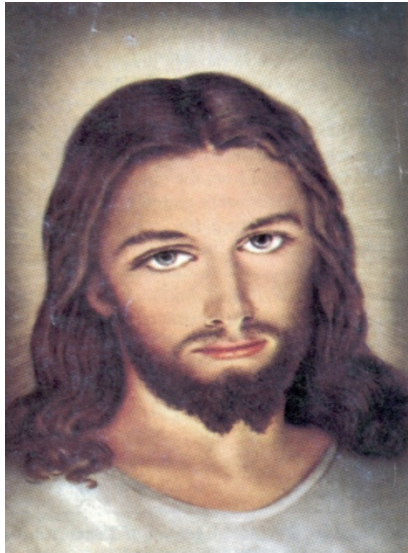


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## THE IMAGE OF THE MERCIFUL JESUS

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

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

*Milan, April 20, 1968*

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

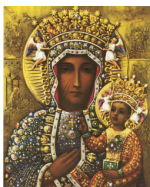
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*“I have invited you to be apostles of my Divine Face and I have promised you that with that Image I will touch the hearts of sinners and I will draw everyone to Me.”*

*Milan, January 25, 1972*

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

*Milan, May 4, 1972*



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his teachings and  
to live the Christian life  
more perfectly.*

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with the desire  
to improve themselves,  
granting the help  
of his grace.*

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## TO THE YOUNG

May 18, 1975

Beloved children, I am the Bride of the Holy Spirit. I am here to give you that fire of love with which my heart is filled.

Already at the time of conception of my Son, the Holy Spirit covered me with his shadow, and filled me with love, but on the day of Pentecost I had it in such abundance as to be able to provide it for all my children whom, as Mother of the Church, I would have conceived over the centuries.

The gift of faith is a wonderful gift, which the Holy Spirit gives through me with Baptism, which is magnified by the sacrament of Confirmation, and which you must guard, nourish and spread.

Treasures are guarded, and faith is the most precious. It is the door that opens your life to hope and which makes you discover God's presence in every being. You must be jealous of it, that it does not get mingled with error but brings the imprint of truth that sets you free. Error makes one slaves and leads to misunderstandings and divisions. The truth is Jesus, Son of God. Thus He proclaimed himself: "Way, Truth and Life." Whoever follows Him does not walk in darkness, and the light that appeared on earth, is guarded and spotlighted by the Catholic Church, to which you belong.

Oh, yes, love your faith! Love the Creed, for which millions of martyrs have given their lives, and love the Church, the repository of truth. *"I am with you, my Jesus said to Peter, until the end of time."* Whoever is with the Church is with Peter, the visible head, and with Jesus, the invisible head. Be docile to the teachings of the Church and do not make for yourselves religions based on your brains or your convenience. The Catholic Church is that timeless rock against which the powers of hell cannot prevail, even if its members can be victims of the evil one's deadly work.

The Church was born on the day of Pentecost when the apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, began their preaching, speaking different tongues. But also for you every day, the Church must grow in holiness, in beauty and grandeur through those works of the apostolate that must be born from your love for her and for all the brethren, who, by her means, can much more easily get to salvation.

Be apostles of good. Be united in love and be means of attraction next to me, who as your Mother know to direct and sort out all things, giving light and grace at the opportune time.

May the light of the Holy Spirit flood hearts, prepared by humility and willingness to his action.

## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

May 18, 1975

Beloved children, how I would like to make you understand the greatness of the solemnity that you celebrate today!

The Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son, descending visibly upon the nascent Church, communicated to the apostles those virtues and that ardour by which they knew how to make known to men the divine teachings that they had received from Jesus, but of which they had not understood the importance and the grandeur.

But who is this Holy Spirit who has power to enlighten the minds, to move the will, and to give to ignorant and helpless persons the strength with which to confront the powerful and suffer martyrdom? Here, children, the simplest explanation, even if it remains a mystery.

The Father exists from all eternity, that is, always, and loves himself in a very perfect way



since He knows himself and his virtues, all in an infinite degree. The love that He bears to himself is so powerful as to generate another divine Person in all equal to himself. He is the Son. Now, the Father and the Son, fully knowing and loving each other, give life to another divine Person who proceeds from them: He is the Holy Spirit.

The three Persons, equal in everything but distinct, with infinite and most perfect endowments, form one God. They work in the most intimate union and, if you attribute the creation to the Father, you have to say however, that everything was done in the name of the Son and that the universe was brought to life by the Holy Spirit. So, if you say that redemption was accomplished by the Son, you have to say that the Father sent Him to earth and that the Holy Spirit worked, through Mary, his incarnation.

If you consider then the work of sanctification that the Holy Spirit plays in the Church and in souls, you cannot forget that Jesus raised his prayer to the Father in order for his faithful to be holy and imbued with love, while He promised that the Paraclete would complete his work.

The three divine Persons, therefore, deserve the honour and the glory, which, being offered to the Father and the Son, passes to the Holy Spirit, the life of souls.

How important it is to address your petitions to this Holy Spirit, you can understand, if Jesus has promised infallibility to Peter by his assistance. The Church is the teacher and guardian of truth, because the Spirit of truth continually assists her. Children, you know, however, that every soul is a stone that makes up the Church, and if you put in a building material that is inappropriate or defective, the building may be unsafe. The Church, this wonderful work of salvation created by God's goodness, not being a human work, will resist all the storms of the times, but each one of you, every Christian has the duty to be a living stone.

That divine life which you have received in Baptism must be accentuated. To live the Baptism means to respond to work of the Holy Spirit, by preserving grace in the soul and increasing it through love. The life of the Christian is strengthened at Confirmation. It is like a new wave of grace that is grafted into him. To receive Confirmation is to put ones self as soldiers in the service of God and the Church.

There are no insuperable difficulties in the life of the Christian, since the One Triune God is by his side, he fights with Him and wins. The Holy Spirit works tirelessly in the Church and in souls, but it is necessary to respond to his call. The vocation of the Christian is a vocation of love. The diversity of categories or commitments do not count. All are called to love, since the eternal reward will be based on love. To love means to live in grace. To love is like saying to fight the good fight against evil and in favour of good. To love means to be strong in faith, to have hope without doubt, it is learning to sacrifice ones life for God and neighbour.

Whoever desires to live an abundant Christian life, must make the baptismal promises, the everyday programme. Those who want to strengthen themselves more and more, must make Confirmation not a sacrament received once in life. He must, that is, have recourse to the Holy Spirit with the same frequency with which those who desire light go out into the open air or open the windows of their homes.

The Holy Spirit, my heavenly Bridegroom, who performed in me the greatest of miracles, which allowed me to give the Son of God a human body, is ready to go down inside of you every time you invoke Him and to make your life fruitful with good. Do not be afraid of having dangerous or sinful doubts, if you rely on Him who is light. Do not be afraid of letting hatreds or resentments dwell in your hearts, if you fill it with love for the Holy Spirit. This divine Spirit cannot live along with the prince of darkness and father of hatred. Do not be afraid of running aground in the spiritual life, if your recourse to the Spirit of the Father and the Son dwells in you. He who, hovering over the formless mass, gave life and fertility to the earth, will be a continuous incentive for you to grow in holiness.

Children, I bless you and I ask for you the seven gifts that the Holy Spirit brings into souls

that become his home: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of God, and all the other gifts that are like the embellishment.

I embrace you and wish you all the best.

## HOW TO HONOUR THE HOLY SPIRIT

May 20, 1975

Beloved children, here I am as Mother and Teacher. I desire to teach you how you must honour the Holy Spirit, present in your souls, in the Church and in the world. First of all I talk to you about that short prayer with which you give glory to the Most Holy Trinity.

Know that the "*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit*", which you often recite without thinking or as any refrain, is the song that echoes in Paradise and that ties in a common worship, the angels and the blessed. Jesus himself adores, with that wonderful song, the Father and gives honour to God on behalf of all humanity. If you put a greater commitment of mind and heart in uttering those words, you will feel the presence of the Most Holy Trinity working in you and you will be pervaded with love.

It is true also that neither the Father nor the Son nor the Holy Spirit get an increase of glory, since they are fully happy and satisfied with all those attributes to an infinite degree with which they are filled, but that glory which one desires to give to God redounds in so many graces upon souls, for which God sees his work of salvation realized.

To give glory to God is to recognize Him as the most perfect and unsurpassable Being. It is to acknowledge oneself his subject, and through his goodness, adopted children. It means to turn to Him who can do anything, to tell Him how needy you are. It means desiring that all men come together as one large unit, to tell Him your love unanimously. Some saints have made progress in virtue, making the "Glory be to the Father" the continuous prayer of praise and thanksgiving in every moment of their lives.

But I want to remind you of a sign ever so significant, which has an extraordinary force in the life of the Christian. It is the sign of the cross. The Church begins and ends every church service, from Holy Mass to the administration of the sacraments, with this sign, remembering the words of Jesus: "*Go into the world, and preach my Gospel to every creature, baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*" The forgiveness of sins also is indicated with the sign of the cross, and every blessing given by the priest becomes a force to evict the devil, while, as a sacramental, it increases grace in those who receive it with faith.

The sign of the cross is the sign of the Christian, and no one should be ashamed to mark himself in the hard and common things of life. To make a great sign of the cross in the morning, upon waking up, is like directing to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit the thoughts, the feelings and the actions through Jesus and to give a good start to the day. Making the sign of the cross well at night before bedtime, is like asking God, through the merits of the passion of Jesus, forgiveness of ones sins; it is therefore, like predisposing oneself to death, which may occur suddenly. Making the sign of the cross before meals, is like inviting the Lord at the table with you and to pray to Him so that his providence may never be lacking for you. Making the sign of the cross in temptations is surely to win, because "who is like God?" He is the great God, mighty God, immortal God and the devil, his creature, is before Him less than a speck of dust compared to the sun.

With the sign of the cross the martyrs faced death, and every good Christian must face life with all its difficulties. "*By this sign you will win*", he saw written in the sky, the Roman emperor, and he won a tough battle. "*By this sign I will conquer*", say to yourself and, when you are tormented by persons who do not love you or slander you, and who persecute you, with greater faith and with more love, arming yourselves with the crucifix, mark yourselves.

Your enemies will be vanquished and, if they are sinners, they will repent.

The third way to honour the Holy Spirit is the recitation of the Creed, in which for each divine Person is recognised his role in the world. Its articles are twelve and, if one does not acknowledge them in full, one becomes heretical. Frequently recite the Creed, in order to increase your faith and to revive in your mind all the truths that for two thousand years form the unmistakable treasure of the Catholic Church. Often compare your thoughts with the different articles, and see if you have kept intact the patrimony that was given to you by God when, through Baptism, you have come to enjoy a life divine.

So, while I desire that you constantly be spiritually renewed by that fire of love that the Holy Spirit has brought into the world, I have given you the means with which to invoke it and increase it.

I bless you all, children. See you again. May the divine Spirit be upon you now and forever.

## **I SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT CONFESSION**

*May 22, 1975*

Beloved children, I am still here with you so as to continue the previous lesson. I am the Mother of divine grace and, precisely as such, I desire to tell you that it is not possible to honour the Holy Spirit without hosting Him inside you through grace. First of all I want to give you clear ideas on how to host Him.

You know that the sacraments are channels of grace and that among them two are called sacraments of the dead, because they have the power to give the life of grace to souls dead through sin. They are: Baptism and Confession. I am not talking to you about the greatness and utility of Baptism, which erases original sin and in adults removes all sin, by incorporating you into the divine life of Jesus and making you its living members; but I speak to you about Confession, which is a means of purification and which, unlike the Baptism that can be received only once, it may be received each time you fall into sin. You must therefore remember what Jesus said to Peter, who asked Him how many times he had to forgive sins: *"Not seven times but seventy times seven."*

If my Jesus established this means to forgive, certainly He will have had good reasons. It is an act of humiliation, Confession, which brings you before the minister of God as guilty; but has not the life of my Son been a continual teaching of humility? And is not the life of man a continuous fall in sin? And why should they not recognize their faults and detest them, humbled? It is true that many souls mistake the confessional for a meeting place and go to the confessor to tell their virtues and their rather fanciful things, but you are not of those, and the sacrament of purification for you marks an increase of grace and a gift of God.

It is said that currently there is no need to confess. But don't you think that this statement is really an insult to the One who, knowing human frailty, has found a way to strengthen you, and knowing the needs of souls to confide, did so to meet this need?

Whoever better purifies ones eyes, is better capable of seeing. Whoever moves closest to the light, discovers more imperfections that surround him. So it is also in the spiritual sense: the closer you get to the source of grace the more you are thirsty for it and you enjoy to quench your thirst. Frequent Confession is like a healthy bath of the soul, which, by refreshing its energy and its good intentions, renews them. The strength that comes from this sacrament does not depend on words that the priest confessor may say as advice, it depends on the absolution that the priest gives, but which is ratified by God himself.

Confession is a gift and, if received with perseverance and with proper methods, serves to maintain those bonds with God, whereby joy should be constant in the soul and death should never be a surprise.

Jesus, my Son, did everything right, and even those who lived beside Him during his mortal life could assert. But for the man who is so flawed and who is led to do wrong also the good that he does, does it not seem to you that there might be something truly divine to be able to remedy and adjust relations with God, who is infinitely good and just? Some people say you can go directly to God to ask forgiveness, and certainly the first step is just that, but why not recognize the extreme delicacy of Jesus in wanting to assure the soul of his pardon, with a human means?

The cleansing blood of Jesus falls upon every soul who, repentant, detest his sins before a confessor, and makes him strong in temptation. There are times of the year and periods of man's life in which the senses make their weight felt more and the passions have like an awakening, and the evil one uses this to make one fall into sin, but, if you learn to approach this sacrament of which I spoke to you about in a spirit of penance, the devil will be disappointed and you will increase in the grace of God despite the falls.

Confession must not be a disturbance of conscience, but a laying down with simplicity and sincerity one's burden in the heart of Jesus, so that with the fire of his love He can destroy everything that is bad. Simplicity, sincerity and humility of heart must accompany you to the confessional, and the invocations that you will make me as Mother of divine grace will complete the work. The Holy Spirit, sweet Guest of souls in grace, will become your light, your strength, the architect of your perfection and your comforter in every moment of your life.

Children, I bless you all one by one and I promise you to be with you when you approach the sacraments. Always pray for your confessor, invoke the Holy Spirit for him, so that his mind and his heart may rest in God, who in the moment of confession is represented by him.

See you again, children! Praying with you I have given reparation and joy to Jesus also on your part.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*May 23, 1975*

My children, you are welcome in this house! I welcome you with open arms and I am glad that you give me your hearts and the hearts of your family as proof of love. I will give you my heart, so that you may be able to make use of it to obtain from my Jesus and from the Father all those graces that you need.

You know that the Father looks at me with an eye of pleasure and cannot deny me anything. Well then, when you pray, say this: I ask You this through the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary.

Then today you will assist at Mass in my company, and together we will enhance the value of the precious blood of Jesus. That blood that still like two thousand years ago seems shed uselessly, that blood that is wasted and trampled with so many sacrileges, we will take as the most precious treasure and offer up to the Father for the conversion of the world.

This marvellous work of enhancement will be continued by you. You will be an example to all by the composure, devotion and love with which you will assist every day at the Holy Sacrifice. And I will be close to you as an intermediary, and with maternal action I will suggest to you what you ought to do.

I assure you that I will help you to bring in your parishes that marvellous faith that made the early Christians the strongest defenders of the truth. Pray always in your pilgrimages for the Pope and for the Church. Whoever loves the Church, loves me, who am its Mother.

I bless all one by one, embracing you.

## SET YOUR ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD

*May 24, 1975*

My children, peace be upon you, and may what you are doing be returned to you a hundredfold in many spiritual and material gifts. How much faith you are showing me! How much love!

Your prayer is like a drop of gold, which, combined with that of all the good souls who are praying at this hour, moves, with my heart, that of God's. How much need, children, of prayer! The Lord, as a loving Father, keeps hidden from her children the time of death and the most tragic hours of life; but if you could see the needs of humanity, the present and future ones, you would not be able to find peace except in prayer.

However, do not think that the evils that plague men are sent by God. He is infinite goodness, and He does not want suffering unless to the extent that it serves as a remedy, as the surgeon who cuts and sews, when he with his operation believes in healing and saving the patient.

God permits evil from his children who do not want to be good, do not want to love, and with selfishness and pride, with violence and hatred want to harm, beat and kill the brethren. God is good and permits evil, even if because of the wicked the innocent suffer, because the suffering of the innocent is the only one that can be united to the redemptive work of Jesus and mine.

Prayer is like a cloak of protection that the good can spread over the world to hide, so to speak, from the eyes of God the wickedness of men.

Learn truly to pray, children, so that from this divine music that departs from good hearts, to which is joined the prayer of the saints in Heaven and the suffering souls, may come to humanity the help to rise again. Try always to pray with faith, but above all do not let your words lack soul, permeate them all with love. Make with the love with which you pray, the means to ascend up to the heart of God and to reach the far ends of the earth.

I like the Rosary, and I am grateful to you that you offer it to me as a triple wreath of flowers; moreover, may those brief confidential talks never be lacking with which you speak to me about your desires of good, your aspirations, people who are dear to you, and those for whom you would like conversion and holiness. Let prayer be that intimate dialogue with your sweet Guest who is not far from you, who is in you, lives in your home and wants to be one with you.

I want you all saints, because you all have this call. Not all follow the same path. Now here are represented the different states of life. There are the mothers, the widows, the young people, the priests, the consecrated persons. You all must sanctify yourselves, but you cannot reach the goal without the help of God, and the help comes only in that recourse to God that is commanded. If you do not pray, the oxygen to your soul is lacking. That's why I want you to set your encounters with God like you set mealtimes and work.

Who gives you night and day? Who gives you everything you enjoy? And don't you think that this munificent and generous Donor ought to be treated better than any person in the world? This desire of mine will seem insignificant to you, and yet, if you will translate it into practice and make it known to others, how much more order there will be in your life, and how I will make that time you dedicate to prayer bear fruit!

Now I would like to tell you: be little children again and pray as a child like then, keeping your hands in my hands and your gaze fixed on my face and on my heart. If my great beloved Catherine was able to keep intact, after death, her hands which she had rested on my knees and her eyes that were fixed on my eyes, how will I be able not to turn my gaze on those who spiritually abandon themselves to me to let themselves be conducted and directed in the most solemn act of life, that of communicating with God and with his friends?

Now, after having made your promise, I want to bless you.

I want to give to all a praise and a hug full of tenderness. I am happy with you. Do not be afraid that your sacrifices might be lost. The contradictions at work, the care for sick relatives, the distance of the sick relatives whom you love, the remoteness of the children through work: everything is counted, numbered, paid; even the sighs of the heart and, in view of them, you are also forgiven those family rebuffs that are caused by the desire for more freedom to do good. This life of yours is a bouquet, that of each of you, in which I gather the best to offer it up to my Jesus.

Goodnight, children.

## **BE UNITED TO YOUR MOTHER**

*May 25, 1975*

Children so dear to me, be blessed, and may you be granted all those spiritual gifts that you have asked me through the long and fervent prayer that you have raised up to Heaven, uniting it to the sacrifice.

Yes children, it is necessary more than ever to strengthen prayer and raise it unceasingly to the One and Triune God, who, after having created the world, preserves it. But it is also necessary for your prayers, united with that of the Son of God made man, to become a reparation and a strength, a reparation for the sins of the world, and a strength for all the good so that they may learn to resist the enemy powers.

Prayer, united to penance, assumes an infinite value if it is done through that liturgical prayer which is the centre of Christianity, the Holy Mass. But for those who live constantly in the grace of God, life becomes a continuous Mass, therefore, prayer and sacrifice assume a value of redemption.

I open my heart to you, children, which is the sweet dwelling of the Holy Spirit, and I beseech you: come into this heart, so that it may guard you and grow in holiness and grace. The world speaks of love, but does not know true love. Come with me, children, come in me, and be united to your Mother, so that I can teach you to love. The measure of love is that of holiness.

Let young people come to me. My Jesus awaits them and I prepare them for the encounter with Him. Let parents come to me, since I will teach them to make their home, the abode of the King. Let the priests and the consecrated come, to learn from me those virtues that will make them the means of sanctification of others, after having portrayed in their lives, the divine image of my Jesus. Let the little children come, so that they can be guarded by me and preserve the innocence.

I welcome you all in the name of God, and in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, I send you into the world just as my Jesus sent the apostles. I help you in everything, moreover, through the devotion you bear me, I promise you to never leave you alone and to fight the good battle with you.

I bless you all.

I bless the priest who leads you. I bless the young people and the children. Some of these present are called to the religious life. I will follow them, and I will make them pioneers of the faith.

See you again, children. I welcome you always with joy. Going back to your homes, bring to all, my embrace.

## ASK FOR WISDOM

*May 25, 1975*

Beloved children, here you are assembled in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

What is the most beautiful? Is not Paradise the enjoyment of God's presence? Well, that God who gladdens Paradise, and who gave rise to all things out of love, again out of love is here to pick up your prayer.

His presence is everywhere because He is immense, but when souls, united by a single bond with Jesus, raise their song, praise, supplication to Him, He is like leaning towards them, and the same desire to communicate love to his creatures that made Him create the world, is manifested and is renewed for each one. O blessed glory, o desires infinite, o infinite goodness of God, communicate yourself to these children of mine and give them a foretaste of the joys of Paradise!

I would like to invite you to immerse yourself in every moment in this sea of wisdom that is the Divinity. Jesus once said that, to those who ask for wisdom, He gives it. I want you all wise, not that wisdom which inflates humanely, but the true wisdom that, making you appreciate the gifts of God, makes you despise the vanity and futility of the earth. You all need wisdom to be able to direct your life on the right path and to be able to assume your responsibilities. There are those who must manage their own family, those who have to teach and guide others. Your mind needs light. How can you not immerse yourself into that sea of light that is God?

Oh! do not think you have to possess great human qualities or riches to get to immerse yourself in Him. It is enough to seek Him just as the newborn seeks his mother's breast, or as the poor man asks for help to those who have, or as the sick man seeks the doctor. Yes, it is enough to invoke Him with an act of love, and God responds with an infinite love and makes himself better known than through the deepest studies.

Children, ask for wisdom, light and mercy. Never feel too good about yourself, as was the Pharisee who went up to the Temple. Feel sinners, if you want to be justified. If the sick man hides his illness to the doctor, how can he be treated and cured? Believe me, children, everyone has his flaws, they are more or less cancerous sores, but you all have them. Not that I will you turn away from me and not even God turns you away, rather, the more you expose your miseries and acknowledge them, the more you encounter the merciful face of God. Did not my Jesus say that he came for the sinners, not for the just?

How nice for a mother when a child, recognizing his mistakes, confesses them and cries on her heart. Oh, if all my children knew how to cry on my heart and were to invoke my mercy!

I want for you to be able every day to throw yourselves in the ocean of mercy that is the heart of God. Every day can be the last. One door closes and eternity opens. If you want to throw yourselves every day into this sea, as inadvertently, you will find yourself face to face with God and not have to be ashamed of having wasted the immense treasures.

