and ever numerous and fervent.

## **TODAY THE CHURCH CELEBRATES CATHERINE**

*April 29, 1975*

Beloved children, how much consolation your prayer gives to my heart! If we could enlarge these walls, up to welcoming between them all the men of the world! I would like for all the creatures of the universe to be united to your wonderful choir. Also the inanimate creatures can sing the glories of God, and it must be you to lend to them the voice. May all the universe praise the Lord and all the good raise up a hymn of love, that serve to smother the blasphemous voices that are raised from every part of the earth.

God is infinite love, infinite goodness, infinite mercy, infinite providence. Oh, cry to Him in the secret of your soul to give your courage in the trial! Cry to Him in your families, tell it to everyone, so that Love, who is not loved, may be loved. Cry it out to all the earth, so that men may be shaken from their torpor, and may not only the wicked hear you, but also the good who, immersed as in a lethargy, forget their duties. Shake with your love and with your prayer all who sleep, so that that God of goodness does not put into action his justice, which is infinite too. Yes, this choir of voices is beautiful which, united as one single voice, implore help for all those who are in need. I unite myself to you, and I beseech and pray. The choir of the blessed also unite themselves to you.

Today the Church celebrates Catherine. The feasts of the Church must be a resonance of those in Heaven. But how will you be able to forget this great saint who suffered in her body the passion of the Lord and was docile to the Holy Spirit so as to leave, as legacy to the Church, the teachings received from Him?

Another motive however, pushes you to honour her. Catherine is the Patroness of your Italy. It is true that the whole human race is before God like a great and unique family, but that does not prohibit from having for one's homeland a love of predilection. Jesus also with

much predilection loved his people, his city where He spent his thirty years of life, the lands of Palestine, and even Bethlehem where He was born, the city of bread, which did not want to lodge Him.

Catherine therefore, Italian like you, chosen to protect Italian families, must teach you some things: first of all she must make you love the cross, which is not lacking in any family. It takes on different names, as many as there are members who comprise it, but it must always be called a cross. Catherine, who has known physical suffering, moral suffering in the most pitiless slanders, and spiritual suffering which Jesus himself procured for her with that aridity that made her suffer so much, she is well capable of teaching you to bear it.

Moreover, a second teaching can come from her. She loved the Church and the Pope, so much as not to hesitate to address commands to him, just as the Lord manifested them to her. She, who venerated in the Pope the sweet Christ on earth, did not hesitate to call him back from the foreign land where he had taken refuge, to conduct him back to the Rome that is the Holy City of all Christianity.

You also have committed yourselves, by the will of Jesus, into that holy militia that must be like the strength that supports the Pope. Oh, never forget that white venerable old man who, always ready, always vigilant, oversees the Church! It is never too much what you do for him, and when your occupations prevent you from praying, send your angels to console him and to protect him. Whoever loves the Pope, loves Jesus and his Mother.

In this moment I wish to make a little remark to you. Catherine is a Doctor of the Church and her doctrine has spread in the world along the centuries; but also this is divine doctrine, and even when you will be already in Heaven to enjoy the reward for having spread and practised it, it will continue to be the object of study and meditation. Oh dear children, receive these teachings with love, guard them and disseminate them in the cenacles, and you will collaborate in the sanctification of souls. I bless the priests who treasure them and who, even in the simplicity of exposition, learn to gather the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

I bless you all, especially for that desire that you have of hearing what the will of God is in your regard. I bless all the souls willing and desirous for perfection who with humility, drawing at this fount, set themselves to quench the thirst of others. Children, what you receive and you bring, is light that serves to disperse the darkness.

Pray, children, also for your instrument, so that she may never fall short at her task and always be available in everything. The responsibility of the gift is grave and you must help her a lot so that she may not find herself empty handed before God.

May whoever comes from afar, bring to their own nation my blessing to all those who collaborate for the same purpose.

See you again, children. In the name of St. Catherine, continue to love God and the Church and to instruct all the ignorant in the Law of God.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*April 30, 1975*

Beloved children, thank you for this visit that you have paid me. I enjoy seeing you, greeting you, encouraging you.

You are truly my little children whom I desire to raise in virtue, in love, in grace, in order to bring you all one day into the Kingdom of love and holiness. When you will see me in Paradise, you shall be so happy for having sweetly followed me in this life.

Today, then, is the vigil of the beautiful month which my devotees desire to spend honouring me. What better occasion to get together could there be? A month spent with me is a gift, because I will want to make you know my Jesus better and better. In this way I will

show Him to you in his ascension to Heaven, I will speak to you about his goodness in the Most Holy Eucharist, and I will pray with you so that the Holy Spirit may be generous with his gifts over you and over the whole Church.

While therefore, you scatter roses of love at my altars and in the places of my apparitions, I will cover you with mystical roses, roses perfumed with graces.

See you again, children! Yes, see you again soon, because I will accompany you on your journey and I will come to pay you a visit in your families every time that, together with your family, you will recite the Holy Rosary. I am happy with you. You know how to pray well and your prayer is pleasing to God, because it is sustained by love and nourished by so many sacrifices. Continue thus and bring to your loved ones my embrace of peace, which in this moment I give you.

I bless everyone, in particular those who organize these pilgrimages, destined to bring about a renewal of faith.

## **THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN**

*May 2, 1975*

Beloved children, how much joy this evening encounter gives to my heart! There is no hour of the day or night in which I may not be available for my children, but, when they come to me after a day's work and make me a gift of their prayer and their attention, besides their work, oh! then, I feel towards them as a debtor who must absolve a duty of hers: a duty of gratitude and love.

That's why I look at each one of you, I smile at you and I promise you help and graces. Do not forget these words of mine. They are not said in this way, so much in order to say something; no, they are expressions of a mother who loves you and who through that power which the Lord has favoured her with, wishes and can keep her promises.

Now however, I want to speak to you about myself. You know that my Jesus, after his resurrection, remained on earth forty days and then ascended into Heaven in the presence of many persons. I also saw Him ascend slowly and disappear before my eyes. It is true that I myself chose to remain on earth and not to follow my Son, my maternal assistance being necessary to the early Church, but you perhaps might imagine what my sorrow was by my detachment from Him. And yet I remained on earth many years still, until the vehemence of love that devoured my heart, broke that bond that held me united to the earth. The angels transported me body and soul into Heaven, where the Most Holy Trinity welcomed me and where the beloved Son crowned me Queen of Heaven and earth.