Here, I look at you one by one. I want you bright and beautiful. Sin defiles God's works, but you know that there is no sin for those who do not want to commit it. Here I warn you. Remain steadfast in the resolve not to offend God, not only with grave sins, but not even with those faults that you usually commit so lightly. Know that nothing is hidden from God. You are in his presence, and nothing escapes Him. You cannot even get away from Him. Just as you would not dare to offend the people of this world that you love and who deserve your esteem, so please do not grieve the Lord who is always with you, watching you, and one day will judge you.

Being immersed in wisdom, in light, in love and mercy of God, does not make you impeccable, but it must be a continuous warning to use these gifts of goodness for you and for others.

He is God with you! the Emmanuel, the Most Holy Trinity. This truth should fill you with joy and confident hope, and communicate to your heart that fire of charity whereby you will want those who live near you, to enjoy the same gifts. In God's name you can also warn those who err. A huge amount of swearing is raised towards the heaven. It is true that many blaspheme God out of habit and unconsciously, but why will you not want to be my ambassadors warning them of the very serious error?

Oh, children! May your hymn of praise be always raised to God the Creator, may your praise be mixed with that of the universe and serve to stifle the blasphemous words that are echoing everywhere, making a chorus with that of the damned and the demons. May your praise continue in prosperity and in adversity, since God knows better than you what you need.

I bless you all, my children, and I beg you: prepare yourselves well to spend the feast of the Body and Blood of my Jesus, using it and wasting it.

See you again, children. I bless you in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: one sole God.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIE TRAGICALLY**

*May 27, 1975*

Beloved children, I am here with you and I desire to give you comfort in your pain and help you in your needs. I desire also to submit for your consideration a category of persons who are always ever increasing in number.

I am the Mother of the living, and I desire for all my children of the earth to be able to live with serenity the years of life destined to them as a period of trial by the Most High, and then so that everyone can come and enjoy the reward in Heaven reserved for them.

But why do so many people think they are entitled to take the life of others or to shorten their own, truncating it by suicide? It is true that sometimes the mind is troubled, and they are not responsible for their actions, whereby, if they have lived well up to the climax of the disease, can be forgiven if they perform acts of insanity. More often than not, however, it is the despair that leads to taking one's life.

And what is despair, if not the lack of trust in the goodness, providence and infinite mercy of God? Does it not seem to you that if you had a true faith, one would also have the strength to withstand the large crosses and difficulties of life? Is not the faith an anchor of salvation in which, finding God, one finds everything?

It is also true that the principal work of the evil one is that of putting depression and distrust in the heart, whereby, from these things to despair, the step is very short. Moreover, does it not seem to you that in the same way one reacts to the other temptations, one can also react to this which is the most terrible, and with the same means? The grace of God in the practice of the sacraments, prayer and the will, made stronger and more determined to react with the frequent and loving recourse to God, would be those oar strokes that would help your poor boat to ride the waves.

You might say to me that many are far from God and unable to get close to Him, and it is true. That's why I want to entrust their souls to you. Your daily prayer must give to those who are about to take their own life for any reason, like a wave of grace and a new strength which will make them discover the goodness of God and the grave danger they face.

Children, those who believe in eternal life, cannot act as if they did not believe. If this truth forms the joy of your hearts, thank the Lord and be sure to communicate to all your hope.

Yours is a joyful expectation, even if tribulations are not lacking, and you must live this



expectation by putting into practice the desire of Jesus expressed in these words addressed to the apostles: *"Whoever leaves father, mother, brothers, home and their possessions for the sake of God, shall have a hundredfold in this life and in the other."*

I do not mean with these words to physically move away from your loved ones, from your occupations and your things, but I want you to act like those who know they have to depart and leave everything. That voluntary detachment from everything, for God's sake, does not take away anything from whatever is the proper course of your life, but it will make you lighter and more loving with everyone, able to withstand more, and a better model in your demeanour as leavers.

Now I ought to say a few words about those who make attempts on the life of the brethren. The new Cains, from a heart full of hatred and desire for revenge, act with ferocity and cruelty. They stain their hands with fraternal blood, and their crime is all the more serious, because many times they prevent these brethren to ask God for mercy for their sins. A double sin, of which the second is even more serious than the first. In fact, Jesus said: *"Do not fear those who kill the body."* If everyone were as innocent as Abel, death, even if cruel, would not be a downfall; but there are many who live in mortal sin and who do not think about death.

Even for those who die a violent death, pray. God, before whom time does not exist, makes sure to give those who will fall victims to human wickedness or wars, those feelings that succeed in obtaining salvation for them.

Death is a friend or an enemy that comes to you at the most unexpected moment. For one who lives his Christian life in order to please God, for whoever lives in the charity of God, she is always a friend. Let everyone learn to look at her in the face and may no one forget the warning: Watch, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Even your duties, be they personal, family and social, made in the light of this truth, certainly will reflect the will of God.

I bless you all, my children, and I embrace you as I urge you to invoke the blood of Jesus as the salvation of all those who, through tragic death, suddenly find themselves before God the Judge. See you again!

## TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS

*May 30, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you. You are in my house to hand me your greeting and give me the many prayers that you have raised up to Heaven on this pilgrimage. I thank you and, as I bless your minds and your hearts, I remind you of a Gospel deed, so that, returning to your homes, you might make your prayers bear fruit.

Jesus, walking with his apostles along the streets of Palestine, was hungry, and seeing a fig tree, He went to it in order to get some and taste them, but He found only leaves, so He cursed the tree, which withered away immediately.

Children, at every age of life, the Lord can come close to a soul to ask for some fruit. May it not occur for any of you that He finds only leaves. Learn therefore, to always unite the good works to prayer.

Jesus told us that faith without works is dead, but your faith must be the soul that animates your life. A true faith cannot be sustained except by prayer, but to this should match action, which you can also call the practice of that charity which should unite souls together. In prayer you call God in your midst, and with the good works you make Him reign.

Always be generous and good. Direct your thoughts to me often, and I will be happy to inspire the most beautiful prayer to you and the fullest charity.

They are the last days of the month dedicated to me, then you will honour the heart of my

Jesus with particular fervour, to obtain from his heart those precious treasures contained therein.

Now I bless you all one by one and, clasping you to my heart, I give you an increase of grace.

## YOU MUST LIVE IN THE GRACE OF GOD

*May 30, 1975 (in a church)*

Beloved children, I am with you to offer you my affectionate greeting, full of tenderness. I am your Mother and your every concern is mine too, your interests are important to me as the most precious things. But of what interests do I intend to say? The ones that really concern you. It is your interest to live the Christian life well, it is your interest to reach the heavenly homeland. This too I desire. That is why, in reminding you a few words of my Jesus, I give to you like a program for living well.

*"I am the vine, you are the branches,"* said Jesus, *"He who is united to Me, he will produce abundant fruits."* Here, children, if you want your life to be exemplary and if you want to be true witnesses of my Jesus, you must live in the grace of God. What is the worth of performing many actions, when they cannot be rewarded by God because carried out in a state of sin? It is time lost. Even if humanly you were able to *"fill your barns, and then destroy the old to build the new ones"*, to no avail your works would be; while every action even indifferent, accomplished with God and for God, is an action that takes on an infinite value and will have an eternal reward.

How those Christians grieve me, also consecrated, who do not give to spiritual things that value that they deserve. If you bring some bread to a brother, you do a good deed, but, once he will have eaten the bread, he will still be hungry, and you will have given him very little. If, however, with the material help, you bring him the faith, and make him understand the greatness of the grace, that is God himself who dwells in man, then yes you help him and give him something that will always be a support and strength to him. Here, therefore, that while I recommend you to be constantly united in prayer to my Jesus and to flee from sin, I beg you to help the brethren too, to fight their battle against the world, the devil and the temptations.

You are destined for Paradise. Each of you already has his place assigned in Heaven. You have to get there, and my maternal work is all designed to make you reach the goal.

Children, materialism will tell you that it is best to obtain the well-being on this earth, because after death there is nothing left. But I confirm to you that I come from Heaven and that you must also go there.

It is a period of trial that you are passing through, it is like crossing the desert to reach the heavenly Jerusalem. Never lose sight of the truths of the faith and know that in the hope of Paradise, millions of martyrs have sacrificed their lives and were not disappointed. If you could see their glory, you'd be amazed. Well then, try to spread this hope and to tell everyone that, even if life has some bitter surprises or unknowns, it is worth the while to bear all for the love of God to gain such a glory.

Children, the summer period will separate us and you will not receive my word from my instrument, but who will separate you from my heart? Nothing. In the sad events I will be with you, in joy I will be with you. Invoke me and make me known. I will be with you and will speak to you with my good inspirations.

The month of June is dedicated to the heart of my Jesus. Honour it, for He is the Son of God, and just as in his name was created heaven and earth, so from his blood the world was redeemed. He is the centre of history and the world rests on his power and authority. He founded the Church, in which he placed his spiritual riches. He once said: *"My kingdom is not of this world."* His

kingdom concerns souls, and whoever wishes to be sanctified must entrust himself to Him and make use of the Church. Whoever wishes to collaborate for the spreading of his kingdom, must not forget the soul to think about the body and he must not betray the work of the Church. Be faithful to Him, faithful to the Church.

I bless you, children, clasping you to my heart. I help you in everything. Be faithful to your social commitments and do them conscientiously to save your freedom, your family and the truth. See you again after the holidays and always full of grace and love of God.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*May 31, 1975*

Beloved children, you are welcome in my home. You have come from afar to visit me, like I walked a lot, and went far away to visit my cousin Elizabeth. Well then, our encounter must produce the same fruits that my visit produced. The son of Elizabeth leaped in her womb.

You have a heart sensitive to the needs of humanity, but at my invitation, at the sound of my voice, you must increase your sensitivity and, forgetting your material needs, you have to think about the evils afflicting humanity. Sin, hatred, immorality lead humanity to destruction. Be careful to give help to all.

The human family is the family of God, you are all his children, never forget it. There are no good and bad before God, there are the healthy or the sick children, all needing help. If you understand God's heart, it will not be difficult for you to understand each other also.

I am here to raise with you my hymn of thanksgiving, but your song must flow from a heart full of love of God and neighbour. When the problems become more serious, you must attach yourselves with more affection and concern to your Mother, because I want to help you. The evils of the world are all before my eyes and also your pains. Know that God, despite the wickedness and the evil things that are done in the world, loves everyone with an infinite love, and from every evil knows how to draw good.

I bless you all, children, one by one and I urge you: be steadfast in prayer, keep the faith, love the Church and spread devotion to me.

I bless the nuns and the little children, the mothers and the fathers with their loved ones. Know that no one departs from here empty handed. My best graces are for you.

See you again, children.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*May 31, 1975*

Beloved children who come from beyond the Alps, be blessed. You have come on the day in which the Church recalls the visit made by me to Elizabeth. A fine day, is it not? And I am happy to make you a gift of the supernatural light that God gives me, of that light which Elizabeth received at the sound of my voice. You need to be filled with grace to receive the abundance of the Holy Spirit, but I beg you, listen to me and make sure you understand me.

I am the Queen of hearts and I desire for your hearts to be at peace, which you will give me. At peace with God, at peace with neighbour, at peace also with yourselves.

You are anxious and worried because your priests do not celebrate Holy Mass in Latin, as had been prescribed by Pius V; but children, are you no longer happy to understand what the priest reads to you during the Holy Sacrifice? And those parts that have undergone changes, are not essential parts of the Mass.

Listen to me closely, children. The Mass is Jesus who immolates himself for humanity and

it is your participation, with your sacrifice, at his immolation. All that accompanies this solemn act is like an anthology, an instruction, a demonstration of mutual love, but the essential act is Jesus who, without bloodshed, offers himself to the Father for your salvation. If when approaching the altar, if when hearing the Mass you are grasped with these thoughts, you will only be seeking to please God. The priest is a simple instrument, the real celebrant is Jesus - do you understand me, children? - who on the altar is victim and sacrificer.

Be full of faith and, if you no longer find in the liturgy of the Mass the majesty of the song, then let your heart sing. If you no longer find the unity of language, let there be unity of minds and hearts, and this will be far more pleasing to God.

But something else is troubling you, and it is Holy Communion in the hand. Admittedly, children, that many more sacrileges are committed now against the Eucharist than before. These are laments that I have made to you by the lips of several visionaries. But, if you move away from Communion in order to not wanting to receive it on the hand, who will help you overcome the present moments? Who will give you strength? Peter said to Jesus: *"If You turn away from us, where shall we go to find life?"*

Oh! children, remember that we are moving into the most terrible phase of the Church and the world. Did not Tarcisus, a humble young man, bring Communion to the prisoners? Did not the Pope grant permission to the laity to bring Communion to the sick? You do not know what you are going up against, but the Lord with his infinite goodness has always predisposed and prepared for every serious or solemn event. Things even more sad will come, and you yourselves will be happy to guard the sacramental Jesus and give Him to those who need it.

Be serene and confident. Be obedient to those who command you by higher authority and trust me, who cannot deceive anyone. Anything that brings division, disorder and resentment, all that takes you away from Communion, from liturgical prayer, from the Church and especially the Pope, who directs the Church, can only come from the evil one, who enjoys sowing such evils.

I love you, children, more than myself, and I promise you my protection in every moment of your life. I bless your families and I fill you with love. Take it everywhere and always say: The Heavenly Mother wants us to love each other. You will leave here filled with light and divine favours.

## TO THE YOUNG

*June 1, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you. See, I am here to give light to your minds and ardour to your hearts.

I am your Mother and Teacher, and how could I endure the darkness of error to be wrapped around your mind and for selfishness to enclose your hearts, diminishing them in search of your personal interests? You must be the Church, so you have to think, love, act with the Church. You might say to me that many in the Church make mistakes, but I answer you that one alone must be your aspiration, that of making Jesus reign in the world by means of truth and love.

The truth is not unknown to you. It is the spiritual patrimony left by God in store for men, so that they can, through it, have the sure way to go. Not all roads lead home, not all roads lead to Heaven. The truth is one alone, and even if the putrid waters of error try to pollute its pure source, you must ascend again up to Christ and to him who represents Him on earth, to receive it genuine and beautiful as they can give it to you.

Men act for material things, for the body, but the most bitter disappointments are reserved to them, since matter is destined to disintegrate and fall into the nothingness from which it

was taken. The truth sets you free, the truth makes you children of Him who said: *"I am the truth"*. Children, seek the truth, love and practise it in its entirety and learn to distinguish error, which comes from the evil one and gives unrest and dissatisfaction. Children, seek peace with truth, and start by building it within you, maintaining that balance, which is wisdom, is grace, is love.

Men fight and despise each other. If they were to collaborate with the good, the works also humanly would flourish, but pride enters, jealousy and envy. Others are called incapable, and one does not consider that in their place one would do no better. The work of others is criticized, and one does not try to help, to collaborate. Thus evil triumphs, since the evil one knows how to unite the workers of iniquity. Do you remember Herod and Pilate? They were enemies, but to condemn Jesus they became friends. So does the world carry on: when it must condemn someone, it makes an alliance. You also make an alliance, but make it with me, make it with Jesus, make it with the good. Spread good by that alliance that sets you apart and be witnesses of Christ, always and everywhere.

I bless you and help you in everything. See you again, children!

## **BUILD THE HOUSE OF YOUR PERFECTION**

*June 1, 1975*

Children so dear to me, how lovingly I invite you to begin the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of my Jesus. And what would you like to do to want to please Him? Here, I remind you of his divine words so that they may be a programme and encouragement to you: *"If you build your house on sand, at the blowing of the wind, with the unleashing of the storm the house will be ruined. If built on the rock, it will stand and not fall."* If you want to please Jesus, you have to build the mystical house of your perfection on rock. It must be a solid construction.

To give you then a clear idea of what should be your behaviour, I suggest to you what essential elements are required of you in order to be able to start, and bring to completion, a commitment and a task so great which is that of your holiness. It is impossible to build without putting the foundations of the building. The more one descends into the depths of the ground to make good foundations, the more one will be able to rise.

Humility is the virtue of which I never speak enough to you about, since it is so difficult to practise, and pride knows so well how to introduce itself in all things. The practice of this virtue must proceed gradually, until it makes you annihilate your ego and to feel just the humiliations that may be inflicted on you from all sides. You have to reach up to the point of asking Jesus to resemble Him in receiving and blessing, accepting it from the hand of God, all that men, justly or unjustly, make you suffer.

I think you are very far from this perfection, even if you desire in your heart to possess the virtue of humility. I desire from you a more accurate reflection on the intentions that direct your actions and a revision of your behaviour after having obtained material and spiritual success: they could give you the measure of the degree of humility reached by you.

But I am anxious to tell you how you must ascend with your spiritual construction. The scaffolding is essential and perhaps even a powerful crane. These ought to be your pious practices, which must not be occasional but well-ordered and strong, since life, with the complex of its duties and its needs, is sustained with them. It is not possible to stand without the help of faith and it is not possible to sustain a Christian life without those spiritual aids which come through the sacraments and prayer, sources of grace. Across the scaffolding the material is brought, which must be solid and tied together. Your works must be like those bricks, that cement, those ingredients. United and fortified between them, they must respond to the will of God.

Jesus said: *"It is not those who say Lord, Lord shall be saved, but he who does the will of my Father."* Good works complete the prayer and give it a higher value, because with them one practises charity which is love of neighbour. He who raises himself up to God with prayer, empties himself of everything that is misery, sin, weakness. He who does good for the love of God, is filled with his strength, with his power, with his virtue.

Oh! how well thought the programme that some saints set for themselves, saying: *"I must pray and work"*, just as it were a track on which to walk secure. If you learned to sanctify your work, performing it in God's grace, if you take account of the needs of others more than of yours, and you are always with eyes open to see where your work can be useful, it can bring joy, it can show affection, rest assured that there will be no delays of any kind.

Sometimes, important buildings must be discontinued for lack of means, but this cannot happen to you. If in the security of owning nothing, and in the certainty that you can obtain everything, you have recourse to God with fervour and with faith, you will walk briskly. It is true that the world only cares about health, material wealth and a thousand trifles, but you who know how much these goods are of brief duration, have to look up and aim for the heights. He who raises himself up, raises also others.

There are mothers anguished because their children or husbands have lost the faith and no longer practise their religion. Daughters, if you learn to grow in holiness, you will force the heart of Jesus to call back those prodigal sons with his great joy and yours.

I bless you all, children. See you again.

## TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS

*June 8, 1975*

Beloved children, be welcomed in this place of prayer. You come to meet me in the places of my apparitions and this gives me great pleasure, because in these places you can strengthen your faith, hope and charity, and through prayer, you can be helpful to all. You can and must also tap into that spirituality that should make you real Christians, devoted members of the Church and true witnesses of Christ among the brethren. I therefore greatly bless you and I charge you to bring to all your families my blessing.

You have to always be able to say: whoever loves Our Lady, can only be after the heart of God, for from the heavenly Mother one cannot learn but to be good.

Pray for priests always and at the forefront always put that one who, on earth, represents my Son Jesus. He has great responsibility, and a heavy cross weighs on his shoulders. You have to be the good Cyrenians who help him in his journey to Calvary.

Do not lose heart by the behaviour of the beloved souls led astray by error and materialism, as well as that superficiality whereby more value is given to action than to prayer. They are subjugated by the forces of evil, but your prayer and my actions will have their triumph. Fear not and be steadfast in doing good. The gates of hell do not prevail against the Church which, although flawed in its members, is always a divine work.

I am close to you and you will never be lacking my encouragement and my assistance. I bless the children present and I will guard all under my mantle, so that you may be able to enjoy one day my presence in Heaven, in the glory of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

See you again, children.

## KEEP ALIVE THE LAMP OF FAITH

June 8, 1975

Beloved children, here you are to pray that the Italians may be enlightened in deciding on who should govern them. You do well to pray, but I can say to you that one prays too little. A lot is talked about and all decisions are carried out on a human level, without realizing what Jesus stated: "*All authority comes from God*"; and if it comes from God, will it not be necessary to beseech the Lord to send the right people to govern?

Does it not seem to you that whoever governs must believe in the existence of the soul, in the right to freedom and to those goods that are not limited to material comfort, but which go beyond, culminating in the life beyond the grave?

They want materialism, they want to be well off on earth. Oh! my poor children, where will a society based on violence, on brute force and on rights that have nothing to do with justice finish? They want the breakup of the family, even if the will and command of God was very different. They want to legalize homicide, even though the Fifth Commandment says: Thou shalt not kill. And now they want to destroy the faith and live as if the soul does not exist, as if there was no eternal life for which to strive.

How necessary it is for the light of the Holy Spirit to reawaken and increase the faith! Lust and pride are the main causes that lead to the ruin of souls, families and society. That desire for reconciliation between brothers, which should lead to a mutual collaboration and a general well-being, cannot be possible if one does not seek reconciliation with God. But how must this reconciliation come about, if man, brutalized by vice, only seeks the triumph of the senses in their satisfaction and unless he feels a duty to humble himself before God, detesting his sins in order to obtain his pardon?

Yes, it is a society of the unrepentant who reject God or who, if it seeks Him, lowers Him up to making Him approve the human miseries. How should the Lord behave towards these children of his who, being called to be citizens of Heaven, prefer the baseness of the earth? God is good and forgiving, but remember that to the Hebrew people who did not respond to his call, He predicted a much harsher judgment than that accorded to the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah.

And what can we say about these children who have the honour of having in their own homeland the sweet Christ on earth? What can we say about these children who have received with full hands the gifts of faith and grace, and refuse and throw these precious pearls away? Oh! yes, pray, so that the Lord may have mercy on all. Error and heresy are desecrating churches. Impurity and unbridled freedom are desecrating bodies. And intellectual pride prevents the Spirit of the Lord to communicate with the minds of men, so the truth is but an illusion.

Pray, children, and let your supplication be united to suffering, that counts as a real penance to obtain mercy for all. I do not tell you that you must get agitated, but denounce the error and you must be prepared to fight it. It is necessary that this "bread" that is offered to you in a simple and plain way, you have to assimilate it to make your possession. You have to be teachers, and it is necessary for you to know in order to be able to teach. And if what you hear here you try to translate into practice, then your word, teaching and warning becomes alive and effective.

Keep alive the lamp of the faith and be guided by the word of the Pope and by those who are united to him. Keep faith with the Commandments, which can never be suppressed because they are a divine Law. Everything that comes from God cannot change. Be united in mutual charity, denying any selfishness, so that everyone can understand that only in the name of God is it possible to love each other sincerely, doing true good to the neighbour.

I have spoken with so much goodness and clarity so that you may not be misled.

I bless each and everyone. See you again, children. I am the Virgin of Light, Mother of God and all of you.

## THE CALL OF GOD

10 June 1975

Children so dear to my heart, peace be to you and to your families.

How great to see you all united, eager to glorify God and to grow in his love! How desirable it would be that this union of hearts and of intentions be extended to all men on earth! It would be a foretaste of Paradise.

Unfortunately, few are those who answer the call of God and who want to live humanly and Christianly well, making their lives a loving response to the infinite love of God, and many rebel and fight his doctrine, his Law, his will. In this way the earth is transformed into a place truly of punishment, where all suffer, good and bad.