Children, I have reminded you this mystery which has a great importance in your life. You also are on earth and as living stones of the Church you must help her to consolidate itself, to expand itself and to increase its vitality. Then, having accomplished your work, you also will be called with death to participate at my glory in the light of God and you too shall be crowned. Death brings about a temporary separation of the soul from the body. Temporary, since at the sound of the trumpets, at the end of the world, every body shall be recomposed and will be reunited to the soul to participate in the reward or in the penalty.

But does it not seem to you that every day that passes is a step towards the most simple and the most beautiful reality? And what is this reality to which many refuse to believe? With death true life begins. But who would want to forget what awaits him after death and would thoughtlessly want to put eternal life in danger?

When the most diverse worries, torments, real crosses, come to disturb your heart and agitate it, when you see very lawful desires vanish and you have not been able to realize your aspirations, when you feel the emptiness of your life, you notice the vanity of all that you



possess and you see how everything is ephemeral and short-lived, consider that this is not your stable abode, and what you are living is a proof that you must give to God your fidelity.

Consider that there, beyond the stars, is your home, and all that there is in the world, while it must serve you as a means, as a step to ascend, is only a passing thing and of no value. The home of happiness and love is Paradise, to which you must tend with all your strength, believing that you are never alone in combating.

He who ascended into Heaven by his own power and She who, carried by the angels, has reached the Homeland, are beside you, their hands in your hands, always ready to lift you up and to help you when weakness makes you fall, inconstancy makes you stop, and coldness and doubt make you regress.

I am with you day and night, and every beat of the heart, every tear, every invocation, every groan, has a resonance in my heart and finds a ready and loving response.

I bless you all one by one and I wish you a holy night. I always wait for you and with so much love.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*May 3, 1975*

Beloved children, be welcome and may you be blessed for this morning visit. I will accompany you on your journey, as I bless your loved ones that you have left at home.

You have wished to honour me in this month dedicated to me, and I promise you that I will repay your gift of love with those spiritual graces that will help you to ascend. The life of the Christian must be all ascent, and you who love me, must give to all the example of those who are desirous of growing more every day in goodness and holiness, so as to reach Paradise.

Children, be more good every day, since, even if you do not think too willingly about it, your life is a continuous walking towards death. I will help you to grow in goodness, and you act so as to keep yourselves always in the grace of God and to be docile to my teachings, so that as Mother I may be able to perform my duty towards you. Never let charity be lacking amongst you, because it is this virtue that makes the Lord grow in you more and more, so as to make Him working in you.

One day we will see each other all in Heaven, because not one of you must be lost. Your joy shall be great, but as of now think about that encounter in order to have strength and confidence in the bearing of the daily crosses.

I bless and embrace all one by one and I give to each one an increase of faith. Bring this blessing to your towns and say to all that the Heavenly Mother is in the world to help her children and to save them.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*May 3, 1975*

Beloved children, I bless you and I promise you help. Be faithful to your Christian practices; do so that the Eucharist may be your daily bread and the Rosary the weapon to which you are attached in order to defend yourselves from the dangers that surround you.

You have brought me gifts of love, represented by the sacrifices which with love you have borne. I give you in return a greater love of God and neighbour. When then you shall return to your towns, you will make me known and loved, because I am the Gate of Heaven, and whoever finds me, finds the right road and salvation.

The devil snared my heel, and I crushed him because no stain of sin ever touched me, but presently he has taken strength and vigour against souls and snares them in every way and in every place. If souls were to pray with fervour and, knowing to be weak, were to run to me for help, I would defend them from every danger and again I would crush the devil's head. But the importance of prayer is not believed and the power of my protection is not believed, therefore, one falls and many souls are lost. Therefore, you must make me known if you wish to save your children, your families, your nation.

Children, pray always for your priests. Love them, even if you see them defective, because it is only in loving that souls are saved. Love the Church and help her in this period of trial, so that after the trial she may come out of it stronger and victorious. Love the Pope and pray every day for him. Whoever loves the Pope, loves Jesus.

I embrace you one by one and I bless you again.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*May 4, 1975*

Beloved children, your visit is always pleasing to me. I am the Mother of Divine Love, but, whatever may be the title with which you honour me, all can be summarized in this word: I am the Mother of Jesus and your Mother. I am employed as such to help you to support your weakness, to obtain grace for you before God and to accompany you in your life, until you are able to reach Heaven and enjoy with me the beatific vision of the Most Holy Trinity.

I beg you, make this pilgrimage with a spirit of prayer and penance in order to obtain for your people, for your nation, an increase of Christian faith and hope: faith that gives you the certainty that God does not abandon anyone and takes care of each one of you as if you were the only one in the world, and the hope that one day you will be able to live a serene and joyful life for all eternity, since resurrection of the body, reserved for men, has been predicted with the resurrection of Jesus, my Son. Live by faith and trust and spread these virtues everywhere.

I bless you, children. I bless your intentions, your families and all those whom you commend to me. Make me known and loved, and I shall be grateful to you. Carry me in your hearts with the mind and with the recitation of the Rosary. I carry you in my womb, like little children whom I shall give birth to into eternal life. See you again, children.

## **TO THE YOUNG**

*May 4, 1975*

Beloved children and so dear to me, I am your Mother. I am here with you to encourage you to maintain, to guard and to make known those good thoughts, those principles and those wise inspirations that only the Holy Spirit has aroused in your hearts.

Oh! yes, the presence of God through the grace in you, must preserve that joy for you which He alone knows how to give and it must give you that desire to do good which you commonly call the apostolate. You will have to encounter difficulties in order to put the truth of your doctrine and the authenticity of your love to the test, but, if you will preserve the grace, your joy shall not be lacking.

I am called "Cause of joy", but it is the consequence of being the Mother of Divine Grace. I wish to give you an invitation that is so dear to me. There are in the world those who look upon me with scorn and, denying my most delicate prerogatives, denigrate me and insult me. And there are those who, also among Christians, consider me too far away from them, in an

unreachable light. I desire for you to see me as one of you, even if the Lord, exactly seeing my littleness, elevated me above the angels themselves.