My children, be careful to go along with that mysterious call that everyone feels within himself. It is sometimes a discontentment with one's manner of acting and a desire to change life, to flee from one's tepidity and mediocrity to begin a new life, more fervent and more holy. This is the mysterious call of the conscience, the voice of God. Do not let Him call in vain. As long as you hear the voice of conscience, you still have in you a particular sensitivity. If you make a habit not to listen, like a rusting of that sensitivity comes about, whereby you remain deaf to his calls.

The voice of God is a call to a life of holiness. He also speaks by means of sorrow. Whoever learns to welcome this voice and accepts the invitation of collaboration for the salvation of others, becomes a saint in the shortest time, since, like my Jesus sanctified the Cyrenian who helped Him carry the cross, so He sanctifies those Cyrenians who spontaneously offer themselves to carry the grave cross that lies heavy over the world.

Oh! children, the world does not want to listen to this voice, even if that pile of evils with which men are burdened, are the consequence of sin. They do not welcome the voice, they mock and do not understand Jesus when He says: *"Blessed are they that mourn, blessed are those who suffer."* And yet, many conversions have come about just after having encountered sorrow. Many times a victim soul has obtained the return of thousands of souls to God. It is a sorrowful voice, which can be expressed with that thirst which devoured my Jesus at the well of Schem, or at the top of the cross.

Human nature rebels against suffering. And yet, he who loves cannot show his love except through suffering. Ask two lovers if they know how to sacrifice themselves to prove their affection. They will say they are willing to die for one another. Ask a mother what she would not do to save her child. She will tell you that she would make any sacrifice.

The call of God concerns your salvation and of others. He calls you with a silent voice, but clear, of good inspirations, He calls you unveiling to you the mystery of love enclosed in his heart. If, however, these voices turn out incomprehensible through the hardness of hearts, He speaks with those moral, physical and spiritual sufferings, which you commonly call crosses.

Never let yourselves be down by sorrow and in sorrow. It is a gift of love. If you accept it and carry the cross for love, it will carry you and you will be able to enjoy it. The Church sings: *"Hail, O Cross, the only hope."* And it is a great truth. He who knows how to suffer is able to look up, and the thought of Paradise reinvigorates him and helps him.

How hard is it to live peacefully in this world, so full of worries and deceits. And yet, the Christian is not called to live out his days in sadness. Living a Christian life means to live joyfully this great truth: you are God's children, so you are not left to yourself. He loves you, watches over you and cares about each one as if you were the only one in the world. Who would not want to rejoice in this truth?



Sorrow can be life. When a mother gives birth to a child, she suffers, but then she rejoices if she is a good mother, because one more man is on earth and he really belongs to her. In the spiritual life, he who knows how to suffer and offer up gives life to souls, of whom he becomes father or mother. For all eternity these souls will keep a deep gratitude to their benefactors, as well-born children bless the parents who gave them life.

Children, these days many people sick in soul, in thought, sick in selfishness or buried in the abyss of their ideologies, expect the help of your prayers and your sufferings. Do not be deaf to the call. Give generously, give with joy, give everything you can with great love. Light will be shed for many and they will be called back.

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

## CHARITY IN WORKS

*June 11, 1975 (in Muggiò)*

Beloved children, here you are for our encounter of love. You are anxious and eager to help your brethren, and this is really a duty and an act of charity. Perhaps you would like to be able to talk to everyone and express your thought and desire, and you have the opportunity through that infallible means which is prayer.

You turn to God, and while carrying out an act of devotion and humility, asking Him for help, you transform your prayer into a true apostolic action. You bring light into the world, you bring warmth, you bring grace. You give perhaps, with your prayers, efficacy to the word of others, whom they must enlighten; you give, to the human action of others, that spirituality which is like the soul of the action.

Never say that time spent in prayer is lost. Do not say that action is worth more than prayer, and that it is necessary to perform good, instead of stopping to pray the Rosary. There is a common thread that unites action to prayer, so that the action can become prayer and prayer action, and together, they can form the true Christian life. Learn to find and use this thread that is called grace of God, that is called love.

Faith is essential to achieve miracles. In fact, my Jesus, wanting to perform extraordinary things, used to ask: *"Do you think I can do this?"* Faith is therefore necessary in order to be saved, it is necessary to enhance the value of existence, and to obtain all those aids which human life needs.

Faith has its way of expressing itself in supplication, but it is not enough. Jesus said: *"Not whosoever shall have said Lord, Lord shall be saved, but whoever shall have done the will of my Father."* Prayer therefore, can be the expression of one's ego, when it is directed to obtain personal favours, and it can be in opposition to the will of God, when one asks for things contrary to one's salvation.

Prayer must become a means of attraction! It must force the heart of God to expand his favours on all those who form his family, his kingdom. Jesus, however, gave a warning especially comforting for those who feel the need to expand and act for others in need, and which should be a spur to those who do not intend to give up their inertia or laziness.

*"Faith without works is dead"*, so said Jesus. That's why, now more than ever, if it is essential to express one's faith with prayer, it is also necessary to do those works which can be identified with charity. This virtue is not always understood, and some actions are mistaken for pure gold, while they are only tinsel. St. Paul has explained it to you well, telling you that without charity it is useless to even distribute all your goods to the poor and to have a faith to move mountains; and charity consists in this: to understand the length, the height, the width of the heart of Jesus and to learn to imitate Him.

Jesus then tells you: *"Who has a love greater than he who lays down his life for his*

*brother?"* Here, children, how your works must be: abounding with charity, whereby you ought to put yourselves in the place of others, to see what could be done for them and to ask yourselves what you would want others to do for you. I know it is not so easy to reach these heights, but to these you must strive to be living witnesses of Him who wants you in his retinue. Only then will it become easy for you to extend the left cheek to whoever strikes your right, it becomes easy to forgive the enemy and to do good to them that hate you.

Reconciliation is always a big problem to be solved in the lives of Christians, since the dilemma always remains: do I want to be forgiven by God or do I refuse Paradise with his pardon? And yet, all the good that ought to be done in the world, ought to bear this name: reconciliation. Mutual forgiveness, understanding, help, the overthrow of that spirit of pride that tends to suppress the weak or make him suffer, should be the programme of all. How differently we would live! And how much happiness and joy everyone would have in heart!

Let this be your resolution: we, with our prayers, wish to do a good work to help all mankind. We want to redouble our good deeds and make them an expression of true charity for universal reconciliation.

Now I bless you all. You are souls consecrated to me, brides of my Jesus, therefore, your apostolic work must truly make relive in you Him who "*went about doing good and did everything well.*"

I am your Mother and I am the Miraculous One. Much love claims many graces, and I will grant them to you. See you again, my children. Take my blessing to your loved ones.

## **WHAT FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY MUST BRING IN YOU**

*June 11, 1975*

My beloved children, what a pleasure to see you here next to me, after a day's hard work. I look at you and I bless you and, as I assure you my protection and my help, I promise you an increase of faith, hope and charity. What must these virtues bring in you?

It will be for an increase of faith that the Divine Mysteries will allow you to relive in my company the solemn moments of the life, passion, death and resurrection of my Son. It will still be through faith that you will place all your trust not just in creatures, but in that God who, being infinite goodness and providence, watches over you, annihilating by his power all those opposing forces that could seduce you and bring you to evil.

The increase of hope will make you look at any personal or social event with a sense of optimism and with the confidence that the trial of this life, with all its difficulties, is of short duration, and that every sacrifice, every tear, every victory over yourself will have its eternal reward. Learning to hope is learning to live, since, when hope is lacking, one dies spiritually and morally. The Christian hope is not a fantasy or an illusion, but it is a truth, to which whoever believes, must bring together the reason for their actions, even if love must be the principal point and climax in which the Christian must become attached.

The increase of charity must make you aware of the greatness of your mission and vocation. You are called to interpret and accept the message of salvation and love. After having lived out this loving call in your personal sanctification, you are called to spread it. The administration of the Sacraments must be the means by which to make love live, and from your heart burning with love, all those who approach you must receive abundance of grace and spirituality. Oh yes, my children, they must feel in you the presence of God at work!

And now, as I invite you to the most intense prayer, so that once again the Italians may feel their responsibility and not have to deliberately throw themselves into the arms of materialism, I invite you also to cultivate in your heart, and to make transpire on your face, that serenity which must be like a distinctive sign of grace. Yes, children, the certainty of

being in God and with God through that inner life that is desirable, must make you look forward to the serenity of the final encounter in which we will see each other face to face to never leave each other again.

## KEEP THE PEACE

June 14, 1975

Beloved children, and peace to you, your families, your home. This is my wish, that I want and I can achieve with the help of your good will.

It is always true of the announcement made by the angels to the shepherds on the holy night: *"Peace to men of good will."* For peace is built within in order for it to be realised also externally, by adhering to the voice of conscience and desiring to operate according to that law which God has imprinted in the heart of each one. In many families this gift of God is defective, for there is no understanding and respect of thought and freedom of others. One does not want to recognize in others the same proper rights.

You are here because, of this inner peace, you want to have plenty to be communicated to others. I cannot however, not quote to you a phrase said by my Jesus, which might get you a little into crisis. In fact, my Son said: *"I have not come to bring peace, but war,"* and He also clarified his thinking further: *"I will put, father against son, mother against daughter, and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law."* Virtually He made foreseen that the observance of his Law would bring discord among the closest relatives, among those whom God and nature have wanted close. How will you therefore, be able to have and keep the peace if, according to Jesus, it does not seem to be a practical consequence of wanting to follow Him?

Children, you have had a particular call, special gifts. It has been as if, before your eyes, a new perspective on life had opened up. Some of you have seen the futility of human things and have answered the call, like Paul on the road to Damascus: *"Lord, what do You want me to do?"*

When the bandage falls from the eyes that covers them, and one sees the light, when one understands the beauty of the faith and the necessity of the apostolate, who can hold these souls back? It is a joy to let oneself be carried away upon the wings of the Spirit of the Lord, and discover little by little the way of perfection and holiness.

Others watch and wonder, they get annoyed and threaten. It is called fanaticism, but it is enthusiasm. There are those even who are ashamed of such persons, and the contradiction will come from all sides. Even my ministers will see rivals, intruders or sectarians. What should you do? Keep the peace within you. Maintain that outward serenity which is a sign of the grace that is in your soul, and respect in the truest way those who combat you.

There are misguided children who no longer believe and do in families the work of the devil. They mock, insult, disobey and wound the hearts of the parents. There are pupils in schools, who rebel and threaten their teachers and the authorities. In all surroundings, while the religious, moral, and also the material and physical heritage of each one is demolished, false divinities are built and evil is propagated.

You have to be my faithful ones, and while with prayer you will make God intervene in all your affairs, with your love, sorely tested and exercised to the point of heroism, you will make God reign, and with Him, peace. I am the Queen of Peace and Queen of Victories. Be steadfast in the faith and trustful in Providence. The Lord watches over you, over each one of you, He assists you and blesses you, and I just enhance the value of your entreaties at his throne.

Whoever is suffering, let him make of it a continual offering. Whoever loves and is not loved back, let him direct his affections to God that they might be blessed. Whoever has good

desires, let him unite them to mine that they might be satisfied. Thus, whoever wants to grow in faith, to improve spiritually, let him come to this school of mine with diligence, and I will make, of simple students, effective teachers.

And now I bless you all. To one and all an embrace full of tenderness.

## **PRAY AND WEEP**

*June 14, 1975*

My dear children, how may I not extend my greeting to you and thank you for your prayer? You have wanted to give proof of your faith and your desire for good, and faith and good we will spread through you.

Prayer is never left unanswered, and it is God's will that we pray to meet social needs. The strength, which many times comes to be lacking even in the humanly good, becomes a necessity in some moments, and the Lord provides, through prayer, to help the weak, as the doctor who does blood transfusions to strengthen the organisms.

Whatever the outcome of these elections, be calm and confident and prepare yourselves right from now to repair those evils which will be spread with the consent of many.

You have seen divorce approved, and you see the consequences in the ruin of many families, especially those that start now and that they give no more importance to the sacrament of Matrimony, not only as a channel of grace, but even as a human contract made between persons who respect each other and who swear to keep their word.

Then the law on abortion will pass, which cries to heaven for vengeance, because it is the renewal of the killing of the innocent Abel, or if you like, the massacre of the innocents.

Also the turn of the elderly will come, the sick, the deficient, the maimed, who will be suppressed as useless beings or a feigned piety. But now is the time of youth, called to materialism and to rebellion against authority and the Church.

You see, children, that the devil, the prince of this world, is bringing everywhere ruin, tears, sin. There are millions of men who collaborate with him towards the disintegration of the works of God. And souls go willingly to perdition, without asking themselves: are we perhaps not at fault? Have millions of martyrs believed, loved, hoped, and given their lives unnecessarily? Was it a fable all that God revealed and Jesus his Son confirmed by sacrificing his life for the salvation of men? And his resurrection and the life of the Church, which survived all the persecutions and outrages, do these not say anything to these children who prefer free and sinful love, enjoying life and staining their hands with blood?

Yes, my children, pray and weep. Weep and pray, because there is truly the reason. Meanwhile, while this prayer rises like sweet incense, let your intention of wanting to serve the Lord be firm, of loving Him and of accepting those crosses which frequently weigh on your heart, making an offering to God for your families, for the brethren and for the whole Church.

I pass continually in the midst of the Christian people and I call with human and divine, ordinary and extraordinary means, but I am not listened to, not believed, not loved and not followed, even by those whom I have benefitted with both hands and cultivated like flowers of a glass-house.

At least you be docile and believers. Do not try to make useless conjectures, to express doubts and worries. Be simple and, if in obedience to superiors you can find safety and peace of mind, in you let there be this certainty: God can intervene when and as He wants, to build or to repair his Kingdom and to bring souls to salvation and holiness.

I bless you all, my children, and even if I do not call you one by one, know that you are here in my heart and that those graces that you ask me for with persistence and love, you shall receive them. Suffices for you my affectionate assistance and the gift of patience, for now; even in that you will have great merits, and then the rest will come. Good night, children.

## **TO THE YOUNG**

*June 15, 1975*

Beloved children, how much light, how much uprightness I see in your hearts! You really understand what Christianity means and what vocation means. I associate you all and, while giving you a place of special privilege in my heart, I invite you to make my words a continuous call for your life.

You are called to seek and love God, in order to walk better and better in the perfection of God's children. I do not make any difference, therefore, whatever may be the road on which you will progress and the company you will choose for yourselves. Learn to love God for himself, because He was the first to love you, and He loved you when you were still sinners. He has justified you before the Father, He has incorporated you into his life, and He continues to guide you, not letting his grace lack to you.

Love the Lord and you will find everything easy, because love knows no difficulties and, if it meets them, it overcomes them. He who loves, knows how to forget himself and runs in the way of good, led by the arm of the loved person. Let your love be not a mere sentiment, but something solid and supportive. Solid as the house built on rock. Supportive of all the brethren, to whom you can give help and from whom you can receive. Never omit those pious exercises which are the outward expression of the love that you have within, and make them the means for union of hearts and dissemination of help.

I bless you all and I point out to you as a means to persevere in love, daily Communion, made the centre of your life and received as a true spiritual nourishment.

See you again, children. Always pray for one another. I am always close to you.

## **"I FEAR THE LORD WHO PASSES BY"**

*June 15, 1975*

Children so dear to me, peace be to you. I am the Virgin of Light and I desire to make you understand certain truths and help you put them into practice.

Many people think they are enlightened, but they delude themselves. They want to instil in others some principles that they have developed with their own head, and do nothing but confuse their own ideas and those of others at the expense of truth.

I want you to be humble and simple, and for you to believe and to practise what through the Roman, Catholic and Apostolic Church, you have been taught. These truths, based on revelation and the Gospel, must not disturb either your soul or that of your neighbour, since, in the knowledge of the mysteries, you can go up to where reason leads you to understand and, farther on, it will suffice for you to humbly accept, without creating problems for yourself. In fact, what is the value of creating problems for one's self, when in the words of Jesus, no one can add a cubit to his height?

Be humble and accept the truth as a gift from God, whereby, knowing that there is an infinite distance between Him and his creatures, it will be impossible for you to fathom and want to know as much as Him.

Premising these words, I desire to remind you that every man that comes into this world has

enough light to see that, above all creatures, there must be a Being infinitely powerful, great and good to whom is due love and worship. I remind you however, that each one has a particular moment in life, in which he hears the call of God. God does not often repeat his calls and He desires promptness in responding. This thought made some of the saints tremble, who could say: *"I fear the Lord who passes by."*

It would really be a calamity for many souls, if God were not to renew his call. Unfortunately, those who do not want to listen, those who reject the invitations of Jesus, many times grow cold in the faith, while doubt makes headway. The doubt goes with the error, while on the road of corruption and absolute apathy, like mysterious sirens are perceived that attract to them.

Yes, children, listen to the Lord speaking in the depth of your hearts, and be eager to put into practice the good inspirations that follow one another continuously. They are continuous prods to good. However, you are not alone in the world and, if those who, affected by deafness, bring you so much sorrow, are unable to understand and you try whenever possible to make yourself understood by different means, so you must concern yourself for the deaf of the spirit, and help them.

Getting the word of my Jesus and mine to your brethren, is a great act of charity. If you then add prayer to your gesture or your word, a great thing comes about that is of the miraculous. Those words that they read or hear, are as if illuminated with divine light, whereupon they work in souls the most profound transformations. So it allows the Lord to act and one does not let Him pass by uselessly.

I want to mention a quality that ought to enlighten your person and which must give to your neighbour security and tranquillity. Jesus said in the Gospel: *"Let what you say be, yes, yes, no, no; more than this comes from the evil one."* What did my Son mean? That sincerity not only must accompany your word, but it must give to your behaviour that truthful and beneficial influence for which no one can doubt what you allege. We say that the devil is the father of lies, and you know he knows how to show his abilities and virtues by making men his dupes. He dresses like a lamb, and he is a ravenous wolf.

You must be so truthful, so sincere with yourself and with God, that the neighbour has to place the utmost confidence in you. It is with this easy way that your example will be seen and imitated by many. You trust God, you accept the truth and the word that He offers you; you make yourselves accepted with your simplicity and sincerity, and grace acts, upsets, converts.

Continue to pray, because the light comes from above, and learn to love.

I bless you all one by one, and I embrace you, wishing you and giving you every good. See you again, children.

## **HOW TO BRING THE THOUGHT OF GOD INTO THE FAMILY**

*June 17, 1975*

Beloved children, come! Yes, come beside me! I want to teach you how to heal the family and society from those cancerous sores that threaten to ruin them in their vital part.

The family, my children, is the most beautiful divine and human invention in which should reign, with order and harmony, serenity and peace. But why are united families so few, in which the material well-being of everyone is sought after, subordinated to the goods of the spirit, which are and will always be a source of joy?

God is excluded from the family, and one wants to do everything by one's self. It is believed that wealth and all that men desire, is only the fruit of one's intelligence, cunning and luck, and one forgets that all material goods are put together like the statue of

Nebuchadnezzar's dream, with feet of clay, which a simple stone can destroy.

Even the moral goods are gifts that, if overstated, God can take away, and a fever would be enough to destroy everything that makes a man a superior being. What can you say then about physical health, which a simple exposure to the elements can destroy or fatigue can undermine, and around which the devil himself many times rages to lead you to despair?

If families are threatened in the individuals who compose it, you understand that you must bring in them the thought of God, who alone can give a value to the material goods as a sacred trust that must also serve the neighbour, and that can give to the moral gifts that direction through which they can humbly utilize to defend the physical and spiritual health from the assaults of the evil spirits, who are submissive to God, for He is their creator.

How will you be able to bring the thought of God where there are refractory and rebellious members? Children, your holiness will be the divine call. Holiness is, however, a conquest that takes place gradually. It is like a ladder very difficult practicably which, climbing up along steep paths, can cause falls to no end. However, if the desire to be good, to improve, to strive for holiness is constant, it will certainly have a beneficial influence on the whole family.

*"It is the woman who makes the family,"* it is said, and it is true, because through her ability to persuade and to resist sorrow and adversities, the woman can get what she desires. How much many mothers are to be pitied who, not animated by thoughts of faith, weak in sacrifice, conduct their lives with so much tepidity as to dampen also the other family members in the faith and good! The Holy Spirit says: *"Since you are neither hot nor cold, I will begin with vomiting you from my mouth."* The fervour of the Christian life, which is like the longing for holiness, is the thermometer which should mark the sanctity of the woman, whom the Lord makes use of to soften all hearts.

Another quality must not be lacking in families: it is that dedication whereby each member feels as protected by the others. There are sons and fathers who, attracted by new problems, by new ideologies or by interests outside the family, think they are doing their duty, while leaving the family to miss that affection and attention of which they need. Sometimes a kindness or a good word is enough to dispel the darkest clouds. An act of goodness is enough to console a heart embittered by suffering. What others perhaps may not give you, may you be giving to others. The daily experience of a form of selfishness that is concerned with self or others, forgetting the first neighbour, those whom the Lord wished to put close to you, may it be a lesson to you to make you act accordingly.

And for society, which knows the struggles for well-being, which knows the freedom to do evil and supports it, which before love puts violence, to the ideals of good it substitutes drugs, the thought of the beyond and what the universe shows with its wonders, it prefers pornography and dishonest films, prostitution and wicked things, what you will offer?

My children, the field is difficult to work, but not impossible. What do farmers do when they want to make a good sowing and a good crop? First of all they remove from the ground they want to work, the stones and the twigs; then they turn over the clods, they mix it with good fertilizer, they plough it and last of all they scatter with both hands the good seed. You also need to do likewise.

With the help of God and with my help, try to identify the evil and, whenever possible, try to intervene. You will be able to do much good, I assure you. Sometimes the parish priest advised or the authority will be able to intervene, but sometimes even you, using those serene and compelling ways that are not lacking in you, will be able to call back hearts. Help one another, by making my will and God's known. Do it in the name of that love that you must bring to souls and which is part of your apostolate.

And now, in conclusion, and encouragement, I bless you. See you again, children. I am Mary, Joseph's spouse and your Mother.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*June 22, 1975*

Beloved children, you are welcome and peace be with you now and forever.

I am the Queen of the Rosary and I want to encourage you to make, with this precious prayer, your weapon, your strength, your defence. Propagate the Rosary in order to have the blessings of Heaven and to feel me close in all your needs.

Today I invite you also to honour the heart of my Jesus, fount of all consolation. How will you honour it? By imitating John, the precursor. You will announce the name of my Jesus and you will tell Him that He is the blessed fruit of my womb, and He will work in your homes, in your towns, in your nation. You will do the preaching of example and of the Rosary. Just as John did, you will invite all to prayer and penance, and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins will reign in the world.

Children, I would like for the world to be really converted. You must start to be more good yourselves, to take some step forward on the path of virtue. Whoever is already good must become a saint, but you all have to progress. If a child remains like at birth, you say it is deformed; likewise, if Christians do not grow in the spiritual life, they are deformed.

I bless you and I invite you to grow, every day a little more, in the love of God and neighbour.

I bless the priest who leads you. I bless those who have returned to me with the joy of the children who come to greet the longed-for Mother. I bless the young and the little children who cheer me up so much.

See you again. Announce Jesus, the Saviour everywhere.

## **BE TRUE WITNESSES OF JESUS**

*June 22, 1975*

Beloved children, I am here among you as a Mother and Teacher, eager to convey divine joys and teachings to you.

And what is that Mother who, possessing true wisdom, does not desire to illuminate her little children and all those who live in her house? And what is that Mother who, possessing an infinite joy in her heart that comes to you from the presence of the Holy Spirit, does not desire to communicate it with those who belong to the ranks of her devotees? Oh! yes, children, all that is mine is yours. We must make a true and perfect unity with Jesus, the love of God must be the bond that unites us to Him, and the love of neighbour must cement and make vital those teachings that come to you also through me.

The book that tells you how you must live is the Gospel and my word is its clarification, the explanation, so that you can make a practical application. There are some who accept only part of the Gospel and reject the rest, just because they find it inconvenient and impracticable.

There are others who accept the truth and want to put it into practice, but they are ashamed, as if they wanted to live the Gospel inclined to be hidden. The example of Peter, who denies knowing the Teacher, is clear.

It is evident that whoever lives the Christian life well, creates a discomfort on those who do otherwise. It is as if a ray of sunlight were to enter a dark room. The fine dust, which previously was unseen, appears enlarged and, illuminated, forming a bright trail. The good must arouse conflict, it is an inevitable thing. The struggle between grace and the devil, between good and evil, is not only of these days. Since the time of the early prophets, their words, that was God's, and their conduct of life aroused the ire of those who felt accused even if not directly.



Today as yesterday, as at the time of Jesus and the apostles, the neighbour, the people, the wicked hurl their invectives and rebel, not so much at the word, as much as the example of the good which is a continuous sermon. And yet, no fear, no slander, no accusation must make you deflect from your way of believing and acting. No human respect must prevent you from doing good and must stop you in deprecating evil. Jesus has said: *"Whoever shall have borne witness to Me in this life, I will bear witness to him in front of my Father; whoever is ashamed of Me in this life, I too shall be ashamed of him before the Father."*

May your loyalty however, not be imprudence, let it not be a putting yourself on display. A loyalty made of simplicity, must be your witness. When a soul knows not to seek either himself or his own glory, but only the will of God, his serenity does not fail even before conflicts, and sincerity gives him strength to uphold the truth.

There are many human concerns arising from the lack of justice of many, perhaps even of those of you who are united by ties of blood. Demanding that others are just with you is part of love of neighbour, since you know that the unjust shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven.

To warn, to reprimand, to demand justice is a good thing, even if, for the sake of peace and in order not to ruin your health, you could come with the others to meek pretensions, leaving them as a gift what they have unjustly appropriated. Unfortunately, in all fields and in all categories of people, selfishness creates these difficulties of understanding and collaboration. May you be true witnesses of Jesus, who made of everything He owned, a gift of love to men.

He said: *"Pray without ceasing"*, and always prayed for all up to the last, when, unjustly nailed to the cross, He prayed for his crucifiers. He made work a means for a living, even if towards Him the greatest injustices were done. He gave everything in free offering to all those who were in need, even if it repaid with "Crucify", and He taught the value of giving, promising also a reward for a single glass of water given in his name.

If you ask me what you need to do to please me, I answer with these three invitations: make your prayer with a generous heart; work with alacrity, performing your duties in the grace of God and for God's sake; remember that almsgiving covers a multitude of sins.

Do not let your left know what your right is doing, but let no day pass without you having comforted a heart, wiped a tear, given material assistance or moral or spiritual to someone. A day without prayer is lost, without work is wasted without charity is like without sun, therefore, sad. Sad, because you could have reached out to help those who asked for help and you did not do so.

May the Lord bless you all. To the male and female religious present my embrace full of tenderness, and to all those who are eager to do good, my encouragement. The Gospel is exactly this: to imitate Christ in doing good, both spiritual and material.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*June 23, 1975*

Children so dear to me, be blessed for all those prayers that you have addressed to me in this pilgrimage. I welcome them and I transform them into a shower of graces for you and for your families, for your parishes and for your homeland.

I beg you, take everywhere, with devotion to me, fraternal charity, that it may serve to unite hearts and make God loved, who is the fount of charity and love.

Then say to all those whom you approach, the heavenly Mother desires for the representative of Jesus on earth, who is Paul VI, to be helped, loved and obeyed. I welcome you as children and I love you, and my Jesus loves and blesses those who love the Pope, because only this way do they show Him to be true Christians.

I embrace you one by one, children, and I give you all the tenderness of my heart.  
See you again, and grace be to you and all good.

## **EVERYTHING IS UNITED TO PRAYER**

*June 24, 1975 (in Bonate)*

Beloved children, thanks for having come here, and graces be to you, your families, your parishes and your cities. I am here with you and I look at you. I know you all by name. Some have a strong resemblance to my Son Jesus, and do you know who? Those who, being in God's grace and cultivating holiness with special commitment, rekindle in their souls that divine likeness which was imprinted in Baptism. Others, I look at them and I see them as my suffering Jesus. It seems that the divine image has suffered some insults, strain, malice. How much pain, children! There are also those who are dripping blood, as if my Jesus was crucified in them. I look and I draw all next to my heart. I want to give everyone a tender kiss that is an encouragement and help.

You do not see me, a girl saw me one day. Now I am like hidden behind a cloud, because I desire your faith to go beyond the apparition. It is still for this reason why the Lord allows that men of the Church, who should accept, believe, obey and assist the designs of God, out of prudence or for any other reason, may delay the triumph of the apparition. He wants faith, hope, obedience to authority to be exercised, all virtues that are worth a lot in front of God and that serve to maintain order. Then the years pass by, and the will of God is fulfilled despite numerous obstacles.

The most important thing is to keep the faith and be constant in prayer. Jesus one day, turning to some disciples of John having come to Him to question Him, asked: "*Who did you go out in the desert to see? Perhaps a reed shaken by the wind?*" Now, children, I say to you: do not be reeds shaken by the wind, keep faith to your Christian principles. They all think differently, I know, and they call taboo what was only holy fear; they call fanaticism what was only true love, zeal for the cause of God. But you be firm.

Do not disobey, when it imposes no sin on you, and when the things that they are asking you to change does not affect the substance of the faith or the Decalogue. I ask you a justness of thoughts, upright life, fervour of devotion to the Eucharist. I ask you to be, in the fulfilment of your duties, real witnesses. May true love shine in your midst, one that knows how to face sacrifice in order to meet the brethren halfway.

I look at you and smile. You have prayed well. So must you pray in your parishes. Prayer, which many call useless, is like a celestial music, which starting from your heart, meets up with that of the angels and the saints. If you pray badly, you are like those bands which constantly scratch on the instruments without letting out a melody. All joined in prayer: the thanks, the grace, the virtue, and even holiness and eternal salvation.

Do not be overcome by those sirens who try to stifle your voices: sirens of discomfort and sirens of evil. Never say: I have prayed so much, now I am not praying anymore. Do not say: It is better to go, to intrigue, to do, rather than pray. Always give prayer the first place, a place of honour, for it is a great honour to speak with Him who has created everything from nothing.

Children, I love you like no other mother in the world could love you. I love you more than myself and I see you already projected into eternity in my company. You know that a place is prepared for everyone. Life is short and strewn with many dangers. Some you also see them, others are unforeseen, but you cannot avoid them. Always look at your heavenly Mother, who lovingly tends her arms to you as the mothers who must teach their children to walk. Do not

be intimidated by the gales: sometimes they are more tremendous when they are hidden. Be like John, not like reeds shaken by the wind.

Look at the sky that is above your head, and see beyond the stars listening to a multitude of souls strained in listening for your sighs, your desires, your acts of love, since these are your prayers.

They look at you, they are waiting for you, and they want at any price that you belong in their ranks.

Children, I have spoken at length and I always will speak to you in a thousand ways, and meanwhile I bless you.

Be faithful to your commitments of piety, faithful to your family responsibilities and those of the apostolate, since, let that be known, the devil and his followers do not give themselves peace.

See you again, children. When you pray, all Paradise is with you.

## **DO NOT PUT LIMITS ON YOUR GOODNESS**

*June 27, 1975*

Beloved children, your evening prayer is so pleasing to me. I am here to gather and bless your work and all that good with which you fill the week. It is like a tying together and making a nice bundle of what you want to give to God, from time to time. Do not think that I settle for what you offer to the Father what to give Him through me. I am a mother and I am particularly interested in making you make a good impression, so to what you give me I add mine, and the grace with which I embellish your works makes them assume a really great value.

Some people want to know the meaning of my name. Well then, Mary really means "sea", and I could not be otherwise than a sea of love, of sorrow and of mercy. In this sea that God wanted beautiful, that is my heart, my devotees can throw their miseries, their weaknesses and their virtues. The miseries are as swallowed by the waves of love, the weaknesses are transmuted into strength by the immensity of my sorrow, and the virtues are raised by my merciful goodness up to becoming heroic.

So this meeting brings great benefit to you, and I can exercise towards you that perpetual help without which you might be overwhelmed by the stormy ominous waves of evil. It is true that, since my help is perpetual, it knows no limit of time or persons, but how much more promptly and efficiently I can offer help to anyone who asks.

Be confident, children, and do as I do. Do not put limits on your goodness and, as you ask persistently on the one hand, promptly go to meet others halfway. Never stand with your ruler to measure things and events. Be liberal in views and, though ready to make your neighbour happy, do not hesitate to give up what you would like. Did not my Jesus tell you: *"To whoever asks you for your tunic, give your cloak as well; and whoever forces you to walk a road mile with him, go with him twain?"*

This is how your rule of life must be: to make generosity the queen virtue, but let it be a generosity understood in the moral sense, more than anything, that brings you to deny your self, what you love, and to know how to sacrifice yourself for love. If you go along with me in these little things, you will encounter help from me in all your needs.

You worry sometimes because you would like to start a family or reach your vocation, which to you seems an unattainable goal, but if you will understand me, everything will be accommodated and the solutions most unexpected will happen, and above all you will have a deep and intimate joy that will make life easy for you and give you the wings to do good.

Yes, dear children, I am the Virgin of Perpetual Help, and I stretch out my hands as if to

extract from the stormy sea of life and lead all to salvation, and no limit, even of time, exists for me, who will always follow you. And if you should descend into Purgatory to remove some stains, for which certainly you cannot enter Heaven, it will still be I who, giving you love, sorrow and mercy, will deliver you to introduce you to the Homeland.

Thank you, children. I bless you all one by one. Love each other sincerely, and receive the motherly embrace with an affectionate "goodnight".

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*June 28, 1975*

Children so dear to me, be blessed for this your visit. I am the Mother of the Church, and my encounter with you has a purpose all its own.

Today is the liturgical feast of the first Pope and of him who was called the Apostle of the Gentiles. Their intercession and help cannot fail you in these very difficult moments, so that you may be always motivated by a faith everlasting in him who governs the Church as the successor of Peter, and who calls, like Paul, all Christians to a general brotherhood.

Yes, my children, again as from the foundation of that divine and marvellous work that is the Church, everyone can be saved in the bark of Peter. Love the Church, love the Pope, and never doubt his integrity in conducting the Church. To love is to believe in his infallibility, and therefore to obey him unconditionally. *"I will be with you till the consummation of the ages,"* Jesus said to Peter, and to every successor my Son repeats the same statement. To love means to offer to him all that can help him.

Do not forget that when you pray for the Pope, you pray for the whole church, therefore, you pray also for yourselves. Be the living church, and be constantly united to the Roman Pontiff, in order to achieve that beautiful unity that my Jesus desires, and that is increasingly disintegrating with disobedience and heresy. Forget, children, your personal interests to take care of the needs of the Church.

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

## **THE PURPOSE OF CENACLES**

*June 29, 1975 (Seregno)*

Children so dear to me, peace be to you. See, I am here to instruct you on a work so dear to me, which must always develop more and more for the glory of God and the good of souls. I intend to speak to you about the cenacles.

Many people ask themselves, including priests: Why these meetings in homes? Is there not the church where they can meet to pray? And why is it that these old women begin to do theology and to explain the Gospel? Did not Jesus perhaps say to the apostles: *"Go and preach"*? Here, children, my explanations simple and truthful.

The home is also called the domestic shrine and, if presently, through the lack of faith and morality the family is being ruined, how necessary it is that it be reconsecrated by the presence of the supernatural, which is drawn and materialized by means of prayer. Those who pray together with other persons and pray with faith, have the strength to call Jesus, who comes with lots of love to bless and to sanctify themselves and their families.

Certainly the cenacle cannot be an end in itself; it would threaten to transform itself into a sect, if it were so. The purpose of these family gatherings, as well as being that of sanctifying the family and protecting it from harm, is that of inviting, through prayer, to love the Church and to make use of the Sacraments. The cenacle must be the place where souls, instructed and

reinvigorated in the faith, are preparing to give that aid to those parishes that the fire of God has lit in their hearts.

The cenacle is a place of personal encounters with Heaven, in the memory of your dead who preceded you. Was it not done so in times not too long ago? Was there not established in the home in a corner where stood a small altar, and above it the images of saints and, beside them, the photographs of your deceased loved ones? In the cenacle therefore, the family meets before God, in memory of the departed, who can be your protectors.

But there is another reason that should spur you to make your house a small cenacle. You know how much, in the Old Testament, hospitality was blessed by God. The prophets as guests in families, used to leave signs of their blessing, a reflection of that of God, working real miracles. Jesus, by sending the apostles to preach in the world, gave them this command: *"Go and enter houses. Whoever will welcome you, give peace; but if they reject you, let the peace return to you and, leaving the house, shake off the dust from your sandals."* It is like saying that there will not be any blessing from Heaven for them. I felt how painful it was the lack of hospitality of the Bethlehemites when my Child was to be born.

With the cenacle, you call as guests in your house, not just Jesus and me and all Paradise, but also other people besides your family, who, by imposing sacrifices on you, put you on the occasion of gaining merit. Whoever starts a cenacle, is endowed with the virtues of patience and charity.

It is a mistaken jealousy that of hindering this marvellous work willed by God to heal the family, to make the Church loved and to favour that fraternal charity and that sociability that brings consolation to hearts and help to all, both spiritually and morally and sometimes even physically.

Now I answer the second question, which concerns the little women chosen as instruments. Really no one is to blame if the Lord wishes to pick persons incapable of accomplishing great things. He used the stuttering Moses to confound the power of Pharaoh; he used David, an unarmed youth, to confuse and conquer Goliath. And Jesus, during his life, repeated that the simplicity of little children would have confused the wisdom of the grown ups.

Thus, in the middle of the twentieth century, while you go to the moon and make the most daring discoveries, these little women, chosen as instruments, speak to you about the things of God as if they had studied theology. It is always the Lord who uses weakness to confound strength, and ignorance to put down science.

What must be done before these phenomena that many do not know how to explain? It is necessary to verify, to make oneself sure that what is taught is in conformity with the doctrine of Christ, and if you find that they are truths that do good to the soul, even if it is humble old women who expound them, you must bow your head and thank God.

The stuttering Moses was able to convince the Pharaoh, and you who have learned many things and know how to tell them so well, you must not be less than him.

Always forward with courage, children! At this school you will become like little children, but God will reveal his secrets to you, and you will become wise. If in every house there was a cenacle like this, so pleasing to me, society would be healed again. I know what I desire is not possible, because those who rebel against this thought are too many. It suffices therefore, for you to learn to attend, take in and spread the word of God that you receive and that you learn to clarify ideas to those who do not see well.

See you again, children. With the Church and for the Church always.

## "BLOOD OF JESUS, SAVE US!"

*July 1, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you and to your families. I am the Virgin of the Visitation, the Mother of Him who shed his blood up to the last drop for the redemption of mankind, and it is dear to me to combine these two memories, even if the feast and the solemnity to which they refer have been assigned to other dates.

I desire to remind you of the thought of great charity that brought me beside Elizabeth, in order to be able to be of service to her in the incumbent need to her motherhood in advanced age. It is this thought that there must be an incentive for you to come here. Your visits to this place must be really inspired by love of neighbour. I enjoy seeing the persistence and the care with which you plead, not only for your loved ones, but also for the sick that are dear to you and who commend themselves to your prayers.

I desire also that, filled with charity, you might bring this wealth of Heaven into those homes that you visit, and that the faith which is increased to you here, may make you be able to see me next to you when you give consolation and help to the needy in soul and body.

There is also a category of persons whom I entrust especially to your care and your affectionate search. There are young brides in the state of motherhood that would like to get rid of the precious fruit which they carry within them, and who take no account of God's voice, the voice of conscience and of reason. Sacrifice frightens them, and maybe they do not want to face the sacrifices that are dwarfed in comparison to the gift of motherhood. So, while with deleterious means they kill a human life, many times they even damage their own health, they create discord and, destroying the peace of the heart, destroy family peace. To these creatures, a kind word, spoken at the right time, might perhaps avoid a great evil. I desire for you to represent me before these my daughters, and you can give in my name, courage and faith.

But there are many young people who want to enjoy life, who do not want ties of any kind and who indifferently, in the name of love which is only passion, believe themselves free to give life and death to so many little beings, who possess a soul and who also have the right to live even if they are the fruit of sin.

I speak here particularly to mothers, so that, by educating in purity and preparing the children for marriage, they learn to ask for an abundant help from the Lord, that would give efficacy to their words, and know how to convince to prepare themselves with mortification for marriage, in which sacrament the human is united to the divine, physical strength to wisdom and spiritual virility.

It is a pain to see some children get married, while they have already wasted their bodies and have made it a miserable rag, an instrument of sin and evil. Oh! yes, talk to young people about matrimonial duties, which are sacrosanct, and tell them that it is a real crime to prepare a nest of mud to the children, who should be the true gift of God realized in pure love.

Many of you will go on holiday and no time will be lacking for you to approach, to help and to counsel young wives and mothers. I will help you, as I helped Elizabeth in her great expectation.

I want to remind you however, about the precious blood of my Jesus, which, shed on the cross, is still wasted in the sacrament of Confession. In it, the blood of Jesus falls as a salutary cleansing to purify and to reinvigorate souls. And yet, what abuse, how many bad confessions!

I would like for you not to be so concerned about having a spiritual director, to which my Jesus and I provide with our instructions. I would like for you to be eager in growing in the love of God and neighbour, from one confession to the next, because the Christian life is real only if there is love. So, I would like for you not to be disturbed by the accusation of sins, but

for you to accompany it with real sorrow, that sorrow that has the ability to give back your baptismal innocence.

I remind you that many people, simply because of a stroll, will neglect the fulfilment of the Sunday obligation. How pitiful that contempt and that disregard that allows one to ignore that very important precept, which is the centre of Christian life! To you I extend the invitation that you never fail to assist, even every day, at Mass, thus giving a good example and making your sacrifice the means of conversion and attraction for others. If the summer heat can ripen the wheat that will serve to give the Eucharist, may the warmth of your hearts enhance that divine blood that must save men of all times.

The blood of Jesus is the voice crying for mercy for all. Use it to ask for mercy, especially for your family and for all those who trample it, by living in mortal sin. Say with love: "*Blood of Jesus, save us!*"

See you again, children. I bless you.

## **RAISE WITH ME YOUR "MAGNIFICAT"**

*July 2, 1975 (Seregno)*

Children so dear to me, be blessed for this humble prayer, fervent and full of charity. I am Mary of Nazareth and I enjoy staying with you, as one day I stayed with my relative Elizabeth. I desire first to make to you the same gifts that I made to her on the day of my visit. I took my Jesus to her, conceived by a few days in my womb, and I filled her with joy and gladness, so as to make her heart burst out in an exclamation of wonder, humility and gratitude. It was through this meeting of my Jesus with her that her child leapt in her womb and was sanctified.

So I have brought you my Jesus through prayer, and with his presence, grace, which is the life of God in you, will be increased for you. Children, if you knew the value of grace, you would have no other desire than to preserve it and increase it. I ask you, therefore, for that beautiful disposition of mind for humility and that readiness that made Elizabeth say: "*And how come the Mother of my Lord comes to me?*"

My children, what I promise I always keep, but it is so dear to my heart that you have that appreciation and gratitude for what you go receiving, so the hymn of thanksgiving comes spontaneously. "*Blessed are you among women,*" Elizabeth said to me, and those prophetic words sounded like a praise and a thanksgiving. You also go repeating them in the recitation of the Rosary, but I want this blessing that can be uttered mechanically, be pronounced by you consciously and with love, in all the vicissitudes of life. Elizabeth, while in the joy of motherhood, had the sorrow of seeing Zachary hit by God with muteness, for his lack of faith. That blessing raised to Heaven, meant in that moment acceptance of the cross and uniformity to the divine will.

I have come here today to teach you to bless the Lord always, in prosperity and in adversity, when things go well and when they are contrary to your desires. If you learn to bless the Lord always, it will be much easier also for your desires to be fulfilled.

I entered that house, and Zechariah, through my intercession, received the gift of speech. My daughters, wives, mothers, religious and laity, how many times in front of your words that invite to good, your children, or brothers or husbands, are deaf, or remain mute because they cannot open their mouths to prayer. I am here to accomplish what you do not know how to do. I desire to give you a strength that comes from grace and is a true miracle produced by your faith and humility in prayer. I desire that your loved ones, those whom you commend to me, to open their ears to the voice of God inviting to the good, and that they learn to lift up

their thoughts to Him who resides in Heaven, for there is his throne, but who embraces in his immensity all the earth. Would you like to raise with me your "Magnificat" to Him who knocks down the proud and raises up the humble and make your life a hymn of thanksgiving?

I remained with Elizabeth about three months, and with you I want to come into your homes and stay there forever. Joy, happiness and miracles must serve to shake the faith of all and make them persuaded that, in journeying to the heavenly Jerusalem, you must not linger and get lost in the miseries of the world. The same evil that is spread more and more, must not attract you or make you pause, but at the thought of God, the supreme good, who overcomes every wickedness in mercy, and at the thought of your heavenly Mother who is close to you, you must feel more and more animated to do good.

John, the precursor, came to console the old couple and it was he who announced the presence in the world of the Lamb of God, of Him who takes away the sin of the world. You, through faith and the exercise of charity, will announce to your loved ones that the divine Lamb who erases the sins of the world, is still present in the Most Holy Eucharist and working in the Church.

May my visit to this place sanctify it, so that it may respond to the purpose for which it has been willed from above, may it sanctify those who live in it, whom I desire to call to a great apostolate, and all those who will come here to pray.

See you again, children. I embrace you and love you.

## **CONSIDER THE LITTLE THINGS**

*July 4, 1975*

My children, so dear to my heart, come! Come here to your heavenly Mother! Come, and put in my heart and your fears and your hopes, all that is troubling you and what gives you joy. I want to live your life with you and give you all those aids which are essential for you to continue well. This evening I want to give you a warning that you should keep in great consideration.

Life is composed of many small things that you need to take into account, since the great things are too rare, while those little ones are of everyday. The little victories over yourself, the imperfections sought after and corrected from their very birth, and all that tactlessness that sometimes suffice to poison the lives of others, must be held by you in full account.