I desire to be for you a true model, in which you must discover daily virtues to imitate and a way to follow. If you will come to me as docile children, to learn to live a perfect Christian life, you will make me happy and I will make you feel the greatness of my dignity, not so much for itself, but for what I can favour you with. I am your sister and like you I observed the Commandments of God. Through this Law that God wants all men to observe, I must love you as myself and help in everything. In my imitation, try to love the Father and all the brethren, and the Most Holy Trinity will dwell in you.

I bless you, children.

## **SIMPLE FAITH AND RENEWED FERVOUR**

*May 4, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you. See, I look at you and I call you. I behave like the hen who, seeing the storm gathering, calls her chicks and shelters them under her wings. You are truly my children and, calling you so, I wish to infuse serenity and peace in you. Do not let yourselves be intimidated by anything, but grow every day more in faith up to making it become gigantic. Love your faith, up to being ready to die to bear witness for it.

Do you remember the faith when you were little children? The faith which you professed when you made your first Communion? Well then, go back in years and try to have the same simple and humble faith. I do not ask you to have an irrational faith, but, even in the consideration and in the study of the truth, I desire that before the mystery, before the extraordinary, you must bow the head and say to yourselves: why should I not believe? Is not God perhaps the infinite and omnipotent Being, compared to whom I am less than a speck of dust? And why should not there be for me inexplicable things, created by the divine wisdom?

If you are simple, children, all comes clear to you; and when you notice that distances exist between you and God and your limitations, you can only rejoice that God can love you just the same. Certainly He loves you, like I love you, notwithstanding that He sees in many not only involuntary defects, but also bad will. Tell me, children, can a mother put limits to her affection, when she sees the needs from which those creatures to whom she has given life are surrounded? If you cannot do this, how will I be able to exempt myself from what I consider a strict duty of mine?

I ask you for a simple and strong faith, which allows me to work in you and in those whom you commend to me, real miracles. I reminded you of the first Communion because I would like for every encounter of yours with my Jesus to be like the first. Moreover, also your encounters with me must always bring that freshness, that sincerity, that lovingness that makes the Mother happy.

The coldness of friends is a suffering for my Jesus, and also my heart suffers in seeing misunderstood my gifts in the wastage and forgetfulness of my counsels. You mothers know something about it. Is it not true that your patience, which is always heroic on all occasions, falls short sometimes before the coldness, the indifference and the apathy of your children towards you?

This is what I ask you for therefore, in this month of May. I ask you that, renewing your youth in God, with a renewed fervour you try to come close to me. You will speak your love to me, and we will work together so that the Kingdom of God may come. I shall be the engine, and you only have to overcome that laziness that makes you slow in doing.

There are thirsty souls who await your word, which is mine. There are souls who hunger for faith and justice, to whom your example can give a new vitality. Let everyone become all

to all in order to gain all to me. When you bring me souls, whatever their state of spiritual health may be, I welcome them, I heal them and I give them a lot of joy. That treasure which you possess is not only for you, you must give it out. When you hide it in your heart, let it be only because, nourished by prayer, it must blossom and become an ear of corn, it must become tree like the mustard seed.

Your first Communion has been the first sowing. Some have even erased its memory, but whoever truly loves, makes that a day of reference in order to learn whether the growth has been normal and thriving, or if it has remained suffocated by the thorns.

Let this May be truly a renewal in Jesus through Mary, of holy intentions. You will remember the places of my graces in this month and the means that I have pointed out to you to obtain them. You will live special days of faith and grace. A month in your life can have little importance, but it is not so for me. I remember every gesture of goodness. I remember forever a flower that was given to me and a candle which shone before my image, and more still I will remember a month that you shall have spent honouring me in the way indicated and willed by me.

Know that in Paradise many souls will be able to narrate to you their story of love, in which the Mother intervened to lead them to salvation, through that month of May spent exercising a simple faith and meeting up with her every day.

Children, I bless you and I assure you my most beautiful graces, those which many do not ask me for because they do not know the value. I bless the little children who will approach Jesus in this month and who will receive the Holy Spirit, so that He may bring in them that abundance of grace that I desire for them to possess.

## **REMEMBER THE DAY OF YOUR WEDDING**

*May 6, 1975*

My children, dear to my heart more than myself, peace be to you and to your families. See, I am here to help you to sanctify your lives.

The greater part of you have chosen to live the common life of marriage and, having received a sacrament, must be sanctified in this state of life. I also received special gifts in my wedding with Joseph, even if our virginal marriage was not based on a physical union. On that day we received an increase of grace, whereby we were able to dedicate ourselves to each other with great charity, through the love of God.

Marriage is a channel of grace, which is not limited to the day on which it is celebrated, but which is renewed, increasing the grace every time that, being without mortal sins, a spouse dedicates himself to the other with the desire to be useful to her or to make her happy. It is the sacrament of human love, which can be transformed into supernatural and divine love. When a bride is aware of the greatness of the gift received in the sacrament of Marriage, she becomes joyful in every action of hers and she brightens the home. She welcomes the children that the Lord gives her, who come to surround the table like fruit flavoured with a pure love.

But why am I speaking to you about this sacrament which today is so neglected and despised? Just as I said to you to remember the day of the first Communion, so I desire for the first day of the wedding to be remembered, so that the family may be rejuvenated and be recomposed where there are divisions. The holiness of the woman can and must be the means to sanctify the man, who must have before himself a model to imitate.

It is true that many of you have lost the husband, moreover, in widowhood only occasionally is remembered him who was many times the companion of misfortune. For a reason of true justice, I desire for you also to remember the day of your wedding. Perhaps you

have not had a religious preparation, a spirit of sacrifice. Perhaps you did not learn to understand and meet your spouse halfway, and in that way were not able to transmit to that soul which the Lord had put near you, faith and charity, religious practice and the thought of Heaven. Perhaps, up to the last day, you have forgotten your grave duties towards him whom you had to help to be converted. A lot of Purgatory, certain husbands had to undergo because of the wife, and may God not will for them to be lost.

Remembering the day of marriage means to repair the past. It means to pray and bear suffrage and above all repair those failures, those omissions that ought to have made of the family a perfect unit. What can be said then of the families in which the children have heard only quarrels and curses, murmurings and calumnies?