My Jesus has said that the best way to show love for the brethren is to sacrifice one's life for them, but this is heroism that all do not arrive at. However, there is a penny heroism that teaches to forgive offenses, which are sometimes sharp as knife blades. There is that constant returning on one's self, on one's character, on one's own ideas, to correct the distortions or to adapt to the needs of others, provided that there is no sin, that is as good as the patience of the Carthusians, and which so pleases the heart of God.

The effort then to ascend, to grow in virtue, to become holy and attain spiritual stature as possibly the same as that of my Jesus, is the ideal of all those souls who want to follow Him more closely. It is not therefore, the falls that should scare you, but the attachment to those venialities, those deficiencies that are continuous insults to the heart of Jesus, because more often than not they offend the neighbour. You should not aim for the heights, hoping to reach them immediately, but you have to constantly work towards them with patience and with good will, without despondency and depression, but with confident hope.

So, taking advantage of your inexperience and weakness and destroying your self-esteem, you will ascend continually with the spirit, and you will imitate, though living in the world, those who practise the spiritual infancy, or the continuous act of love.

Today is the first Friday of the month, dedicated to the precious blood of my Jesus. I pray



you, gather from his lips and his heart the invitation: "*Love one another as I have loved you*" and, in the practice of charity, complete your mission, which I would like to summarize in this way: we want to form a living Rosary and palpitating with affection between us, and to stretch out more and more these beads up to encompassing all men of earth, so that they make around Jesus a delicious array of souls palpitating with love.

I bless you, children, and I wish you a goodnight. See you again.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*July 5, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you. See, you make your pilgrimages in my shrines and in the places of my apparitions in order to honour me, and in return I accompany you in your earthly pilgrimage. I will be with you, I will hold you by the hand until you reach the destination: the heavenly Jerusalem, Paradise.

Everything has to be done in this way: you need to follow in my footsteps and try to imitate me as perfectly as possible. I follow my Jesus who carries the cross, and you also have your share of the cross. I sanctified suffering up to becoming Co-Redemptrix of the human race, and you must learn how to suffer for love and with joy, making your cross a means of salvation for you, for your loved ones and for the whole world.

Then I desire from you a very special commitment. You see many priests who do not correspond to their vocation and betray souls. Well then, learn how to make your life an offering for the conversion, redemption and sanctification of these beloved children who, led astray by heresy, and attracted by evil, have lost the right path. Do not judge them, do not condemn them, but pray and offer your work and your suffering especially for them. They are very dear to my Son and to me, for we love souls for who they are, that is, creatures of God coming out of his hands, and for that glory which everyone has to give God. What you do for the priests, do it to give consolation to the heart of my Jesus and to my heart.

I ask you another favour. You know that I promised the little shepherds of Fatima special graces to those who were to meditate the mysteries of the Rosary and had communicated on the first Saturday of the month for five consecutive months. Well then, I desire to grant these graces also to you and your loved ones; and indeed each one of you who had some son or relative far away from God and wanted to call him back, doing this pious practice in his favour will get the conversion.

Children, I bless you and your families and I give you an embrace full of tenderness. See you again!

## **TO THE YOUNG**

*July 6, 1975*

My children, I am happy with you and I desire that these meetings be not interrupted during the holiday period. I will give health to your spiritual mother, so that she can always be present. She must be my shadow and must convey enthusiasm and strength to you, with which I will keep filling her.

The joy that you give to my heart, which is like a bubbling fountain that gives you grace, faith and love, is not something to overlook. May the word, which is used in the world as a sharp knife to destroy the faith, harmony, peace and charity, be for you a gift of Heaven, which must increase the spirit of faith and bring souls to each other and with God. This is the purpose of these meetings.

You then, even though you are few in number, will become true apostles, if you learn to be available to the will of God, and if you humbly accept to realize in your life, through sacrifice and fulfilment of your duties, that loving plan which the Father has over each one of you. You are never alone in life, so the burden is shared.

You should rejoice in the spiritual presences that surround you. There is my Jesus with you, and to Him you can and must entrust yourselves whenever you are weary and tired. There is myself, the Help of Christians, who welcomes all the baptized right from birth to raise them and make them more and more similar to my Son. There is an angel who assists you, to whom I would like for you to entrust yourselves when the difficulties become more serious even materially or physically, and there are millions of souls stretching out to you on this one desire: to save you and make you happy.

Do not forget these realities. One day you will recognize them, but even now learn to believe and, with the eyes of faith, see yourselves on a journey with many, many souls who have had your same problems and were able to resolve them.

I bless you all and I embrace you one by one with maternal tenderness. See you again, children.

## I POINT OUT TO YOU THE WAY OF HAPPINESS

July 6, 1975

Children so dear to me, peace be to you and to all your loved ones. You see, children, when you come here to pray, you tighten better your bonds of affection with me and, as a result, even your loved ones are especially in my heart and, while I call them continually to a Christian life, I help them so that they might feel the benefit of your contacts with Heaven. The peace that I give to you is, therefore, as projected for a long range. However, if you fight me and refuse every call, peace returns to you and to me, as Jesus said to the Apostles when He sent them into the world.

I am the Queen of Hearts, children, and over all I would like to reign, not just for lust of power, as the many mighty of this world might have, but for the sole desire to make you happy. Man, you well know, was created for happiness, a limited happiness on earth and a perfect happiness in Heaven. Whoever seeks this happiness outside of God's will, that is, putting himself at odds with his Law, finds only bitterness and disappointment, even if apparently it seems to him of reaching full enjoyment.

I, as the "cause of your joy", indicate to you the path to happiness and I point out to you the blessings which, proclaimed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, are valid for all times, for all places and for all creatures: I mention some of them to you.

*"Blessed are the pure of heart."* You see the stark contrast of these words with the trend of the world. It will be enough for you to observe how many people spend their holidays who think of making every abuse lawful, especially on the sixth and ninth Commandment, only because they have the right to enjoy.

*"Blessed are they that mourn,"* Jesus said, But how can you bring together joy with tears? The world will tell you: blessed are those who laugh. And yet, I who am the "consoler of the afflicted," I can assure you that while suffering and pain, in the triple form of spiritual, moral and physical, are brought to the highest degree in some people, there is in them an intimate joy so deep that they would never give up their status. So, you can count among the happy people, that is blessed, the persecuted, the hungry and thirsty for justice and, in contradiction of what the world affirms, you can ascertain the miracle that faith can accomplish in all.

But why have I led you to make these considerations? First of all, because the holiday period is the period of rest, and I desire that those who depart as much as those who remain,

to have a deserved relief; but it must not be a period of idleness. It is true that hot season can lead to looking for a comfortable position, but if your hands do not work, your dialogue with God must never be lacking, and when it is possible for you, you have to be bearers of good news, learning to engage relatives and friends in those discourses that, in addition to raising the mind, serve to make hearts better.

The holiday period must be better employed for the conquests of the spirit, and must truly rejuvenate you and bring to you that enthusiasm without which no work, neither human nor divine, has a happy outcome. Children, if your body is to be left inactive, let it not be through idleness therefore, but through a relaxation, which then lets one go forward with more alacrity. Whatever place you are visiting both the mountains and the sea or the countryside, there I'll be waiting with you for other souls, to whom I must give true happiness, which one has in the practice of the Beatitudes and in the service of God.

There will be also those who will not be able to leave the house or who out of love do not want to get away; to them, who remain as vigilant sentinels to guard my shrine or the domestic shrine, my embrace. The air that you will breathe shall be purified by my angels and I will assist you continuously.

There are many who, despite everything, do not enjoy good health. This would go and fish for it at the bottom of the sea, if possible, and yet cannot have it. The providence of God, who watches over his creatures and provides the necessary to all beings, certainly will not deprive his children of what is essential. It is true, one dies anywhere, and when a person is missing, many times one believes that one could have done this or that to lengthen his life; but the time is marked, and neither the thin air of the mountains, or the saltiness of the sea have the power to extend for one minute the life of individuals. Learn then, to enjoy what is given to you, and thank the Lord for everything. Remember: Happiness lies in the fulfilment of the divine will.

I bless you all, children. See you again. May the joy of these encounters be for you all, a means of sanctification.

## **THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF SPEECH**

*July 8, 1975*

Beloved children, I am your Mother and let me give you some warning that can be useful to you in this period. You all know the proverb that says: "*Speech is silver, silence is golden.*" I would like, thinking about this saying so common, for you to gain some valuable lessons.

You know how precious the gift of speech is, and how it is easily wasted, so as to make it a means of sin and a means with which to harm the neighbour. If you consider what a great misfortune it is of not being able to communicate with one's peers, and not being able to express one's thoughts, thanksgiving to God comes to you spontaneously and, by speech, it is easy for you to pass to singing and praise to the Creator. It should be so, but unfortunately the bad use of language allows for swearing, cursing, slandering, murmuring and harming the neighbour in the moral and spiritual life.

I desire for your words to be clear as the water from a spring, and like the course of the water that is regulated so as not to produce damage where it goes, so this your speech must be regulated by moderation and prudence; it must not be like a watercourse that sweeps away, but like that talkative and serene water which, giving serenity to the hearts, can expand around itself effects and benefits.

Moderation will let you speak knowing how to distinguish the surroundings and people, so as to be nice and not hurt, repeating for the umpteenth time certain hot topics. It is true that others must know how you think, but some of the speeches made by way of preaching, seem

to want to make others understand your superiority and therefore, become distasteful. Simplicity in the way of speaking is always pleasing, and if then you let yourself be regulated by prudence, you will reflect more and not run the risk of not being able to answer some embarrassing questions. Moderation and prudence will make you able to tell whoever interrogates you: *"For the moment I do not know how to answer you, I will reflect and I will answer you later, maybe tomorrow."* Meanwhile, introduce the Lord in your discourses so that you may let prayer enter.

As for silence then, it is advisable when, being with others, you understand that protesting would bring havoc. Silence in these cases is truly golden, because it has the flavour of a reprimand, of disapproval and protest. That then it is useful to know how to be silent and listen when they are distressed souls that come to you, I do not need to tell you. However, your listening must be concluded with encouraging words of faith, hope and love. How many times would suffice a courteous and serene moment of silence, and a kind word to give more strength in bearing the cross, to restore serenity and joy and to regain trust in God and in themselves.

Opportunities to practise charity, as I have told you, will definitely not be lacking. If you want my advice, be sure to start the day turning your first words to God, and promising not to squander this precious gift in idle chatter. It has been said that if the evangelists had had to write all those words and deeds of goodness done by my Jesus, all the books of the earth would not possibly be enough. Well then, make sure that the words coming out of your mouth, but that come from your heart, have the same end that had the words of Jesus, which is that of spreading the Kingdom of God. And when, listening to others and particularly so in silence and recollection, you hear the word of God better, treasure it in your heart, which must be the golden casket of the great King.

I bless you all, children. To one and all my tender and affectionate kiss.

## **IF A BRANCH GIVES FRUIT**

*July 12, 1975*

My children, peace and grace be to you. Here I am with you. I am your Mother, desirous of your spiritual and material good more than the best of mothers can be.

I desire to communicate to you the fullness of my love, in order to make you truly what God wants you. I have taken the first step towards you by calling you here, now I give you the help necessary to change and improve certain situations. If you collaborate with me, your life will be as transformed, and the joy that filled the hearts of the apostles in the descent of the Holy Spirit will also be yours.

My Jesus said: *"I am the vine, you are the branches. If a branch does not bear fruit, it is cut down and thrown away. If a branch bears fruit, it is pruned so that it can give more fruit."* You must meditate on these words and draw out the conclusion.

It happens many times in the life of man that setbacks and suffering, under the most varied forms, come to strike him. They are like pruning. God makes use of everything so that your life may be flourishing and fruitful, to be able to make you share his eternal glory and give you an infinite reward. You just have to stay united to Jesus and do unconditionally his will, which is the best for you.

Children, you are here like birds that are waiting to take flight. You will take an eternal flight in the highest heavens one day, but meanwhile you have to know how to rise above the human miseries and be able to point out to your fellow workers that living their faith and looking at the life beyond, does not preclude taking active part in all that disturbs humanity.

Your charity, made not of words but of facts, must be the best test of your faith. Children, I expect a lot from you. You will become apostles.

I bless the fathers and the young. I bless your hands and your work. Your hands because joined in prayer, and work that it be never lacking to you and be a path to sanctity.

I wait for you still and I embrace you tenderly.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*July 13, 1975*

Beloved children, I am among you as for a private audience. I gather up your prayers and your requests, and make them my own. I present them to the Father, and adding to them the merits of my Jesus, I confirm them.

I am your Immaculate Mother, and I want you to be cleansed from your sins, so that you may be always more pleasing to God. I am the Mother of the Church and, as such, I bring you her teachings, which are like the divine seed that I put in your hearts. Try to welcome it on a good ground. Try to collaborate with me, so that the seed might sprout and bring forth abundant fruit of good. The stony or thorny ground cannot make the word that I am giving you grow. The word is Jesus, the Incarnate Word. Welcoming Jesus in good soil means to practise virtue, it means being true Christians, consistent in the way of thinking and acting, consistent between faith and works.

Children, each pilgrimage is a plunge into the divine in order to improve. Learn how to take advantage. When, in my mortal life I went on pilgrimage to Jerusalem, I meant to honour God and put into practice what the Jewish law ordered by command of God. You also do likewise. Give glory to God and make your prayers to help the Church. Pray for everyone and love everyone, so that everyone may feel like renewed in the spiritual life. You must be the leaven that leavens the mass and gives strength to all.

Children, I bless you all one by one. I bless the priest and the religious present. I bless those who undertake to lead the pilgrims to this house, which is the site of my encounters. I bless your families and your nations. I clasp you to the heart telling you: be good, because only with the goodness are the great transformations performed.

See you again, children. See you again.

## **HOW TO VALUE THE DIVINE WORD**

*July 13, 1975*

Beloved children, how much joy to my heart this prayer meeting brings! I am here as one who, welcoming into her lap so many good and beautiful things, rejoices because of them she is able to make a gift to all family members. And who are my family, if not those who comprise the people of God, which is the Church? Here are your gifts of love. They seem simple words, but they contain a priceless value, provided they are not said in a whisper, but come from the heart.

But today I must also teach you to value the word that you receive. It is the word of God, because it is inspired by the Holy Spirit, who is the soul of the Church and light of minds. The word of God is like the rain or snow falling from the sky on the soil, it does not rise up until it has sprinkled and fertilized it. The soil, are your souls, which must welcome the word and let it penetrate, so that the seed can be watered and put down roots, the ear and the fruit.

Children, preparing to receive the word with prayer is to prepare the soil and make suitable furrows. If prayer is essential in order to address your supplications to God, it is

moreover necessary so that the light may clear your mind and you can understand what the Lord wants from you. Neglecting prayer is a serious harm for souls and to neglect the word is even more harmful, since it is through the teaching of religion that man learns to live according to God.

There is a virtue that cannot be missing when you pray and when you listen: it is the virtue of humility, which makes, so to speak, the ground soft and renders your soul willing to welcome the Word of God. When, therefore, you want to make effective one or the other thing, and want to be truly means to receive and transmit those spiritual goods which families and all humanity require, try to empty yourselves more and more before God, and to put yourselves, with simplicity and selflessness, at his service.

I look with pleasure and respect on those children who make themselves so little before God as to feel incapable of anything, and I look with great pleasure and love on those who, leaning on the power of God and his infinite wisdom, expect all from Him, without presumption or egotism. They let themselves, so to speak, be carried in the arms of the Father, to whom they direct their life day by day. The Christian life is a trial, but it is ever so beautiful and serene for him who learns to live by faith and welcomes in his heart, like a grain of wisdom, every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Children, many have heard and seen what you have heard and seen. Many have passed through this place, they have tasted the precious food, and then remained numb and nauseated by what I gave and give continuously. Do not be surprised, because it was so even in the days when Jesus preached to men. He spoke in parables, He spoke of things of Heaven, and many, though hearing his words, did not understand; others understood, but the word was not accommodating with their way of life.

You are here, not just for the curiosity of discovering the extraordinary or seeing some novelties; you come to this place to learn. If the lessons were sometimes a bit hard, you need not lose courage.

Think back, in other places or at other times, to what you have heard, and you will see that you will be like wrapped with light, and these teachings will become like a healthy water for you that will quench your thirst. If then you want to keep coming to my feet, I will continue to welcome you and to talk to you tirelessly. I shall call you blessed, because the hunger that you will demonstrate to me, will give me the way to communicate to you with motherly tenderness the divine food that satisfies souls.

Children, now more than ever it is necessary to shake hearts and point out to all the purpose for which you were created. Today, while one only thinks of being well off and to procure for the body everything that satisfies it, it is up to you to show that, despite the scarcity of material goods and living with temperance and mortification, you can be happy. The combination of prayer and penance is still topical and indispensable. Learn to make my words a law, and my invitations a programme of life. Only in this way the world is converted.

I bless you all, children. I bless my ministers present. I love you so much, children, because I know how much you desire to live entirely your vocation. To you, more than others, has been given the task of preaching the divine word. I will grant you the effectiveness of it every time duty leads you to carry out this mission. May it be for you and for all, a beneficial rain that sweetens hearts hardened by sin.

## **EVEN IF ELDERLY YOU WILL GIVE LIFE TO JESUS**

*July 14, 1975 (in a nursing home)*

Beloved daughters, what joy this encounter with you gives to my heart! I am your Mother, the Mother of the poor, the Mother of virgins, Mother of the Church, and why should I not

rejoice with who in the Church are like the lightning rod? Sure, daughters, your retirement, your health and virginity of those who witness it, are as the values which serve to make the Church an impregnable fortress.

You see those stones which, joined to each other, form like walls beside and in front of the altar? Well then, you're one of them; and the more you are close to the divine Crucified, the more you will be enlightened by the light of the Holy Spirit, and the more you will be one with Him, and not feel the weight of life and the more you will serve the Church.

I have come to you, I am here like I was paying a visit to my relative Elizabeth. Each one of you is my relative, whom I have to help so that you can give life to the world. Elizabeth gave birth to John the Baptist. You, with your suffering, with your goodness, with your virtue, even if elderly will give life to Jesus. You will be mothers, blessed mothers who will have nothing to envy from the young, the healthy and the hedonists of the world.

Be serene, daughters, and bless the Lord who loves you very much and wants you all safe in Heaven. Now you have heard my words, but one day we will see each other face to face, and I will take you on my knees like little children. I will take delight in you and will rejoice in your joy.

See you again, children. I embrace you one by one. I bless you all, starting with the Superior, in whom every sister and every patient will see the reflection of my presence. I bless the children present and those entrusted to your care, to whom I will teach perfect love. I bless the Chaplain and all the religious who follow in the footsteps of that dear son who started the work.

To all this invitation: be luminous by the faith that illuminates you, and by the goodness which directs your works. I am with you always.

## **LOVE EMBRACES FEAR**

*July 14, 1975 (in a church)*

Beloved children, I am here with you. I have come from Heaven to point out Heaven to you, and to tell you that each one of you must go there, where there is a place reserved for those who love me.

You are preparing for the feast of my apparition on Mount Carmel, and finding you here is a demonstration of your good will and desire that you have to show me your affection.

But how am I able to say that you love me, if you do not love my Son? And how are you going to really love Jesus, not only in word but in deed? *"If you love Me - Jesus said - keep my Commandments."* There is a law, inscribed in the hearts of men, it is like a code that everyone is obliged to follow. And there is the law of love, which is the summary of the Commandments and which nobody must ignore. So if you love your Mother, you have to practise the Law. You have to love God and neighbour.

Love is not a vague feeling, but it is letting oneself be attracted by the goodness of God, so as to be filled by it and be able to give it to all. Love embraces fear, even if it exceeds it, since you cannot love without fear of offending the beloved. And I must say to you that you must, and should all fear the justice of God, which is as infinite as his goodness.

But why do they dare to commit sacrilege and theft in the house of God? Did not the Lord punished severely those of whom we read in the Old Testament, who dared to touch the holy Ark? Oh! children, how necessary it is to fear God, who not only waits in the other life to punish the wicked, but many times also punishes them on earth, while making use of chastisements to call back to good.

Now therefore, come with me, and at least you who want to be my devotees, repair the sins of those who do not believe in the love and do not believe in the justice of God. Be the

speakers that announce to the brethren the duty to convert.

Even more terrible days are coming, and neither the Church, nor priests, nor those who believe will be respected, but you for these days be prepared with faith, with much prayer and with an exemplary Christian life. Call, persist, you will never have done enough.

Children, I bless you, one by one. May long prayer never be boring, but be inspired by love.

Call the youth, call the children. Make your home a real family shrine. Do not say you have not been warned. I love you and I protect you, but you have to make the Sacraments and prayer the means to draw our protection.

## A SHOWER OF HELPS AND GRACES

July 15, 1975

Beloved children, and so dear to me, peace be to you.

I am the Virgin of Carmel, who brought the invoked rain to Elijah the prophet. He saw me as a little white cloud, and thanked the Lord, that it prefigured me. I am the Queen of Carmel, who gave Simon Stock that little habit, a sign of protection, with which was guaranteed eternal salvation. I am still the same good Mother, who does not wish for her children to be without the water that quenches their thirst and the shower of graces they need, and who still wants to give constant signs of love and protection.

Children, I am the Garden Enclosed of the great King and I invite to enter in me all those who love me, and to live so intimately united with me as to form for Him a truly unique delight. When in the sultry days of summer you come across a stream or an oasis, you seem to have a great relief, and you quench your thirst and you sit in the fragrant shade of the plants; and, if you have to go a long way, you catch your breath and strength to continue. Well then, in this Garden Enclosed, which is my womb, you will refresh yourselves and you shall rest in order to continue on, to fight and to win.

Jesus said: *"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."* I repeat the same thing to you, since the same water that I am giving you is his, it is blessed by Jesus. Come, come to rest on my heart! My divine Son also rested on it. I will make you understand his words of life. I will hearten you in trust and faith.

Do you want to be just before God and men? Come, I will teach you to love and practise justice, to give that is, to each his due. You want to be good? Come to Mother. Is not the heart of the mother a symbol of great love and goodness? Come, I will teach you to forgive and forget the evil that you receive and return good for evil. And if you desire perfection, come, study my life and do as I did. God will be pleased with you. Perfection is the heroism of virtue. I will teach you to practise virtue up to heroism.

This is the beneficial rain that I desire to make drop on you: a shower of helps, a shower of graces. Then if it matters to you that your purgatory be shortened, and that you be able also to release many souls who suffer in that place of punishment, be my devotees. Honour me by wearing the little scapular, and send me down there to lift up those who wore it.

It is true that every age, every century had and has its devotions: they are the brainchild of God to help his children. The Rosary is also a means of defence, and my devotees daily receive graces and favours. So when you feel a particular desire to practise one or the other devotion, do not think about it too much; so long as you do everything for love, all is well and it brings a renewal of spiritual life. The practices of piety are like the fringe that must embellish your faith and are the means to strength charity. Never frustrate them by letting the substance to lack.



Learn to distinguish between the value of the Mass and the sacraments, and that of all other prayers, which, though being beautiful, do not have equal value. Learn to distinguish the value of prayer from that of action, but do not forget that the Christian must be ready to leave the prayer when a patient demands assistance or when other duties are more compelling, well knowing that work also can be transformed into prayer.

Now therefore, the Queen of Carmel blesses you, and this time I put in the forefront your mamma Carmela, for whom tomorrow, as a sign of gratitude and support, you will raise your prayers.

I bless you all with a sign of the cross on the forehead, mouth and heart. May the Most Holy Trinity assist you and constantly dwell in your hearts.

## **WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMBLE**

*July 17, 1975*

Beloved children, both grace and peace to you and all good things in Jesus, my divine Son. I am here to say hello and to give you some practical advice. I know some of you come from far away, others will leave for the holidays. My advice is this: wherever you are, carry the good odour of Christ, by your virtue.

If there is a fragrance so pleasing to my heart, it is that of the violet. You will find it perhaps in the woods or along any shaded watercourse. Let the violets remind you of the virtue of humility and make you act in accordance with it. Start by having a low self-esteem of yourselves, even if in your capacity as children of God you are worthy of the greatest respect. Considering your ease in falling and your weakness, you must convince yourselves every day to be a nothing, a zero whom the Lord saw fit to put before his greatness, his strength, his power.

In fact, each one of you can say with sincerity: the Lord has done great things in me. These great things however, must return to the glory of God, because every gift that the Lord makes to a creature of his, has two purposes: to help to raise oneself up and to honour God, who with such gifts willed to adorn us. To raise oneself means to grow in holiness, relying only on Him who can do everything.

When reflecting on your spiritual situation, it will seem to you to have progressed therefore, do not give yourself non-existent merits, but acknowledge that the glory and honour belong to God, who has not left his help lacking to you.

To be humble is also to see the merits of others and to be willing to discover in the neighbour that surrounds you, always new merits. How much the heart of the Mother rejoices when, really with joy and enthusiasm, you speak of the absent and go about expressing your admiration for their good qualities and their virtues. I nominate the absent to you, who are so easy to speak ill of, to the great danger of the soul, while I say to you to not be too ready to praise the present, who could get puffed up with pride.

The praise that you give or receive, must simply be an incentive to continue well, to perform a better and better good so that the Christian life may flourish in all.

Being humble also means being able to receive those warnings and those comments that others make to you, with great serenity, thinking that surely, if the Lord allows those humiliations, it is because He wants to make you more holy. What does the gardener do when he wants a plant to grow tall and strong? He sinks the roots in the soil. If the layer of earth that covers it is too thin, the sun can dry it out and the tree dies; but if you go deep down, you will get a wonderful result. It is also the same for you. Do not be afraid to humble yourself too much, nor be too humiliated.

Observe how many and what humiliations my Jesus endured, accepted, loved and sought. He, the Almighty, became the laughing stock of the people. He, the infinite Wisdom, let himself be taught like any child by its mother and He let himself be taught a trade by any worker. He, who in himself contained every virtue, received insults, curses and the most evil actions. How much you have to walk to be like Him, you who are so touchy that you turn every little thing into a beam!

Now I want to warn you of a danger. Being humble does not really mean to play the victim, and not even to have that behaviour that is often a false humility. Being humble is to be sincere and to be convinced more and more of these three truths: that if the Lord does not help you, you are incapable of producing fruit for eternal life; that every other person living on earth, is entitled to your esteem and your affection; that everything that contributes to humiliate you is a precious gift from the Lord, who through the virtue of humility wants to make you little and therefore, dearer and dearer to his heart and to mine.

Here, children, if you would like to perfume the altar of God with sweet fragrances, it will not be difficult for you by practising the Christian virtues. Two things are necessary to enter Heaven: Baptism and humility, since the gate of Heaven is extremely small and only the humble can enter.

Now I bless you all one by one. I put you on my heart, repeating to you the words spoken by my Jesus: *"Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart."* See you again!

## **BE HOLY**

*July 19, 1975*

Beloved daughters, you are welcome in this place where I give my private audiences to my devotees and where I give my teachings and advice. I welcome you kindly, and I say, as to many of my other sons: be holy.

The world goes wrong, but it cannot change but by your holiness. Holiness is love of God and neighbour. Holiness is acquired through prayer and the Sacraments, which obtain for you the grace of God. You must fight the evil in you and in the world, but it is not possible to fight without weapons. The weapon that Jesus gives you are the Sacraments, the one that I give you is the Rosary.

Currently the lack of faith makes the Eucharist be despised, and for the Rosary to be despised and combated. You must show your faith, maintaining the greatest devotion to my Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, source of all holiness and great consolation, and you have to make the Rosary the means to show your attachment to the Heavenly Mother. Whoever loves me, understands me and works constantly to understand my desires and to make known my words.

I bless you, my daughters. I bless your families, your intentions and desires. Never be enclosed in yourself, but have great desires and affections which embrace the whole world. Only then will you be true Catholics. Let there never exist around you or in the world, a soul who does not enjoy of your kindness, since everyone, even the wicked, are loved by God as children and called to salvation, since redeemed by the blood of Jesus.

Let everyone know about my love for souls, which, coupled with that of Jesus, is infinite.

I repeat to you, be holy in order to convert and save the world.

See you again, daughters. I embrace you one by one.

## TO THE YOUNG

July 20, 1975

My children, be blessed in all the days of your life and may faith, hope and charity that now dwell in your hearts never fail in you. This is my desire and wish that I make to you.

I am the Mother of holy perseverance. I know how easy it is to fall short in the goals that you do daily, if there is no help from above, to whom you must appeal. But I do know that good will is the first essential factor, even if through human weakness you are easily led to change and go in search of new things. I will help you and I desire that you also help others, who, attracted by novelties and modern errors, run the risk of losing their faith and living a life without purpose.

Of course, you have to have towards all the greatest discretion, respect for freedom and understanding. The parable told by Jesus, which you well know, shows how necessary this behaviour with the brethren is. A man had the good seed sown in his field. During the night, however, an enemy of his sowed darnel, which grew with the grain, whereupon the peasants in their turn went to the master to ask whether to pull it out. *"Let it grow,"* said the master. *"When the grain is ripe, we will put the darnel on one side and it will be burned, and we will gather the wheat into the barn."*

Patience in waiting and knowing how to understand those who are wrong, is really identified in this behaviour of the sower. You would often like to see sudden outcomes, both for the good you do for yourself, as for that apostolate that you carry out with love. I know that impatience can also be a sign of love and indicate the desire to achieve quickly, with perfection, an ideal, but haste is counterproductive, because it does not usually produce lasting fruit. Sometimes later, the impatience in achieving whatever looks good to you, makes you irritable and makes you spoil God's work.

Here's my advice: be persevering, be enthusiastic too, since an apathetic young man is lifeless, but do not be imprudent; respect the freedom and personality of others, learning to understand the different characters and inviting all to the good, especially by example.

Then when you see weaknesses in others, remember how many times you have promised and have not kept your commitments, therefore, let the same mercy that you have received accompany you and be used with everyone.

Did not my Jesus tell you: *"Be merciful as your Father, who makes his sun rise on the good and the bad"*? Perfection is a goal that one must strive for in life, even if it is not attainable on this earth.

I bless you, children. I know your pains and your worries. I am by your side and I use everything to bring serenity and peace in you.

The evil one too is around you to molest you. Your constant recourse to your Mother immunizes you from the spiritual evil, even if he humanly can get the upper hand. Fear not and be calm. Patience makes you holy, and in its turn all the difficulties are smoothed out.

See you again, children.

## THE TWO MOST SERIOUS EVILS

July 20, 1975

Beloved children, how dear to my is your prayer! It rises up like a song to implore mercy for the world.

See how the devil works to undo the works of God. The two most serious evils, however, that currently trouble humanity, are materialism and mutual hatred.

Men forget they are pilgrims on earth en route towards Heaven, and they concentrate all their worries in maintaining or procuring for themselves and for others, those goods that are

nothing, are of no value except as a means, and which they will undoubtedly have to leave one day. They are a few years of life, that should be spent loving the Lord and working for the spread of his Kingdom; and yet, many Christians also forget that and transform their lives into a continual demand for material goods.

How much your prayers and your action are needed to awaken thoughts of Heaven! *"God exists, God is good, God loves us, God is watching over us and provides with the tenderness of a father to what we need."* These must be your thoughts, and you must not make any mystery about it with anyone, maintaining that serenity which is the sign of your faith.

The other evil that makes men unhappy is discord and hatred. The devil, with very fine art, knows how to conceal his evil, his temptations in the guise of good. So you see broken families, friendship exists only in name, and the most bitter fights remove the order and peace from society. The interior harmony, created by the presence of God's grace, becomes, even for those who profess to be Christians, a true utopia. Thus, with sin the devil enters into hearts, who has no other way of expressing himself except with irritating and bad words, capable of unleashing the fiercest storms.

Be good, my children, and take everywhere that love, that desire for good that must strive to unite hearts. Learn to understand, learn to call the Holy Spirit in your help to be able to speak, and learn to be silent at the appropriate time. Have a quick eye to see the work of the evil one, when you see that through the futilities are created division and ill will.

Always learn how to forgive and forget, and do as the Gospel recounts, referring to Jesus. He in fact went about the earth doing good to all. But the Pharisees wanted to suppress him and spied on Him to find a good time to catch him. Jesus withdrew himself from their gaze and then in other ways, in another manner He continued to do good. So you do this too. Whoever criticizes you, whoever can insult and accuse you, is but a victim of evil forces. You bless the Lord forever. Pray for those who do you evil and perform your works to restore harmony and order, since in these goods the Lord resides.

See you again, children. Be serene. I help you in everything. Trust me and remember that neither illness, nor slander, nor death are serious things. The only serious thing is sin, which takes you away from God.

## **YOU ARE THE MUSTARD SEED**

*July 26, 1975*

Dear and beloved children, I am here with you. Have faith and trust. Your prayer is pleasing to God, even if He seems to be late to fulfil your desires. Never say, *"I pray no more, because God does not listen to me."* Say rather, *"God knows whether it is best for us not to receive what we ask."* Persevering in prayer, you strengthen faith and you increase grace, that is, the divine life within you, so that doing the will of God becomes an easy thing, even if carrying the cross is not something pleasing to human nature.

I am the celestial Gardener and, as I see you here always fervent for good, I think of the many souls that in the future will be called to my feet. Do you remember the first encounters with me? You were just like that mustard seed which, placed in the ground, had to become a large tree. How many souls have passed through this place, and how many graces! Everyone of you could really elevate his hymn of thanksgiving.

From little things big things are born, but it is necessary to be available and docile to those who call and guide you. Good will is needed, and everything goes well. Everyone of you also, like this work of mine, is the mustard seed. Each one has his own soil in which to germinate, to flower and to spread. Each one can become a great tree, at whose shade many souls go to seek shelter, comfort and light.

Have I not said to you before that every soul is like a little world? Yes, each head is like a little great mystery, in which the most different thoughts are collected. Every little world, which is the head of man holds wonders. If you want them to be marvels of God, you have to direct them to higher things, to Heaven.

The humanities are the fruits of human intelligence, but if you want to discover the secrets of God, you have to ask Him for the divine wisdom and act according to it. Then occur those prodigies of zeal and love that puzzle those who are not accustomed to seeing the finger of God working in man, but that become something so normal in those who love the Lord.

So you, tiny creatures, who are like motes in comparison to the Creator, become capable collaborators of God, who loves you and who by you is loved again. You do not see all the workings of grace, you will feel many times that your life has been a failure and that your days are empty. When you feel as annihilated by your nothingness, it is a good time to turn to God, so that He may come to work in you and give you the gift of his power. You certainly ought not remain passive, but the good that perhaps you did before by force of habit, you ought to perform it with confidence to please God.

Now is the harvest time, and to refer to my job of Gardener, it is the time of flowering: roses, lilies and even scented camellias, gladioli and daisies and a thousand other flowers in the gardens compete to show their beauty and their varied colours. But I look at you, who are my flowers, and I desire to see you flourish and bring fragrance of goodness and desires of prayer everywhere.

What will you do in these days of the absence of your spiritual mother? Here, everyone of you must become like a little leader of the centre. Around you, in your homes or in your parishes, in those same days when you used to gather here, you will be meeting by calling other people to pray.

See how the devil works. Communities of all kinds arise, which carry also the names recalling the Holy Spirit or my name, and many times they are but works of the evil one, who makes use of everything to make men arrogant and lead them off the path. You be careful, be humble and be committed to spreading the prayer of humility, so pleasing to God, so dear to my heart: the Holy Rosary. Every little centre that you will start provisionally, will serve to raise awareness of the mother house, so that, at the end of the holidays, you will be many and you will be good. I will be with you everywhere to enlighten you and to help you.

Now I bless you all one by one, and I clasp you tightly to my heart.

See you again, children.

## **TO THE YOUNG**

*August 3, 1975*

My children, so dear to my heart of Mother, be blessed. The blessing of the Mother is like a sign of approval for your works, your desires and your thoughts and affections. What is best for you? Don't you see how much joy you receive coming here, to receive in order to give? If your apostolate did not bear the mark of spiritual joy, one would be afraid that you were seeking your own glory. Joy is the divine trademark which must give you the wings to continue to do good. Afterwards will come the contradiction and the battle, but the intimate joy will become so solid that it will not fail.

I ask you for collaboration and trust, then I work at the forefront to make your action effective. Collaboration is the good will to obey and docility to my teachings, and trust is security, abandonment, strength, which arise from the unshakable faith in God, who can do everything, and in the love that He brings to all his creatures, to whom He cannot let anything lack, being Father.

I then, who has received from Him the charge of guiding you as Teacher, overlook nothing in order for you to have light and clarity of ideas. You must demonstrate this timeless trust when more serious difficulties arise.

Remember the multiplication of the loaves and fishes performed by my Jesus. I remind you of the difficulties of that moment. Thousands of people were with him for three days and, no longer having anything to eat, would not have been able to return to their homes hungry, since some came from far away. It was just the case of getting scared and to question everything, but Jesus removes all fear and makes every difficulty go away. He wished, however, the small personal contribution of some. In fact, they were able to put together seven loaves and a few fishes, which Jesus multiplied up to having them in such abundance as to feed everyone and have seven baskets left over.

Children, when you come here, give everything you can, your prayers, your good experience. If, however, forgetting yourself you go out of your way for others, you will see the fruits multiplied and you will marvel more and more that from your littleness such wonderful results of good have been able to be obtained.

There are among you aspirants to the priesthood. I will help them to reach their ideal, but in the meantime, this is a field of labour in which I sow; then, after bringing my seed into other fields also, with patience I will ripen everything.

There are daughters who feel the desire to have families of their own, and meanwhile are preparing thinking about the interests of the heavenly Father. How can I forget and neglect them? They offer me their chastity and their collaboration, how can I not make their lives flourish as a wonderful gift of love? You are all my very dear daughters, whom I follow with love, without forgetting you for an instant and without neglecting your every need, whether spiritual or physical or moral health, or work.

And what I say to each daughter, both married and maiden, I say to all those children who rely on me and often see doors closed in front of them.

Collaborate and have trust. I am your Mother, and I would be failing in my duty if I were to neglect anything that relates to your holiness and salvation.

See you again children. I embrace you.

## **YOU MUST BE LIGHT**

*August 3, 1975*

My children, with what great joy I extend to you my word! It is not mine, but my Son's, the Word of God, and it is a real hearty bread that nourishes and gives strength, just as the Eucharist, which is real flesh of the Word made man, nourishes and gives strength.

I call myself the Virgin of light, because the word that I give is meant to give light, but I am also the Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament who, beside every altar where the divine mysteries are celebrated, and next to every tabernacle, offers continually love and reparation.

Today I invite you to make me good company, so that the numerous outrages that my Jesus receives from those who call themselves practising Christians are repaired, and who consider themselves good. The light that I wish to give you, must help you to discover and disseminate the truth and fight that carelessness and superficiality with which sacred things are treated. When it comes to sacred things, it is understood everything that is related more directly to God and therefore deserves all respect.

When, even in this place, you are given to understand what the Lord wants from you, according to the state that you have embraced, you must accept these teachings with joy and respect. Make it even the topic of your conversations, without presumption, without wanting to force to believe, but speak with such conviction and tact that others must become aware of the gift of love that you have received.

I want to give you light, I repeat to you, but it must be a constant invitation to improve yourself, even if you realize that despite the efforts you did not do much. The light comes from above and clears the darkness, but you will not be able to make ideas clearer, make minds brighter, if you too do not become illuminating light through that behaviour which reflects that of Jesus and mine.

Oh, children, how I rejoice when you recognize your limits and do not presume your strength! And how I rejoice when, asking me for help, you want to collaborate with me! Observe the little child. When he starts to make the first steps, he is afraid of falling, but, if he were not to try and try again with an effort of the will, he will not succeed in walking. You have to do likewise. You must will, you have to desire what is good for your soul and your neighbour. In this way you are sanctified and communicate holy desires to others.

I desire to nourish you with good thoughts, which must be turned into actions. Woe if the good works were to be lacking in the life of the Christian! One could say that he would like to live with illusions. For works, I mean everything that brings benefit to the neighbour.

Did you notice how Jesus behaved with that vast multitude of people that followed him into the desert to hear his word? First He cured them from their illnesses, then He spoke to them of things of Heaven and, last of all, He worked one of the greatest miracles to satisfy their hunger. You only have to learn. I also do the same many times: I heal the bodies to reach the soul, then the most beautiful transformation comes about.

You would like to get at convincing many people on the truths of faith, and you would like also that they should go to Communion. Well then, do this: try to be so good as to be interested in the concerns, the worries, the sicknesses of others up to making them your own, then advance slowly, prudently, words of faith. Once a relationship of cordiality and friendship is established, everything becomes easier. Sermons annoy, good deeds and good words are pleasing.

I think I have to close this lesson with an invitation: you have to be light. Light comes from the sun. The sun of the soul is God. God is love. If you want to spread the light, you must be capable of loving. How much confusion in this poor world! One would like to make a new law, but one does not understand that to touch hearts it is not necessary to change many structures. One only needs to introduce God everywhere, through love. This applies to all environments.

Does one want to sanctify a family, to convert its members? One has to start from this point. One needs to love the souls of all the members and their bodies with true love. Does one want to sanctify the communities, to have order, peace? One has to love. In this way parishes are healed again. And the workers, and the sick, and students, how can they change? And all the people of God, how can they change, how to convince of certain realities? Always through love becoming service, bread, instruction, gift of God.

Children, I love you and bless you all. Always be my co-workers. Be confident of my teachings, as you are confident in the doctor who cures and heals.

I bless the young, who wanted to give me proof of their love coming here again to pray. I bless the nuns, to whom I will give special graces. I bless those who have adhered to my desire to form small groups, and all those who wish to make their house my home.

See you again, children.

## **PURITY OF HEART**

*August 5, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you. I am the Lady of the Snow, and I want to tell you how much I love this title. The whiteness of the snow, in fact, should be the symbol of the

whiteness of the soul, but this is often lacking because of the many dangers to which the souls are exposed. I want my children, for you to be in love with purity, so all that is sinful is removed by you.

My Jesus has said to you: *"Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God."* All the evil in fact, that man commits, comes from the heart. This muscle so delicate and so important that marks the moments of life with its beatings, can become the source of every sin. That is why it is necessary to guard the affections, the desires, and everything that comes out from the heart.

Purity of heart does not hinder from loving, but it must give to love that order established by God in the Commandments: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbour as yourself, for God's sake."* This is the purity of heart as it should be lived: in the realization of a command that gives to the affections like a classification.

All that is in the world is at the service of man, so that he has to make use of it all for the maintenance of physical life and so that, with feelings of gratitude, he can rise to God and thank Him. Every good, whether in the order of nature or of grace, must make one ascend with the mind to the Author of all good. No creature must therefore take from God what is due to Him. To attach the heart to people and to things in an exaggerated manner, is to take away that purity that makes it the abode of the King.

See, children, how few are those who live this whiteness! How many miseries, and how many tears shed in vain, perhaps because one is deprived of an affection in which it was placed, rather than in God, one's trust and hope. How beautiful is the generation of pure souls, who live like angels on earth and, even maintaining those human relationships that all are to embrace, do not transform their affections into unbridled passions, and seek in all, with the glory of God, the good of the brethren.

*"The pure of heart shall see God,"* said Jesus, and I assure you that really, if you will learn to remove sin, you will feel God's presence. God is immense and infinite, God is pure spirit. Well then, the pure of heart take part in this immensity, because they have a capacity for love that is not limited in any way. They love as God does, and while their life is being ever more spiritualized, they discover in the values of the spirit a joy unparalleled, and they discover in souls which surrounded them, those real treasures that they are searching for the glory of God.

Blessed are the pure, yes, children! Blessed are the pure in mind, who know how to fight the insinuations of the evil one and learn promptly to correct their intentions. How many times into the best of intentions thoughts of vainglory succeed, whereby like an insidious worm the works are ruined, so as to lose the merit of them.

Purity of mind must be monitored just as the compass is monitored that must guide the ship. Woe if the compass, instead of marking the north, were to mark another cardinal point. They would run the risk, those poor sailors, of perishing or at least of not reaching the destination. The compass of your life must be the right intention; behave so that it may never fail, that it may look and mark always towards Heaven.

There are, in your lives, temptations, difficulties and dangers. There have been many saints who repeated to themselves, as a notice: *"Death, but no sins."* I know that in order to get there heroism is needed, but what is a Christian if not a hero? Must he not deny himself, must he not take up the cross and follow Jesus? If then you consider the advantage that you have living without sin, at least by desire, you see immediately the need to commit yourself constantly to maintain a pure life.

Who are the Christians? They are friends and children of God. What does sin do? It breaks all ties of friendship and sonship with Him. And yet, who does not know how much need each one has of God? But how will he be able to turn to the Father to ask for help he who



deliberately declares himself rebellious to Him with sin? Children, if you then think of what awaits the Christian in the other life, even with more effort you ought to devote yourselves to avoid evil and do good. So you see how the feast of Our Lady of the Snow is not without lessons.

Now I bless you all. See you again, children, and good health and grace to all.

## TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS

*August 6, 1975*

Beloved children, be welcome in the house of my meetings. I welcome you with great love, and am with an open heart to give you the treasures contained therein. What are my treasures? Faith, hope and charity.

It is faith that must guide your life, but, before the evils by which you are surrounded, your faith may fail. That's why I want to give you plenty of faith and desire that you live by faith, so as to become the true just before God and men. Faith points out to you the place that you have to reach and inhabit forever: Paradise.

And the hope of reaching it must never fail. He who loses hope is as if he were to live only in the body. Hope is life, it is strength, it is desire, it is trust. Christian hope has always been the strength of the martyrs and the saints.

And charity, children, is the inseparable sister of faith and hope. Charity is God himself who dwells among you. If this virtue were lacking, you would not be able to call yourselves Christians, because religion has as its purpose, its end and its centre: love, who is God.