The month dedicated to me must bring like a perfume of delicate flowers into your hearts; and where it is possible, you must relive the freshness of those encounters that Jesus reminded you of a few days ago: in the grotto of Bethlehem, the encounter with Him a little child; at the wedding of Cana, the encounter with Him, the worker of miracles.

Perhaps some will object in hearing only the married remembered, but let them not fear. There are the mystical weddings which exceed in value, before God and before men, those human ones. I desire for the souls who, attracted by the love of God, have renounced all for Him, to rekindle the flame. Many times loneliness or incumbent old age, or the elderly persons by which they are surrounded, do so that the early enthusiasm and fervour comes to be lacking. They are like those spouses to whom everything is boring and who complain about everything, also of little things.

Oh, how I would like to say to these souls: my daughters, realize the beauty of your vocation! The Lord has called you to virginity and He loves you with a preferential love. Let the desire be alive in your hearts to make Him a gift of your liberty, in order to be able to use all your time for Him and to put at his disposal all yourselves in order to be worthy brides of such a Bridegroom.

No human life must be a failure and it will not be so if, conscious of your dignity, you will learn to use your mind, your heart and your will to make the Lord reign.

Marriage is a channel of grace. Your parents received it and, if they have lived well, that grace is spread again on the children and on the grandchildren, moreover, from the mystical marriage the whole Church benefits. Learn to renew, to sanctify and to remember the day of your promises for the good of all. It will be a way very dear to me of honouring me.

## **HUMILITY AND SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD**

*May 7, 1975*

Children, so dear to me, it is pleasing to me this encounter as you prepare to celebrate the ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

It is so beautiful to think about Heaven! When you raise yourselves with the mind and with the heart to think about and to love what awaits you, the things of the earth lose their value, does it not seem to you? And yet, very many are those who do not think at all about the next life and pasture themselves with useless and harmful things, in which they find the satisfactions of the senses and joy, even if ephemeral.

You are destined for Heaven. Each man who is born has his place up there, where Jesus ascended forty days after his resurrection. In order to reach the Homeland, it will be necessary for you also to detach yourselves from the earth; not with the body, but it will be necessary to detach the heart from all that is contrary to the Law of God and above all from that attachment to oneself which is the cause of every evil. Detaching oneself from one's ego is to practise humility, it is to give one's liberty as gift to the Lord.

Humility is the acknowledgment of one's nothingness, of one's incapacity and weakness, it is putting down the foundations for Christian perfection which everyone has to reach. Without humility it is impossible to raise oneself in the spiritual life, as it is impossible to build a house without putting down the foundations. Without making a gift to God of liberty, that is, without submission to his will also in the little things, it is impossible to be holy.

The two tracks that will permit you to reach that place that was assigned to you, have these two names that you need as wings in order to fly. They are humility and the renunciation of your will, in order to accept to obey in all Him who, after having created the world and man, established the laws that govern one and the other.

What would become of the universe if each creature were to disobey the Creator and make up his own laws? There will be a chaos that will lead to ruin and to destruction. The laws are a guarantee of order. Tell me, why does so much disorder reign in the world? Are not perhaps the anarchy and the insubordination that are created in the family, in society and in the Church a real chaos? That's why I invite you to reflect on your behaviour and on your way of living.

There is a Law infused by God in the hearts of men, ratified by Him and written on tablets of stone, delivered to Moses on Mount Sinai. There is a Law which, given by Jesus, was sanctioned with the example of his life; the Gospel speaks about it, and it is the doctrine based on the love that was given in deposit to the Church. Moreover, there is also a Law for every individual, which is summarized in the duties of one's state.

To such Laws it is necessary to obey in order to be as God wants you. It is all a programme of work and of perfection which occupies the Christian who wishes to bear witness to Jesus on earth and to reach Him in Heaven. Your joy, however, must not be lacking because of this commitment; rather, the greater the expectation the more enthusiasm must animate every work. And not even trust must be lacking, because with the collaboration that you find in your heavenly Mother and in all of Paradise, must be borne out the human collaboration of each one of you with your fellow man. Each one must ask for help from the others, just to be able to practise that humility which I spoke to you about, and each one must give help in the name of that charity that is the centre of the Law and the will of God.

And who will not want to make me happy in this month dedicated to me, by putting my counsels into practice? Once upon a time they loved to adorn my altars with flowers and even fake ones, which had to represent the many sacrifices which every child of mine offered me to honour me.

How grateful I would be to you if you were to call all the family in your home before an image of mine, for communal prayer! I would like for you to tell your children what my desires are and how great is my love for them. If they have lost the faith and do not believe that the heavenly Mother can address her word to them, get a grip on their hearts and say to them, be they husbands or children or relatives, that you ask them for a little gift, a favour: that they recite a prayer with you. Even one Hail Mary shall be pleasing to me and it will be as if you had adorned me with precious flowers.

Children, I bless you all one by one, hugging you to my heart.

See you again, children. Happy feast of the Ascension and happy month of May.

## **I BESEECH YOU TO GIVE ME A HAND**

*May 9, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you. I am your Mother, always present in this place of prayer. I am here to bless you and to tell you of all my joy of being amongst you. I know that you love me and seek to imitate my virtues. I know that you recite my Rosary with love and

you offer it to me every day like a fragrant wreath of roses. I know that you desire to cultivate family peace, and do all that is in your power so that charity which is the foundation and the centre of Christian life does not fall short. Therefore, I can only applaud you, inviting you to continue with the same simplicity and with the same fervour to do these works, to which will correspond an infinite reward.

Jesus has ascended into Heaven and I too; moreover, also for each one of you the Father has prepared a seat, a throne of glory, and each one must reach it making use of those means that Jesus has left us. The Holy Eucharist is Jesus amongst you. He is exactly the same Jesus, who said to the apostles: *“I will not leave you orphans”*, who continues to live in your churches and who wishes to be your strength when you receive Him in Holy Communion. He is the same Jesus who, after having prayed so much during his life and after having taught us to pray, still prays with you. In fact, He said to you: *“When two or more persons are gathered in my name, I am in the midst of them.”* Were you to know the value of this communal prayer!

Justly you call it “oasis”, this house. It is a place where Jesus and Mary are consoled from the wickedness of the world by which they are afflicted. Moreover, it is a place where each one of you who comes to pray finds relief. In the desert of life, in which many times the indispensable comes to be lacking, souls find here, in the encounter with God, that water that quenches and the drinking of which one no longer thirsts, the water of the grace of God, and they find spiritual nourishment.

That word that is given to you with so much love, lifts you up and makes you ascend towards that perfection to which all Christians must tend. What must I do in this moment, while you who love me are anxious to hear this word? I bless you one by one and I promise you that, if you will learn to be faithful to your commitments, I will be truly the Queen for you who, opening the strongboxes of the treasures enclosed in the heart of her Jesus, shall be glad to give them to you and to enrich your hearts.

If you will put much good will, the same crosses of which you feel the burden so much, will become your joy and you will be happy to offer them to the Father for the salvation of humanity. There are in the world so many desperate ones who not only do not learn to bear their crosses, but enlarge them, so as to make them impossible for themselves and for others. If you will come close to me, I will sweeten the weight of the cross, rather you will become good Cyrenians one for the other, so as to be happy to carry also those burdens that others refuse.

May the Spirit of the Lord whom we have invoked in the Cenacle, descend through your prayers on the whole Church. Children, the Church is mother, and with sorrow I see her children who, detaching themselves from her fall into error, renounce the truths and live a life not in conformity to the Gospel teachings and to the Commandments of God.

If a mother weeps, you suffer and think that she must have some great sorrows. If the Church weeps over her children, it is because she does not see them according to the heart of God. And I too am Mother, and Mother of the Church, and I show my sorrow for so many betrayals, with tears of blood and sending my messages a little everywhere. But just as the Church who speaks by the mouth of the Pontiff is not listened to, so the Mother with her messages is not listened to. They ought to be like warnings of an imminent danger, but they are neglected, the danger and the warning is forgotten.

Will I be able to bear for a tremendous ruin to lead to damnation so many souls redeemed by the blood of my Jesus? Oh no, children! That’s why I beseech you to give me a hand, to continue in prayer and to extend according to your possibilities this good by means of the apostolate. Never say that you have done too much, do not say it is the others turn. Do not even ask for so many permissions. Do the good because God wants it and because it is urgent

to do so. We will make use of our net, that of the Rosary, to fish for as many souls as we can and you will see that the haul will be miraculous.

I embrace you one by one, children, and I urge you: be good, good with all, and in a special way with the wicked and with those who make you suffer. The Law is like that. Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you. Be good and send always many blessings to all, which are good for stifling the words of those who only know how to curse.

At the foot of the cross, while my Jesus offered his life in a sea of sorrows for all, I, uniting myself to Him, forgave and loved all, also the same executioners even Judas. If you love me truly, learn to forgive, forget the evil that you receive and love everyone truly from the heart. The more one loves, the more God takes possession of you and dwells in you, so as to work grandiose things through you.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*May 10, 1975*

Beloved children, I am with you and I will accompany you on your pilgrimage of prayer and penance.

You have chosen well these days, to prepare yourselves for Pentecost. You also are especially called to the apostolate, and the Holy Spirit must work some deep transformations in you all.

I desire that, as you move from city to city, and as you go about to pray in places sanctified by my presence or by that of generous souls who have put their lives at the service of God and the Church, try to pray for all those who are called, by a special election, to exercise the apostolate in the world. You will exercise it with the prayer, with the example and with the offering of all those sacrifices that the journey entails.

You will continue to be apostles of good also in your countries, since truly, in these grave and difficult moments, Christianity needs true witnesses, given by an honest and wise behaviour. Therefore, be wise mothers, honest fathers, prudent and obedient children.

Be honourable men before God and before men, if you wish for your apostolate to be effective.

I bless you, children, and I wish you a good continuation of your journey. I will watch over your loved ones whom you have left at home and you will return happy and contented with so many extra graces. I am the Queen of the Apostles, who assists, protects and guards the apostles of the Church.

## **THIS IS HOW I PRESENT MOTHERHOOD TO YOU**

*May 11, 1975*

Beloved children, here I am with you. I am your Mother, Mother of love, of sorrow and of mercy.

I wish to celebrate motherhood with you, that is, that marvellous gift of God through which the woman becomes the instrument of life in the world.

From Eve, who was called so because she had to be the mother of all the living, the creation work of God always made use of the woman to give life to other creatures. I said to you that it is a gift of God, and like all the gifts they can be wasted and used badly, in this way this gift also is ruined and the woman can become an instrument of death. But let us forget for a moment all that which is evil can accompany human life. Let us see the woman, surrounded by that marvellous aura that God himself has given her.



Do you want to follow my thought, leading you with the spirit in a garden in which the gardener goes sowing and cultivating little tender plants or some fragrant flowers? See, the life of these things which with their fragility and beauty speak of God, is preserved by multiple factors.

First of all soil is required. A good soil is a guarantee of a good cultivation and of good flowers and good fruits. Then, the sun is needed, which must fertilize and give life. Without the sun, nothing grows. You will have thorny and useless shrubs, and the life, even if vegetal, shall not have consistency. Those tender little plants need dew, rain and also snow, so that the heat of the sun may be moderated and compensated for, and the cold of the snow may destroy the dangerous insects and preserve to the soil that warmth that makes the seeds sprout.

All is regulated by the seasons and all is measured out according to the necessity. In this way it is necessary to move the soil and give manure to the clods, because it is like an indispensable nutrient. In precise dates and times, every little plant, every stem, every flower, present themselves with a special aspect of theirs, one different from the other, according to particular plans and usefulness.

See, children, how I present motherhood to you, understood in the natural or spiritual sense. It is a giving of life. A life that can be more or less blooming, provided that the woman wants to use those means that the Lord gives her. First of all, the woman prepares herself to be the mother of the house, which must be the marvellous soil in which the divine Gardener can cultivate and sow all those virtues that a mother must possess to be such. It hurts to think that a young lady can draw gifts and virtues by going to dangerous and sinful places.

I received in the Temple the formation to all that human knowledge that a woman must possess and those works that are the specialty of the woman, and consecrating my life right from infancy was a great gift of the Lord. The truths that concerned the mysteries of life were not hidden to me, but I was prepared to meet all the difficulties and the sacrifices that it reserved.