See, children, you have not unnecessarily come here, on this beautiful day in which we remember the transfiguration of my Jesus on Mount Tabor. If you are obedient to my voice, I will transform you and make you like my Jesus. I give you a hint: learn how to give witness to your faith, spreading that charity that must constantly unite your hearts.

Learn to love and sacrifice yourselves for him who represents Jesus on earth, and understand again the words that the Father tells you, turning to Paul VI: *"This is my beloved son, in whom I place my satisfaction. Listen to him."* Yes, children, while many Catholics rebel and disobey the Pope, you learn to give proof of your loyalty to him, if you want to please me.

Now I bless you all one by one and I promise you special graces.

See you again, children. Every pilgrimage must mark a step forward in perfection.

## TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS

*August 9, 1975*

My children, how much I desired this meeting with you!

I am your Immaculate Mother, and I come to beseech you so that your prayer be unceasing and so that it assumes the great task of reparation. That's why I say to you with ever greater persistence: have faith! If the lament of Jesus to the apostles who did not know how to free a man possessed, was that of lack of faith, with how much more reason might He now turn to practising Christians who fail to convert the world.

Defective the faith and defective the, which makes one act in the name of Jesus, in the name of God. Have a simple and sincere faith, if you want to become perfect. Have a consistent faith, if you want to convince your neighbour to return to God and to live like you. Have a faith based on truth, even if sometimes it hurts you, and learn to believe in your inability, like you believe in the omnipotence of God. When one is convinced of being a

nothing, it is easier to believe that everything one owns is a gift of God, and it is easier to be good with everyone.

Oh! children, to faith always join goodness, which is the manifestation of the essence of God, infinite goodness. Love, love, love! Love is life! Love all. Love souls and bodies, since one cannot separate the soul from the body. And loving this way, means to help everyone spiritually, morally and materially. Always help within the possible limit, so that everyone can live decently, and help them to free the soul from the ugliness of sin, so that they may learn to rise above it, up to God.

Children, I present to you my hands open, as if to welcome your gifts of love. What you do as reparation, what you do to your neighbour as an expression of that love you have within, you do to me, you do it to Jesus, and it is worthy of reward from God.

I bless you, children. Take my word to the farthest limits of the world, for from it men can have peace, comfort and desire of good.

## **YOU MUST AIM FOR HEAVEN**

*August 10, 1975*

Beloved children, how much joy you give me for this faith that you are showing me and the love you bear me! I desire that you take the same faith and the same love everywhere, to convince everyone of a great truth: the Virgin loves you, the heavenly Mother will never leave you. The demonstration of your Christian life must be the magnet with which, approaching souls, you do not hold them with you, but you bring them to God through Jesus, my Son, and through me.

A few days separate you from the beautiful solemnity of my Assumption into Heaven, and how not to invite you to prepare for it to bring spiritual benefits to you and all your loved ones? I did my journey from earth to Heaven, but you will have to also follow this path. My life was a continual ascent, but also yours has to be a continuous preparation so that, on the day when you leave the earth for Heaven, you might find yourselves with suitcases well enriched with merits. I say suitcases, even if your merits have to precede you, like one who has to take a long trip and sends the bags first in order to be freer and more agile. Your merits of a lifetime are, in fact, already in the mind of God, who, while He forgets all that evil which fills your life, after an act of contrition and confession, will remember forever the good that you have accomplished.

Jesus said that even for a glass of water given to the poor in His name, He will give you the reward. Only the omnipotence, wisdom and infinite goodness of God could come to this extreme: to reward like a great thing, every little act of kindness done for his sake and our neighbour. I invite you to grow more and more your desire for good, so as to be well qualified by God to be the truly rich who, in the heavenly abode, have amassed countless treasures and priceless values.

The joy that ascent to immortal life brought me, must also be yours. What then is time that passes so fast and is erased? What then are the years, the days, the moments of life? Well then, the moment which, in the moment itself in which you say it and live it, escapes inevitably, it is destined to become a real asset in your hands. Its light can generate strength, it can be translated into love and it can have wonderful irradiation on all humanity and on eternity. You place it in the hands of God, your present moment, you make it become an act of love; and God, the good Father, accepts it and uses it. It is a currency used to buy Heaven.

When I look at the hearts of men, who do not know how to love and remain insensitive and hard as stone, for which they have neither for the Father nor the neighbour the smallest

gratitude and charity, it comes to mind that insensitive and irrational nature accomplishes this duty in a much more beautiful and effective way. The mountains, the sea, the sky, the universe, in fact, sing to God with their order and their beauty. Oh! children, always ask the Lord for the hearts of men to be softened, and that in preparation for the future life, a life of adoration, of praise, of thanksgiving and intercession, they begin right now to live it with infinite desire of good.

There are many concerns in life that absorb the thoughts of my children. I too, like all mothers, lived my days with the thought of what my Son would have had to endure. But of whatever degree your sorrows may be, trust must never be lacking, peace must not fail and above all hope must not be lacking. If at the sight of souls who would be damned, that confident hope were to fail in my heart, I would not have been Co-Redemptrix of the human race. Every parent, every mother who suffers for her child, trusting in God's help, becomes a collaborator in the work of salvation.

Heaven, children, the soul, the afterlife: this you have to aim for. These thoughts you must inculcate in your loved ones, even if, it is not only permitted for you, but you have to ask for the health of the body and all those gifts and qualities that make a creature a being who can consciously work for the good of many, as well as for himself. But beware, children, and do not be God's advisers. Choose whatever looks the best, subjecting it to the infallible will of Him who rules the universe and who can draw good out of evil.

Do not lose faith, so that it does not happen to you as happened to Peter, who, called by Jesus walked on water. Then, when doubt and fear assailed him, he began to sink and it took the arms of the Teacher to bring him back to the surface. You are never alone and you are in good hands, as long as you yourself do not want to avoid Him.

Children, may the feast of the Assumption find you all ready to walk briskly, with the help of grace, towards the goals that are the same for all: a true Christian life on earth, an infinite glory in Heaven.

Now I bless you all. See you again, children. See you again!

## **MY SPIRITUAL TESTAMENT**

*August 14, 1975*

Beloved children, here you are, with great sacrifice and with great love, to prepare yourselves for the feast of my passage.

Truly it was a deep sleep, mine, a sleep of love. I did not suffer, it was a seeming death. You who habitually attend to the passing of loved ones and see their transition accompanied by much suffering, cannot imagine a passage so sweet and serene. I however, tonight, in this encounter with you, wish to behave like an ordinary mother behaves in leaving her loved ones.

Therefore, I tell you some words which must be as my spiritual testament and that you ought to imprint firmly in your mind and heart. First of all I say to you: love my Jesus. He is with you and will remain with you until the consummation of the centuries. Love Him, and it is like saying, do not waste his blood, which He gives you in Holy mass. Do not abuse his blood, with which He washes your soul in the sacrament of Confession. Nourish yourselves with his body and his blood in the Holy Eucharist.

If the passion of my Jesus continues in the world and is constantly renewed for the salvation of all, the squandering of his sacrifice is really what cries to Heaven for vengeance. The blood of Abel, the innocent, was the condemnation of Cain. That the blood of the new Abel may not be the cause of condemnation of many. To you I entrust this precious inheritance, be its defenders. Let the celebration of the Mass find in your hearts that

resonance for which your sorrows, of whatever kind, become for Him who immolates himself a gift of love.

When in the sacrament of Confession, with sorrow for your sins detested, unite the intention of starting again a better life, let that precious blood serve to rejuvenate you and to launch you in the practice of virtue, in the conquest of holiness. The gift of salvation is wasted and defaced too much. Some deny its effectiveness, others use it badly or do not want to use it in the manner prescribed by the Church. May your confessions always be holy, so that they do not become a double bladed knife, which may hurt rather than heal.

Children, every mother wants the best for her family. The family of the people of God is that of my elect, of the predestined, whom I would like as guardians of the Tabernacle in which my Son is still living among men. May it never happen, with sacrileges and irreverence, for those acts that accompanied the passion of my Jesus to be repeated.

I must now give you a second reminder. I told you to love my Jesus. I add: love one another. In the face of every brother, you must see a reflection of God. Charity must be like a golden bond that unites your hearts. Why so much hatred, so much evil, so much blindness and envy among the children of God? Are you not all children of one Father, and your heavenly Mother does she not love everyone equally?

Oh, children, love one another! Religion has no meaning if there is no love. Love supposes forgiveness, understanding, respect and mutual aid. A saint used to say: *"If you do not love the neighbour whom you see, how can you love God whom you do not see?"*

Children, for the sake of God, for the sake of the Mother who is speaking to you on the day of her passage, forget what perhaps made you suffer, and always try to unite hearts. Whoever does not understand this desire of mine, has not understood the Gospel. Remember, children, that I loved and I desired also the conversion of Judas, and I loved the sinners of all ages, even if I saw in them the traitors of my divine Son, the best among the sons of men. Love, and be sure to see in those around you, the virtues rather than defects, since no one is so bad as not to have in himself a good side.

And last of all I say to you: love me, and remember what I did in my life as a young girl, a wife and mother, because my examples are easy to imitate. I lived a simple and good life, that you can follow comparatively. How nice it would be if you were to ask yourselves often: What would the Mother do if she were here in my place? You might have a model for your words, for your thoughts, your affections and your actions. Were I able to see in you reproduced my features! Certainly you could form the glory of the Most Holy Trinity.

Children, those who walk on my footsteps, follow those of Jesus and cannot go wrong. I have given you the testament, but one day you too will have to leave it to others and, after having exercised charity, you will be able to enjoy its fruits. We will all be in Heaven and we will taste how good it feels to live in the divine tabernacles.

Thank you children, for this prayer. I promise you special assistance in the extreme point of your death. Be good, children! I see your angels desirous to accompany you in life, in death and after death, up to the vision of God, and I see your places prepared in the eternal kingdom of glory. Courage and forward.

I bless you. Thanks to all! May my angels keep watch over your sleep.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*August 15, 1975*

Beloved children, peace be to you now and forever. I cannot let you leave without giving you my hug and my advice.

Today you celebrate my encounter with the Most Holy Trinity in the glory of Heaven.

Well then, know that in the soul that lives in the grace of God, this same Trinity establishes its throne, whereby you can be the heaven of God. Therefore, persevere in prayer in order to be always in the grace of God. When you get to Heaven, and you will see the Lord face to face as I saw Him on the day of my Assumption, you will marvel that you have accumulated so many merits, for those who live in the grace of God, He just transforms their actions, even the most indifferent ones, into merits, that is, actions worthy of eternal reward.

Again and always, I urge you to imitate me in trying to bring souls to Jesus. Life passes quickly, and he who saves a soul, predestines his own. Love all souls. Love the good and the bad, just like my Jesus does, and as I do. You are all sons of God and my children, and you have one only destiny, that of enjoying the company of your Mother in Heaven, immersed in God who is Father to us.

I bless you all. I am delighted that you come to greet me in this place, and I assure you that you shall not go empty handed. I assist you and watch over your loved ones you left at home. I bless your sick, to whom I beg you to bring my embrace.

Do not forget that the Rosary is the means to link family members together. I sit among you when you pray.

See you again, children.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*August 15, 1975*

Children so dear to me, be welcomed back and welcome in this place. I welcome you with great tenderness and, as do good mothers with their children, I point out Heaven to you and remind you that there is your home. There you will come one day, if you keep faith to your Christian principles, and if you try to follow me by imitating my virtues.

You have prayed well and are generous in offering those sacrifices that accompany your life. Keep it up, aiming at the Homeland, where Jesus and I ascended body and soul. You must prepare for your death each day, detaching yourselves more and more from worldly things, so that in that moment which is so painful for many, may be for you like my passing: an act of love, that closes a life all made of love.

I like your simplicity. Know that the humble, the simple and the poor form the satisfaction of my Jesus, and therefore mine too. Trust me, and be eager for heavenly things more than all the riches of the world. I love you and bless you.

Today I remain in your company to strengthen your prayer. Feel me close and speak to me heart to heart, as you would speak to me if you were to see me with the eyes of the body. The world needs only prayer and love. Understand this!

I bless you, one by one, and I welcome you in my arms. One day I will welcome you in the Father's house so that, all together, we can praise Him forever.

## **ALL AIMING TOWARDS THE HOMELAND**

*August 15, 1975*

My children, so dear to my heart, rejoice with me, for that God who can do everything, upsetting the laws of nature, did not want my body to suffer the corruption of the tomb, but He wanted to glorify it having me transported to Heaven by a host of angels, soul and body.

Children, it is a blessed fate, this, to which all men are called: for your body to be made a sharer of the prize, after the resurrection and through all eternity. That's why this body that you possess must be treated with respect. It is true that the soul has a superiority over the

body, being spiritual, but if the body too is to live forever, do not you think that it actually has a value that you must take into great account?

The difficulty lies in this: the senses, which are like the five windows that allow you to communicate with the world and which have a very great importance, are sometimes used as instruments of sin. What should you do, children, so that this does not happen? Considering the body as a sacred thing, as repeatedly consecrated to God, you must take care that it is not desecrated.

The sight, touch, smell, hearing, speech, are wonderful gifts, through which even were one of these gifts lacking, you feel miserable. Well then, when you get to Heaven body and soul, the senses will still serve to make you feel truly human. We will therefore be able to look each other in the face, you will hear wonderful music, the sweetest scents will intoxicate your spirit, we will talk to each other and will have the joy of hugging each other as is done on earth. God did not create anything bad and ugly; only sin has distorted the laws that govern and rule creation.

Remember the vision of John, described in the book of the Apocalypse? A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon at her feet and the head surrounded by twelve stars, suffers in the act of giving birth to a son. The son is being born, when a red dragon, having seven heads crowned with a tiara, tries to kidnap and take possession of this child, in whom salvation lies. He fails because he is snatched away in God, and the woman withdraws into the desert in union with God.

Children, the dragon is the devil who, by means of the seven deadly sins, wants to kidnap grace from the soul of man, which is God himself who lives in him. One must not be afraid, though, because God is infinitely superior to him, and with prayer and with faith, salvation is had. The woman, who seeks refuge in the desert, is the soul who, in contemplation and mortification, communicates with his Creator and keeps peace and charity.

In this wonderful vision, I see each one of you who, fighting the deadly sins, will be capable of being glorified by the Most High. You will be dressed in light, as reflected by that of the sun, and your virtues shall be like stars that will surround your head with a marvellous halo, while the moon, a symbol of your tireless patience in progressing in good, will be like the support point of your spiritual ascension.

It is an infinite glory that prepared for the elect, that no human mind could imagine. It will be a God of love, eternal and infinite, who will communicate all of himself to each blessed, to the extent permitted by the holiness acquired.

Oh! delightful and blessed life that awaits you and which you are preparing for with your firm commitment to good, with the help of God and making use of your body. May your hands therefore, be blessed for everything that you will do with them, in favour of your sanctity and your neighbour. Never be miserly in sacrificing yourself.

The fingers, like good sisters, weave a crown that will never fade, as you let the beads slide, or when directing your work to Him who worked to give you an example.

May your eyes be blessed, when you try to look at the sky to scrutinize the wonders that tear a hymn of thanksgiving from you. May your hearing be ever more keen and blessed through that readiness with which you listen to the divine word and put it into practice. And may your tongue be blessed through those good words of consolation and comfort that you give and will give to all whom you approach. Thus, your body prepared for that final resurrection that awaits you, you will be glorified in God.

Children, I cannot close this brief lesson without enticing you all to be aiming towards the Fatherland. I bless you and I give you my graces.

You say to me sometimes that you cannot continue any more, and that you do not know how to pray. Remember: it is the red dragon who wants to triumph over you. You say to me that you want to be heard immediately. No, the withdrawal into the wilderness is needed in order to be all

taken up by God. Let the moon remind you of patience, and remind you how much your Mother was patient in her life and is still patient in waiting for those who do not want to listen to her.

Believe, children, love and hope. All in Heaven await you, to crown your life of pain with so much joy. See you again, and a big embrace to each one.

## **YOU HAVE TO BE APOSTLES**

*August 17, 1975*

Beloved children, peace, joy and be love in your hearts, now and forever. How dear to my heart are these meetings of earth with Heaven!

I am the Queen of universe, and as I observe you here in prayer, I extend my cloak up to accommodating underneath it all the children of earth. They are my inheritance, they are those whom Jesus entrusted to me, before dying from the top of the Cross. I want them all safe. There is no distinction of colour, race, language and culture. You are all on the same level, all made in the image and likeness of God through that spiritual and immortal soul that each one possesses. And you are mine, because the Son of God who became man in my womb is your firstborn brother. In every man who lives on earth I see his features. You are my children, you are my possession because you belong as members of that mystical body which is the Church, whose head is Jesus Christ, Saviour of mankind.

To this idea of catholicity, of universality, you must often turn your thought, so that you may feel more and more with greater force, fall those barriers that selfishness, meanness and prejudices have established, not only in the world, but in the same nations and families. All equal before God, all aimed at one goal, attached to a single rope that must be your support while you are citizens of the world, waiting to become citizens of Heaven.

How beautiful it is to live as brothers in one only house! The Church sings thus, but how hard it is to be understood. After men wanted to build a tower with which to reach heaven, the Lord confused their tongue and they were forced to stop its construction. It is really so, if pride drives the actions of men. What is the value of building when the language of charity is missing and the confusion of tongues follow? Oh! yes, it is a great confusion that which currently reigns in the world. But who will be able to bring a new language that everyone understands?

The light of the Holy Spirit, which, strengthening the faith, made a few fishermen capable of addressing the crowds and of talking to them about Jesus crucified and love, must return to enliven your hearts and your minds. You have to be apostles, children. The faith that you have received requires it, which is like a talent that you have to trade, but it is also a requirement of the modern world, with all its errors and all its dangers, which must call you to the apostolate. When you come before God the judge, you will not be asked about what you have been in possession of, but you will be asked if, without human respect, you have made known that faith which you have received as a sacred deposit.

It is a duty to overcome that tranquillity for which everyone is led to think about his own troubles, own interests and own business. The Christian has a universal mission, through which he cannot ignore the most pressing social problems and needs of others. It is true that many times the same problems are created by violence, and by insubordination and by insatiability for material goods, but it is exactly here where my children have to act in the name of God, in order for brotherhood and order to reign in well-being.

Oh! children, I would like to be able to show you, as I see it in the Lord, the world shaken by so many evils. Do you think God wants these evils? Oh, no! God has created man for happiness, and why would He want so much slaughter and carnage?

It is the devil, the prince of this world, who works tirelessly and will work until the end of

time, when he will be contained in the company of the damned in hell. He works to the detriment of men, who more often than not follow his suggestions, and let themselves be deceived. God wants everyone to be happy. The devil wants everyone to be lost.

Do you want the passion of my Son to be null, for my work as Co-Redemptrix to be in vain? That's why you have to be apostles. And if Jesus' advice to sell everything and give the proceeds to the neighbour, can only be accepted by some, the command to help the neighbour is for all; and those spiritual treasures that you receive all the time, you have a duty to share them with the brethren of the whole world, after those who live in your house, so that everyone understands that they are playing a very dangerous card. Whoever takes the side of the devil, will find sad results.

So, children, today, as I recall to you the Canaanite woman, who, with a faith to move the hearts of all, asks for the healing of her daughter who is possessed by the devil, I say to you: you too be like the Canaanite woman, and pray for those who seek in material satisfaction their paradise on earth, and who are victims of diabolical flattery. Be supplicants as true apostles and extend your cry of supplication for all nations.

Children, I bless you all. I bless the volunteers of the whole earth, who work for the peace and the good of all. See you again.

## **THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE REAL GOOD**

*August 19, 1975*

Children, so dear to my heart, be blessed for having come to pray in this place of my special hearings. I look at you and I help you. I look into the depth of your heart, and I see your desires and requests. I look at your soul and see what you are missing spiritually.

There are some Christians who are content to take care of the body, who give value only to feelings and disregard the soul. They are like those men who, wishing to refurbish a building, are content to clean up the facade and do not make the internal repairs to the unsafe house.

I cannot neglect the souls, even if I also care for your body. The body is the instrument of the soul and the body is to be considered as such, if one does not want to run the risk of becoming idolaters. How many persons have an exaggerated care of their bodies and seek health, beauty, attractiveness and strength, as if they were seeking the precious pearl. How many idolaters, who give to what is passing an exaggerated value. I invite you to reflect and make sure that everything has its proper place, according to the order established by God.

My Jesus told his disciples of all centuries: *"I am the vine, you are the branches."* So that the branch may be alive, the same sap must circulate in him that gives life to the vine. The sap of the soul is grace, and the more abundant this gift of God is, the more one participates in the life of God, the more one is able to produce fruits of eternal life. To desire material graces is a good thing, but do not forget to ask for the life of grace. There are sick and broken bodies that possess a spiritual vitality, for which they vivify the whole Church. But those branches that do not live in God, are dead branches that will be burned because they cannot bear fruit.

Children, I would like to leave to all these thoughts as a reminder of our encounter. If the Lord, the God of infinite goodness, wishes to be asked to grant his favours, to whom do you think that He will grant them more easily? To those who blaspheme Him, who hate Him and who do not live by his Law, or to those who form as one with Him in the fulfilment of his will and living a perfect Christian life? Certainly the latter will be the favourites.

There are some who, in times of need, come to hear my advice, but then forget the Sunday Mass and do not take into account any of the Commandments of God. What shall I do today to these children? Here, I will do as I did with my divine Son, who when He was placed dead in my arms. I gently recleaned Him from all that human wickedness had procured Him: the



spit, the blood, the dirt. I washed the wounds with oil and I embalmed his wounds. Then we wrapped Him in a white linen. While I performed those operations, I never ceased to cry and to offer to the Father, with my Jesus, my sufferings.

I, therefore, welcome all who come here at my feet, with motherly love. Come the first times and I make you understand the state of your soul, then I help you, even through my ministers, to clean you. I weep over the moral miseries of many, then I attract them to my heart and present them to God. Some will have, with the health of the soul, even that of the body, others only that of the soul, but into their hearts will enter serenity and peace, as long as they let themselves be cleaned up and want to flee from sin, which is the worst of all evils. Today I will do so and, whenever you come together, you will have an increase of spiritual strength, of faith, of grace, and, if it is for your own good, even physical health.

You have to believe me, because, if many miracles occur, it is in reward for faith. You must not say "*I will believe if I am heard*", but "*I believe in order to be heard*"; and in the act of faith that you have to do, you have to put that change of life that is a true conversion. This will be the first miracle, the first step towards the true good.

Now, my children, I bless you all. To you and your loved ones my protection. See you again, children.

## **ESTABLISH THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN YOURSELVES**

*August 22, 1975*

My children, how much joy you give me! You have come close to me to enjoy the warmth of my arms and above all to draw that strength that should give your spirituality a virile impression. Yes, I'm happy. What you desire, I am willing to give it to you.

When my Jesus, tired from the preaching and the crowding of people around him, wanted to take a proper rest, He came to me, or went to the home of Lazarus. So when He wanted for the apostles to relax from the stress of the apostolate, He invited them to go to a deserted place or on the mountain or across the lake. You have left your jobs and have done a bit of the desert in your heart to find again, with more abundance, faith and grace, which is like saying: God. You have acted like the swallows which, when they feel cold in a place, go to another to feel warmth. You will leave here refreshed and you will bring a new fervour into your cenacles.