But I must continue on, and I must tell you that the woman must be an instrument of life through that love with which her heart is filled. Love is not passion, but dedication and need to understand and help others. There is no life without the sun, there is no life without love. To give life is to give strength to grow, it is to give something of oneself.

Tell me, why do many mothers like to destroy the seed of their organs, the fruit of their love? Because theirs is not true love. Why do many women grow sad in their lives and do not learn to conceive in the Christian life the need to go out of their way for others? They do not know how to love. Why do many priests and consecrated souls who have as mission to give life to souls, do not learn how to make the fruits of good mature? True love is missing, they do not seek the good of souls and cannot bring to life because the Sun is lacking.

Let us continue, children. That beneficial dew that descends to wet the soil and to water flowers and plants, does it not seem to you that it can be the blessing of God who confirms the good will with which you have prepared the soil? They are your prayers and your tears, which call upon you the approval of Heaven.

The beginning of life is God and God alone, but if you are available to Him and put yourselves at his orders, there is no age that holds, you too become means of life. The winds of passion, the unease created by modern life, can be obstacles for the spreading of the human and spiritual life, but, if your life shall be placed in God through grace, and if you will learn to make with your suffering the precious manure with which to strengthen the souls entrusted to you, you ought not fear anything.

At other times I have turned to you mothers as to my sisters by mission, and I have assured you that, if you shall have performed your duty in giving to your children those teachings and that example which they had a right to, you can feel easy. Scandal is harmful, like a storm that knocks everything down. It is for this that I desire for everyone, if they had given a bad

example in their life, to have to repair and grieve. But you must never lose trust. That God who makes the sun rise on the good and on the wicked, is ready to forgive all and forget. Know that!

I bless you and I embrace you, saying to all my wishes for holiness and for every good.

## **THE PRAYER AND PENANCE THAT I ASK FOR**

*May 13, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you. I am the Virgin of the Rosary. Appearing at Fatima to the three little shepherds, I asked for prayer and penance; and appearing to a humble girl at the Ghiaie, I wanted with my counsels and warnings to save the family. I am always the Mother of God and yours, and in these very grave and difficult moments, I ask you again to use the Rosary as a weapon and to accompany this precious prayer with penance, so that the human family may be saved.

Oh, I beg you, children, forget your personal troubles, accept out of love all those sufferings that disturb you, from whatever part they come from, and turn it all into a precious offering to the Father for all humanity. Your intention, that good be supported and valued and evil combated, certainly finds a resonance in Heaven and is blessed. On your part, never let yourselves be intimidated by the conflicts more or less open that can be moved against you.

Remember what Jesus said: *“The disciple cannot be more than the Teacher.”* They have persecuted and killed the prophets, they have killed my Son, they have killed the apostles; do not wonder that reproaches are made against you and you are slandered or obstacles are placed before the good that you wish to do. That God of goodness who scrutinizes hearts and reads your most deep desires, keeps account of it and of all you will have a reward.

The penance that I asked you for at Fatima and in all the apparitions, is that mortification so necessary in order not to fall into sin, and also in the putting up with those troubles that you encounter in keeping faith to your principles. There are Christian virtues that are always current and which are not possible to practise without the mortification of the senses and their custody. How can one be able in fact, to be faithful to God in chastity and mutually faithful in matrimony, if one does not guard the heart? How can one be able to be faithful to the Law of God and obedient to the authorities, if one does not control the pride of the mind and the desires of arrogance, innate in man? In the same way, how will one be able to put a brake on the senses if one will not impose a control over them, avoiding what is like an incentive to evil?

That penance that God through Jonah asked from the Ninivites, that penance that John the precursor preached on the banks of the Jordan and which Jesus proclaimed highly necessary, saying: *“If you will not do penance, you will all perish”*, it is the same as that which I am asking you for your good. A penance that is synonymous of conversion, whereby the aim of the Holy Year is truly realized. What is the worth for the Lord to have pardoned your sins, if you do not try to correct your defects?

There are two great categories of persons who must commit themselves in this penance or conversion. They are the lukewarm, the cold, the foolish, who spend their days thoughtlessly, without keeping into account that this life passes quickly and that it must be enlivened by love, through which everything becomes precious and useful. And there are those who practise evil as a necessity and drag many souls behind them. Their intelligence, their health, their strength and all that forms their patrimony which they have received from God, they use to ruin his works. They work in co-operation with the devil, to whose kingdom they belong as faithful subjects, he being the prince of this world.

It is up to you to work to awaken, to encourage, to warn the former and to annihilate the diabolical strength of the latter doing the most good that you can. Naturally, you also are weak and must not presume on your strength. “*God is with us!*”, you must be able to say in every moment of the day. To grow in grace is to make the working presence of God grow in you. That’s why the necessity to make good Confessions and Communion. That’s why the duty to make so many acts of love as a call of God to work in the world.

Satan and his satellites destroy the true love in the world and bring the passions and the hatred. The real antidote that can heal the world is the love of God which, by fleeing sin, makes one helpful towards the brethren, in whom He makes his face seen. May Jesus, my Son, be your model and help you to work together with Him.

You love me and you honour me with the recitation of the Rosary, in which you run through as in small and effective pictures, the Gospel and our life. Well then, behave so that this Rosary may become living in you, so that my children, the cold and the wicked, may see in you the face of Jesus and mine. That will not be possible except in the practise of penance.

I bless you all, my children, and I pour over you flows of graces. I bless all those who are united with you in prayer. I bless your families and the sick whom you commend to me.

See you again, children. The Virgin of the Rosary is always waiting for you here to help you in all.

## **MY MISSION AND YOURS**

*May 14, 1975 (at Muggiò)*

Beloved children, peace be with you now and always. I am here to invite you to give an enthusiastic imprint to this second half of the month dedicated to me.

I desire to underline in a special way my mission as Mother, in order to invite each one of you to value that mission to which you have individually been called. Everyone has a special task to bring to completion, to which he must dedicate his mind, his heart and his will, even if deciding your mission or your vocation is always God, who will draw the threads of your life and will know how to draw out the greatest good for you and for others.

I was chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God. Just as a mother cannot separate in her son the soul from the body, because one and the other form the man, so in Jesus one cannot separate the man from the divinity, Jesus being one only person in two natures, the human one and the divine one. So I, being the Mother of Jesus, am at the same time Mother of God, and all men, being adoptive children of God, they are also my children. On Calvary, however, uniting my sufferings to those of Jesus, I became, with greater reason, the Mother of all Christians.

My mission is that of cooperating with Jesus for the salvation of all men. A mission of protection and of help is mine, even if many times I, as Mother, mercifully stoop over my creatures to help them in their physical and moral sufferings.

Your mission also is twofold. You have a task that no one can assume for you: that of saving your soul by achieving sanctity, and that of bestowing with your witness and your work so that your neighbour may know the truth, practise the Law and attain salvation. It is a mission that must take up every moment of your life, but which must not give you either anxiety or doubts.

Some think they have special callings, others think they must enter into the extraordinary in order to realize the plan of God. In reality, every man has his part of the extraordinary, because God does not abandon his creatures and enters into the life of all, even if they are blind and deaf. But, independently from the extraordinary, every creature has help and grace

sufficient to be saved, as long as he responds to the action of God and follows what his will requires from each one.

It is true that you do not understand the voice of God, but there is the voice of the Church, there are the inspirations and the voice of the conscience that serve as guide. When a soul does all that depends on her in order to be consistent with the truths in which she believes and with the Decalogue, which she admits and which she observes, she becomes a true witness. Then love comes to direct every action and becomes so strong as to permit to attain the highest summits of holiness.

This is why I can say to you that the Lord does not ask if some souls have chosen matrimony or virginity, but asks for the love that transforms and renders similar to Him, who is Love by essence. If you give me a soul who loves, I assure you that I will lead her to the highest summits. No worry ought to assail the life of the Christian, who is called to live by love, except this: of truly learning to love God and neighbour.

That everything depends from it, listen to it from the mouth of Jesus himself: *“Love one another.”* *“That they may be in us as one like I am one with You, Father.”* This is the desire of my Son, expressed at the Last Supper. If you are perfect in love, all becomes easy, so that the neighbour, who lives by imitation, will have nothing except to tread on your footsteps. No divisions, no disputes. The devil, prince of this world, wants division and hatred. There is no need to play at his game, but to aspire for the end, even if it is necessary to maintain one’s principles and not yield to error.

How to convince all and how to make the task of your mission easier? I often ask my children, of whatever category, to consecrate themselves to me. I have the task of Mother, but the consecration gives me full liberty to act. Whoever consecrates himself to me, puts himself in my hands and commits himself to be receptive of my lessons, while he gives me full authority and commits himself to imitate my virtues, living my life. Whoever professes himself my devotee and lives out this consecration, gives me proof of filial love and I must repay with maternal love. In this way, that neighbour whom you are committed to save, if you would like to consecrate him to me, seeking to use true charity and love towards all, he shall be called back by me and helped, so as to be able to say to you that you will put him in safety.

Children, I bless you all and with you all those persons whom you commend to me.

A special blessing to this house and to my dearly beloved daughters who welcome me.

I bless all those who come here to pray. I shall be generous with blessings and graces with all. See you again, children. Live out your consecration and entrust to me as many persons as you can.

## **BE GOOD, BE PURE, BE HUMBLE**

*May 14, 1975*

Daughters so dear to me, what a gift of love you have wished to give me this evening! It is a sacrifice that will be repaid to you. That God who rewards also one glass of water alone given for his sake, shall be generous in rewarding what you do for me.

And am I not a Mother thirsty with love and good? What you do for me is much more than a glass of water, for I make use of this prayer to quench the thirst of many souls who are taken in by the burning thirst of sin. The conversions and the helps for souls happen only through the prayer of the good and their sacrifices, which, united to the sorrows of Jesus and to mine, work miracles of grace in the world.

Now I ask you for something else, and I am sure that you will want to make me happy. You have brought some flowers to adorn my image, and I am pleased with them. They are creations of God, the flowers, which speak about God and speak about virtue. Also in the

little house of Nazareth, in a little piece of garden, I cultivated the most beautiful flowers. What do I ask of you?

I desire that in the next few days you try to get a good supply of fragrant roses. Perhaps you might have to make some very important sacrifices. I desire that the roses be your acts of goodness that you will go about performing a little everywhere. Sometimes it seems very difficult to be good, and yet a little understanding, of condescendence is enough. At times it is enough to try to understand the sufferings of others, to try to listen, to try to smile, to express and to make shine a ray of goodness on the face. Hardness of heart makes me suffer, when it is the fruit of selfishness. A goodness expressed so serenely and sweetly, has the capacity to spread joy in the entire family and change the atmosphere.

On the other hand, the greater part of you are preparing or desire to start a family. But how will it be possible to communicate happiness, if the heart is not a rose perfumed with goodness? Oh, yes! bring me purple roses, roses perfumed with love, and let them be acts of goodness with which you will surround your loved ones and, and, if possible, you might also visit elderly and needy sick persons. I accompany and I bless the steps of those who bring consolation to the infirm, in whom my Jesus suffers and asks for comfort.

Moreover, I am a demanding Mother and besides the roses I ask you for some lilies. It is a virtue so rare nowadays, the one represented by this flower which raises itself towards the sky opening up its calyx as if to welcome the rays of the sun, and exactly for this it is a prized virtue. Purity, which ought to be the most beautiful adornment of the young woman and which my Jesus so much appreciated as to be able to say: "Blessed the pure of heart because they shall see God", is very defective in the world and many young persons lose modesty even before appreciating its value.

I ask you to bring me every day a lily, knowing how to struggle and win, fleeing those dangers that threaten the purity of your soul. Know that the most evil day of your life is the one in which you commit mortal sin. How will you be able, weak as you are, to overcome the many dangers to which many go up against with the pornographic media, the evil talk, the indecent shows?

My daughters, try to pray a lot and to flee the proximate occasions. He who is aware of being close to a precipice, places great care in order not to fall in there and commends himself to whoever can help him. You must do the same and not be afraid of being called backward or ignorant. There is a science and a wisdom that is worth much more than the human one, and there is a prudence that makes you worthy of esteem on the part of God, besides on the part of men, even if it seems they despise you.

And last of all, bring me every day a little bunch of fragrant violets, which I will offer to my heavenly Child. They shall be your acts of humility, which you will offer me with so much simplicity and love. God detests the proud and gives his grace to the humble. It is a virtue little known and little loved, but, when you are close to humble persons, you smell the fragrance as of hidden violets. All find themselves comfortable with those who are sincere and do not put their own values on show. May the humility that made me the Mother of God, dwell in your hearts and make you capable of preserving the grace of God in you, who is God himself.

I bless you, daughters, and I wait in expectation of your flowers. Be good, be pure, be humble, and the Lord will turn his gaze on you; a gaze of deference, to which I am glad to unite mine, affectionate and maternal. I embrace you one by one, calling you by name, and I wait for you always in this place, where you will receive and give me comfort and peace.

## THE CORONATION OF MARY IN HEAVEN

*May 16, 1975*

Beloved children, how can I not reward your love and your sacrifice? You desire my greeting, and I give it you truly with a maternal heart, and I accompany it with a counsel ever so useful: always remember, I would say every day, the reason for which you have had existence from God.

Are you not on earth only to know, to love and to serve God, and to enjoy Him one day in Paradise? That's why therefore, the search for Him is spontaneous, who is the Creator of every being, and this search must be made in a conscientious way. To whoever gives you a gift, you say thank you; but, if you receive a gift and you do not know who offers it to you, you busy yourself to discover him. The gift of life is due to that Supreme Being and infinite in his goodness who asks you in return only to love Him, and to deepen your knowledge of Him.

The search for God can be made also with the reason alone, but there is revelation that makes Him known with greater clarity and uncovers his infinite attributes. To go in search of God is to make oneself persuaded that He is to be loved for himself, so that his name and his essence are identified with the word love. You would not want therefore, to have all that your nature clamours for, which could be also good things but not necessary for you, but all that glorifies God in you.

Many persons who call themselves Christian and profess their love for God, rejoice with Him as long as they are enriched with graces and satisfactions; when however, contradiction and suffering enters their life, they complain and dare to speak of having lost the faith. Evidently they have not known God and do not love Him for himself, but for what they receive.

Children, I can show you my life and say to you: do as I have done. It is true that I had the use of reason from birth, but with what love I consecrated myself to Him right from infancy to serve Him! And how few were the consolations, understood in the human sense of the word, that accompanied my life! There were sorrows instead, detachments, slanders and every sort of evils, poverty and lack of all those consolations which every woman goes seeking for. Only the presence of God and his knowledge deepened and savoured, gave to my heart every satisfaction, since in every moment I felt myself at the service of the King of creation.

I would like for you, guided by these thoughts, to be able to enjoy day by day all those little things that are not lacking in any human life, and for you to be joyful to be able to be called, in the fulfilment of your duties, to serve Him who holds up the world. Only in this way one lives serenely and reaches Heaven.

I was established Queen of the Church triumphant, suffering and militant, but also to you awaits an incomparable reward. That control that you presently have over the inferior part of yourselves, that is, of the soul over the body, shall be rewarded one day, and your soul will rejoice in sharing eternal glory with a spiritualized body which of the human will only keep the features, rendered extremely beautiful.

That service which you will have rendered to God soul and body, shall be in Paradise transformed into adoration; but, the more that love shall have given an imprint of joy to what you shall have done for Him on earth, the more shall you be in Heaven permeated with his greatness and his glory. It is true though that every soul shall be fully satisfied with what he shall possess, but a degree of glory shall be the paragon for a service rendered to God in the most selfless love and most perfect possible.

Children, I do not say that you must know, love and serve God alone for the reward that awaits you, but that the reward, being a gift of love, must be a not inconsiderable attraction

that must give you strength and courage in every moment, even the most difficult one of your life.

I promise you, you shall be crowned in Heaven by me, whom you crowned in life with those triple crowns of roses which form my glory on earth, the Holy Rosary. I bless you again and I wish you a goodnight.

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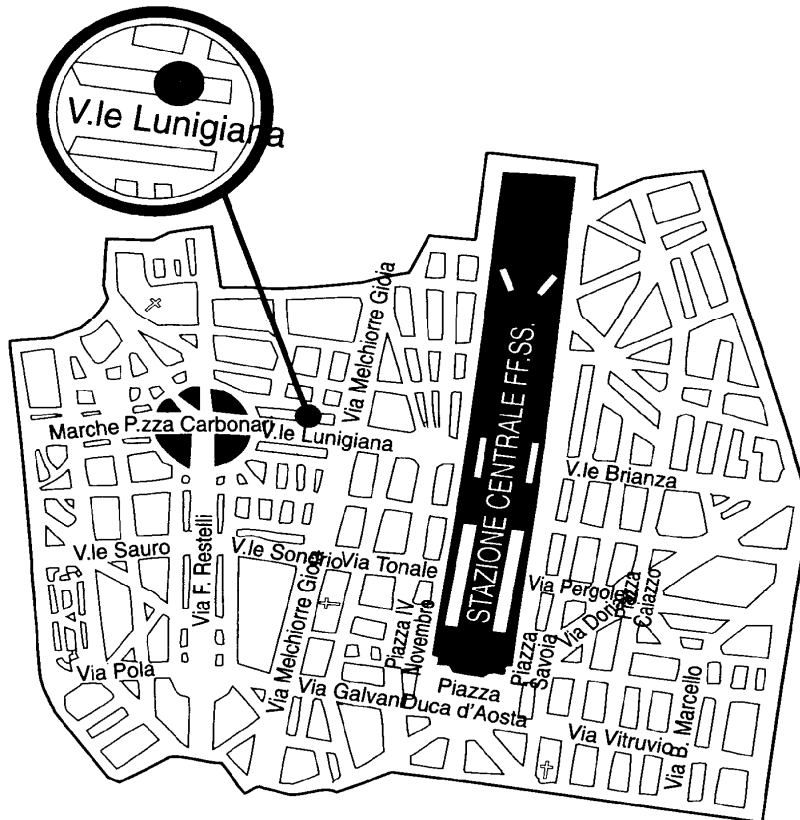


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The Message of Merciful Love was received by Mamma Carmela during a period which lasted some ten years, from 1968 to 1978. It ended in the year that Rome had at last lifted the suspension on the Divine Mercy revelations to Sister Faustina, who was 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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