What I recommend to you is this: maintain unity with this house, which is mine, and unity among yourselves. Every kingdom divided against itself is bound to perish, since the art of the evil one is that of creating misunderstanding and discord, it is that of dividing. I watch over you in particular and I think of your interests, provided that you take to heart the interests of God.

What are those interests of which many speak and few understand? They are those concerning the Kingdom of God. Today the Church honours me as Queen, but I would not be that, if I had not turned my life into a continuous offering for the coming of the Kingdom of God. I propose my example to you, and I invite you to definitively establish the Kingdom of God in yourselves.

There should be no hesitation whatsoever, because if you want to go to Heaven, you have but one way to follow, that of truth. Do not be dejected by difficulties. Those who believe, always have a lifeline, to which you can be attached any time. If sometimes you are depressed, be it a momentary matter. Seek straight away, in those aids that faith gives you, the strength to lift yourself up. Do not let ridicule scare you, which can come from envy, from jealousy, or that swagger that leads men to criticize those who go to church and are humble. Know that most of the time those who criticize you, deep down, appreciate you. Only if your

life is twofold, namely, only if you were to have a foot in both camps, would you draw contempt upon yourself.

Be faithful to God, and let your conduct be the clear demonstration of your good will. Remember the harsh words of Jesus: "*You cannot serve God and mammon at the same time.*"

I am not telling you to multiply your practices of piety. Already coming for the recitation of the rosary is a great gift for me. But if I have to make you an invitation, I say to you: always give much importance to these practices held by the parish, and collaborate through those charitable works aimed at making the Church, the Sacraments, the Mass appreciated. I look at you with satisfaction and, when you work with the approval and the permission of your parish priests, I see you as angels of the shrine, its custodians.

Children, the word of God that you will be given by my minister, who has a privileged place in my heart, accept it as mine. When a priest desires only to do some good, I make everything bear fruit in him, and even if he does not bring you a resounding and solemn word, I grant him the grace of my Jesus, so it becomes effective.

Now I leave you for some relaxation. We will speak again, but in the meantime know that your groups are acceptable to God and will flourish in holiness and help for everyone.

To all a warm outpouring of affection to bring to your loved ones. Be united.

I bless the religious effigies that you have brought with you. You will see the effects in the homes where they will be placed.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*August 23, 1975*

My children, I cannot let you leave without giving you my greetings and my maternal embrace. I am with you, I work with you, I pray with you. I would have desired for you to stop longer, and to enjoy my company, but no matter.

Wherever you go, bring your grace and your faith, which are expressed outwardly by that delicacy of ways that is proper to it. Continue that apostolate which for years you have already started, and which has brought many souls to the faith and a total change of life. Always give confidence to everyone.

Never extinguish the dimly burning wick. The world is what it is, but it cannot be changed except by bringing among men the God of love, the God of mercy. Do not trust yourself in the fulfilment of your mission, but lean on God, if you do not want to fall into presumption.

I bless you. Be true to your intentions, to keep the baptismal grace of which, at this moment, I have embellished your soul.

See you again, children.

## **ABUNDANT FRUITS OF GOOD**

*August 23, 1975*

Beloved children, may the love and peace that reign in my heart, be in you as fruit of those days of prayer, relaxation and serenity that you are spending.

I am with you. Can you possibly doubt it? Do I not give you signs which, in their simplicity, are full of meaning? What is the movement of a crown, in comparison to terrestrial movements and those of the stars of heaven? And yet this small sign has a very deep meaning. It is to show you that here with you is a living presence of your Mother, who wants to be prayed to and honoured as such. It also a confirmation that the words which are communicated to you, are not the result of a fantasy, but they are divine communications that

come to you in an extraordinary way, that you may believe that, over and above what is human, there is the supernatural, the spiritual from which you cannot withdraw yourself, since it coincides with the immensity of God, who, not only does not want to abandon you, but assists you in every need.

So I am here as a Mother, to say to each one: never forget of being in the presence of God.

God sees you, hears you, loves you, follows you and will judge your every thought, word, action, and also any omission of your days in your life. Remember? One day Jesus was hungry and came to a fig tree to gather fruit. He found none, and cursed that tree, which immediately withered.

My children, the time to produce fruits for eternal life is only the present, of which you are in possession. Tomorrow, you do not know if it will be given. You possess the moment that flees fast, and you must validate it and offer it up. Jesus has said to you that He who counts also the hairs of your head, will judge each one for even one useless word. How terrible and comforting at the same time these words! That God so stern, and yet at the same time just, knows how to capture the moments of your day to turn them into infinite merits.

Life passes quickly, children. That my Jesus, coming to you at any time of your life, should not only find leaves, but abundant fruits of good. Look at everyone's needs. They are aimed at you, many hands asking for help and pity. There are moral and spiritual needs, material needs of all kinds. You are called to help those who are in need. Every word, every prayer, every good thought acquiesced, can become the lifeline.

I know that forgetting oneself to think about the needs of others requires sacrifice and generosity. But consider that without selflessness it is impossible to live. Why does the world go wrong? Because selfishness triumphs and each one worries about doing well for himself. If your life is not intended to provide the neighbour the same faith that you possess, the same physical, moral and material well-being, which is your wealth, you become unforgivably selfish.

Children, let there be really in you peace and joy, that which comes from giving yourselves to each other in a communion of spirit and heart. I know that among you there are some situations that seem irreparable. And yet, nothing is impossible for God, and I assure you that, if on your part you learn to act with justice, you will learn to forgive and pray, the abundant fruits that you will reap will also be visible in that triumph of truth and good which will appear in the eyes of all.

I bless you, children. I come with you at table, then you will take part in the Eucharistic table with me and it will be a feast of hearts.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*August 24, 1975*

Beloved children and loved ones, come to my heart, come into my arms! There is no mother, no matter how good, who can love you like I love you.

I am the Mother of all consolation, and I want to give your hearts that comfort which you seek in the faith, in God and in me. I desire, however, consolation also from you. Observe what happens in the world. Still the cries from all sides: *"Let the blood of Jesus fall on us and on our children"* as was shouted by the Hebrews. The blood of Jesus is wasted in that way, and the fruits of the redemption are lost. One does not believe in the sacrifice of the Mass and assistance is as to an insignificant show, and so the blood of Jesus is wasted. Confession is not utilized to purify souls, and the means of purification is nullified. One sins, and are scorned the Sacraments, and all that the Church has in deposit for the sanctification of souls.

I desire consolation from you. I entrust the blood of Jesus to you. Offer it with devotion,

with respect and love to the Father, that He may have mercy on the world. Always ask for mercy for the erring, mercy for those who invoke the justice of God with a depraved human and Christian life. Offer the blood of Jesus for those priests who, having lost the sense of their vocation, like Judas betray the Teacher. Offer the blood of Jesus for the youth who, rejecting the faith, grope in the dark in search of unhealthy consolations. Offer the blood of Jesus for the families who, with divorce and abortion, call loudly for God's chastisements. Intercede for all, with forgiveness, conversion.

I bless you, children, embracing one by one. Be good and be united. Love one another and help each other. See you again.

## **THAT ALL MAY DESIRE ETERNAL SALVATION**

*August 24, 1975*

Children so dear to me, I am with you. Rejoice, because this is a great privilege, which is granted to few: to savour my presence, to hear my word. It is a great grace, but for which you have to thank God and for which you will be asked to account. It is a talent that God puts at your disposal, so that you may be able to trade it for the benefit of others. If you receive it and hide it in yourself, it is just because it has to sprout like the grain of wheat and produce the ear. Do not make it a private wealth, I beg you. By making my word known, you make me known. You make me loved, and from this love derives the supreme Good.

Whoever arrives at my heart, arrives at the heart of God, he knows Him, loves Him and lives according to his desires. What does a good mother do? She makes the father to be loved, praised and honoured, and makes his virtues and sacrifices be appreciated. My words have a purpose: that of making you know God, so that, by living as it is his will, you may be able to reach Him in glory.

All that is in the world comes from God. All that God has created, it is He himself who preserves it and everything must give glory to Him. Therefore, each one can say of himself: I come from God, I have to live worthy of Him and I must return to Him. He is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end of everything. Seen everything under this aspect, your life must be regarded as a precious gift, whereby eternity would not be enough to thank Him. It is a marvellous gift, which God protects and preserves by closely monitoring every move, so that you can rightly say that nothing happens by chance.

When the Nile overflows its banks and floods the fields, it is not realized that from the mud that it will leave when the waters retreat, the fertility of the soil comes about. So terrible storms pass on the world and on souls that seem to destroy everything, but after them, it is as if a new spring were to return.

God holds the reins and guides the wild horses of human minds and, by the most diverse means, draws people to himself by showing them how delicious it is to love Him and serve Him. It is true that there are the stubborn, and they are many, but will you not want to stand in for them? You know that you have to return to the Father who created you, but in Jesus the Saviour you form a great unity, and therefore you must not go off into a corner. Each one must say "we must save ourselves" as the "Our Father" says.

It is necessary to understand and want this universality in good and salvation. However, I do not intend to tell you that all must be saved by force, but that your action must be an invitation to all, for them to understand and desire eternal salvation.

Liberty, that precious treasure that makes one worthy of reward for the good you do, must be respected, as God respects it. That does not mean that you, convinced of being in the truth, do not have to persuade others of the ruin to which they can meet. What would you say of a man who, knowing the proximity of a precipice, were not to warn a blind man of the danger

he runs? Does it not seem to you that he would become responsible and involved in the catastrophe that could strike him?

How many mothers and fathers too silent about their own children! How many are content to see them beautiful, strong, intelligent, and do not get upset by their detachment from God, their lack of faith and the danger of eternal damnation. And if it becomes an easy thing to neglect one's loved ones, consider how abandoned to themselves are the thousands of souls who daily pass into eternity.

You have to sanctify and save yourselves, but with you a host of souls must travel your same road. All animated by your prayer, by your suffering and by your word. You talk to God through prayer, you talk to me. But how often you extract a gesture of sympathy from my heart, because I feel sorry for your narrow-mindedness that hides a certain selfishness! No, do not put God in a locked closet. God is immense, and his goodness, power and mercy, come at the same time to all men. He can and wants to provide to all and can do so in the same moment.

The prayer of each one must be a mysterious force which, moving the heart of God, lets Him intervene. He is good, but to this prayer that is a request for help, an act of subservience, a recognition of one's nothingness, He has tied every grace, every gift. Whoever does not pray, renounces being helped.

Perhaps pride or ignorance or other defects, prevent man to think of a higher Being, who has given rise to everything and which He wants everything to return to Him. This light, this grace of conversion and help is entrusted to you. I will be your Guide, I will guide you to the conquest of souls. The means you know them. If the devil works tirelessly in every field, we have to defeat him as an army set in battle array. Love souls, all souls, and no sacrifice will seem burdensome to you. When you really love, the strength of God is within you.

I bless you all. The consecrated souls present shall have special graces.

Children, it is a time of grace that you spend here, but when you go it is time for action. See you again. Peace be with you always.

## **TO SOME SISTERS**

*August 25, 1975*

My dearly beloved daughters, thanks for having come to draw at my fount. I give you water that quenches thirst, so you no longer have to be thirsty.

You have completed this encounter making the heavenly Mother intervene in your things.

You have felt a bit on Tabor. A new light has illuminated your minds, a new heat has warmed your hearts. You will go to your communities and you will seem to be transformed, but very soon you will find that the same difficulties and same problems come to upset your plans.

Oh! be confident, and believe that I am ever so close to you. I am really close to you, even if hidden by a veil; I see you and want to help you even in the most insignificant things, but especially when you ask me to carry out the will of God in you, making you holy.

Do not forget that your vocation came from my heart, and I desire a true holiness from you, who are the spouses of my Jesus. I look at you with infinite tenderness, and I say to you: be holy, because the Church has need of holiness. The souls around you, watching you and if they see you holy, they love God, they go to Him, they come to me. There is no other way to live your vocation than that of representing your heavenly Mother.

You like, daughters, when I, showing you my heart, offer you an asylum? Well then, the souls around you, offer them asylum in your hearts. Be motherly. I do not mean to tell you that you lose yourself in unnecessary sentimentality, but that your hearts, modelled on mine,

learn to understand all and, if you need to forgive, oh! yes, do as I do. Your place of privilege as brides of Christ, must not place you on a pedestal, but must make you realize his words: "*Who among you is the first, let him be the last and servant of all.*"

Do you know, daughters, why in many communities there is not that harmony and peace that I desire? Because their members do not know how to love as I love, they do not know how to humble themselves to put into practice the divine teachings.

Daughters, I love you as no other mother in the world can love. Your defects do not scare me, because I see your good will. I desire for you to speak to me with simplicity and sincerity of yourselves, but for you not to get disturbed, rather, the more you see yourselves defective and the more you trust in the mercy of God, the more I will bend down over you to cure you, to help you and to bless you.

Bring my blessing everywhere and peace be with you.

## JUSTICE, MERCY AND FAITHFULNESS

August 26, 1975

Beloved children, here you are eager to please me with prayer, eager to learn what is good for you, that you may grow in the interior life.

I am your Teacher, and today I want to entrust you with a trinomial that together we will develop, so that you can impress better and better my thoughts in your mind. Here are the three words that I entrust to you: justice, mercy and faithfulness. They are three qualities that God possesses to the highest degree, and that every Christian must practise if he wants to resemble Him.

God is infinitely just. The good, which He wants for all his creatures, He implements it to the fullest. He gives everyone the means to be able to reach it, even if He subjects everyone to life's trials. God desires for men to be good, because He does not want to punish anyone; if men, however, rebelling against his Law and his will, sin, He calls them back to himself even through pain. Moreover, He is patient beyond belief, since He wants everyone saved.

He calls back and is patient, using infinite mercy and love. He compares himself to the good shepherd, and He actually is, since there is no wound no matter how grave in which the soul is subject, that He does not want and know how to treat. There is no sin no matter how serious that He does not want to forgive. His mercy is like an abyss, of which you can never reach the bottom. It is like an extended and unfathomable ocean, so as not to see its boundary. The mercy of God is a marvellous gift, from which one can hope and obtain everything.

To deny the mercy of God is to deny his divinity, his holiness, his omnipotence and his immensity, since the infinite mercy of God embraces all times, all places, all men, and to deny it is to deny creation, the act of love, redemption, the consequence of love, and Paradise, the reward for souls who have enjoyed God's mercy.

Children, God is faithful to his promises, and what He promises, He keeps. He does not fail his word when He promises redemption, and will never fail the word given by his Son about the Church: "*I will be with you till the consummation of the centuries.*"

It is in these three virtues that every Christian must find his model of life. To be just, how difficult it is! But it is not impossible, for he who lives by faith is capable of practising justice. Living in God's presence and calling to mind his Law, is like saying, living that inward holiness that must transform everything. Jesus called the Pharisees whitewashed tombs, because they had a seeming holiness. He rebuked them one day because "*they washed the plate and glass on the outside and did not bother to clean them on the inside*". He meant that first of all one had to remove the evil from the heart, from which every wickedness comes.

Well then, perhaps He could make the same reproach to many, who live a life too superficial and external. Jesus might say to them: *"If your justice is no greater than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of the heavens."* That is why I say to you: do not worry about appearances, to make a good impression, and even to please men, but seek to please God in everything. Seek his glory. There will come about, as a result, a good and dignified behaviour even with the brethren.

The thought of God's presence, not only in the world, but also within you, will make you just, in order not to do to others what you do not want done to you. Oh! children, justice is so dear to God that, when He wished to qualify a person who possessed the sum of virtues, He called him "just". So it is said in the Gospel, about John the Precursor, so about Joseph my spouse.

Next to justice however, there must be mercy. How necessary it is, children, to be merciful! Too easily the rich have no mercy on the poor, the healthy no mercy for the sick, the intelligent for the ignorant, and the strong have no mercy for the weak. From this lack of mercy arise misunderstandings, bullying and discord.

Infinite goodness of God, clear all pride from the minds of my children, so that everyone can understand the limits and the needs of others and can go and meet one another to love and help each other!

*"Be merciful and you will find mercy,"* you have been told, and you will find it not only in the afterlife, but even on this earth, where you will make some friends who will know how to understand you. Every person needs the other. There is no state of life or social position that makes individuals independent from each other. The joy of receiving and giving must be of all, because God wants all united as one big family.

Yes, my children, understand one another, forgive and bear with each other. Those who cannot do a perfect job, perhaps please God by their humility, and those who know how to pray well, maybe could not do it if they did not find souls to help them. *"All for one and one for all"*, is the exchange of gifts that should never fail.

Finally I say to you: Be faithful in the little things, so that you may be able to be faithful in all that the Lord desires from you. Be faithful to God in the fulfilment of your duties, but also be faithful among yourselves, keeping those friendships which, if true, are a treasure. Be faithful to God in those practices of piety which are the means of preserving grace. May fidelity make you affectionate and vigilant like the wise virgins of the Gospel, and make you sensitive to all as good mothers, who would not offend their children even with a thought.

Children, bless you all, and I bless all the priests that pass by and will pass by in this place of grace.

See you again.

## IMITATE ME!

*August 31, 1975*

Children, so dear to me, be blessed and may the Lord be always with you. I am always here to welcome you, instruct you and help you, as Mother and Teacher. Nothing I neglect in order to get to make you understand the greatness of the faith, the preciousness of life and the great reward that awaits you in Heaven. The Christian life is all here, since, if you have a true faith, you will be almost compelled to lead a holy life and, persevering in good, you will arrive at the Homeland where you are expected.

However, there is a virtue that makes you capable of understanding and practising what I have told you, through which everything becomes easy. It is the virtue of simplicity. Of this, the image speaks to you that you have placed on the altar. It represents me as a child, as a newborn, but

already so dear to God. What shall I tell you as a child? Imitate me.

One day Jesus said to Nicodemus: *"Unless you are reborn in water and the Holy Spirit, you will have no part in my Kingdom."* Being born again is like saying being little; only in that way can one aspire to Paradise and the pleasure of the Father.

There are many who desire to learn the truths of the faith and they are the truly wise ones, if they seek the truth at the right source and not in the waters polluted by the devil and by the heresies of the world. To these seekers of truth, who humbly invoke light from the Lord, light is given and they can discover, with the beauty of the faith, the joy of following it. But to those who want to know everything, relying solely on their own intelligence, and to those who, fixed in their own opinions, do not agree to check the facts and do not rely on the infallible teacher, that is the Church, are not given the necessary light, for God resists the proud and gives his grace to the humble.

Here the need to be as simple as children. What do these little creatures in fact do? How do they behave with their parents? After having bombarded them with questions, they accept with confidence what is taught or communicated to them, and they are so convinced that no one could say otherwise. *"My dad said so,"* they are ready to respond. *"My mum does not make mistakes - they say. - You do not know more than her!"*

So I teach you to be simple. He has spoken to you, to all men, the Father, through Revelation. Jesus the Redeemer has spoken to you, and the Church speaks to you, your mother, in the name of Jesus, the Son of God. You just have to learn these lessons to be sure.

You might say to me that today there are many errors disseminated in the Church, not only by the faithful, but also by its ministers. But you know that the Pope is the one who represents the Church, and who is endowed with infallibility with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, and that the Gospel, the Creed and the Commandments of God will never suffer any change. God is eternal and, just as will not fail no word of what He has taught, so all that is commanded by Him cannot undergo change.

The gift of faith is great and is enough to make the soul that possesses it happy, since by this faith that binds God to men, derives a strength that makes one face every difficulty and danger. Whoever wants to do everything by himself, would commit a grave error, since he would fall from error to error and would not have the strength to lift himself up again.

Again I say to you: be simple. Stretch out your hand, like little children do to those who can help them. You are as immersed in the supernatural world, you are immersed in God. Oh, if instead of so many blasphemies, men learned to invoke God's help! God is Father and would not let anything lack to his children, even if He submits them to the test. Does not the mother at times try the love of her children, hiding herself from their gaze? But when with tears and with sighs the child throws himself into the arms of the mother, is it not true that they love and understand each other more than before?

A little thing I want to point out to you. It happens sometimes that you, having become great in your eyes discovering that you can do many things, come to attribute merits to yourselves that you do not have. Once again I invite you to be simple. Try to ask a girl who has sown her new dress that she wears. She will respond right away that her mother did it for her. Well then, if you are simple, you will not dislike directing the merits to God and the glory. You will be happy indeed to feel incapable of everything and to rely completely on Him who can do all. Here is the devotion to my childhood clarified to you, so that you can resemble me in everything.

Now I bless you all one by one.

I bless the new cenacle that is starting up, to which my help and my graces will not be lacking.

I bless the many young people present, to whom I assure my help in all life's difficulties. Remember, children, that prayer, if it is not accompanied by love, is useless and obtains little.



To all those persons who commend the sick and needy, the assurances of my assistance.  
Children, continue to love me and call all to my feet. Be united among yourselves and with your spiritual mother. The unity of hearts creates and maintains the works.  
See you again, children. Believe in my love.

## THE VOICE OF THE CONSCIENCE

September 2, 1975

Beloved children, both peace and grace be to you and all good! I am your Mother, desirous of your good and your spiritual progress. So I cannot but warn you of the dangers that surround you and the evils which you can encounter. You are often insecure and indecisive. You do not know how to behave in front of the innovations that occur, the changes brought by progress, especially in youth. What will you do?

The Lord in his goodness, has placed in the heart of every human creature a secret voice: it is the voice of the conscience, it is the voice of God. If everyone with the right intention tries to follow this voice, certainly he cannot but please God. Unfortunately it seems that men have no other task than that of criticizing the brethren. To convince you of this, I want to talk to you about a Gospel incident.

Jesus had entered the synagogue and, after teaching the people, a possessed man presented himself to Him who, shouting at Him, said to Him: *"You are the Holy One sent from God, have You perhaps come to destroy us?"* Jesus silenced him, and commanded the demon to leave that body. In fact, the obsessed man was freed. A beautiful thing, is not it? Jesus had done a good work. Those present praised Him and wondered who could He possibly be, to whom even the evil spirits obeyed. But another day, in which Jesus performed the same action, it was said of Him that only with the help of Beelzebub He drove out demons.

You see, children, what it was for Jesus is for his followers. If you do good, they will find something to say for what you are doing, or even pretending to praise you, condemn you. That is why you must not give importance to the judgment of the world! You must make sure that you have a right conscience, and then you have to follow this voice, just as children follow and listen to the voice of their father. If the conscience is upright, it is like the echo of the Commandments of God.

Oh! is it not true that, even if everyone tells you that in the world one should have maximum freedom to make your body an instrument of sin, you feel repugnance to believe it? And is it not true that, even if the world no longer gives value to life, whereby homicide and suicide become a common thing, you will continue to be horrified by the crimes that are committed? And is it not true that, even if some ministers of God assert that certain things are not sins, you feel revulsion? Now, what should you do? Review your life in light of the Commandments and compare with your conscience the good and evil you do.

However, there is one easy way to please God, and it is that of deferring one's judgment to the Church. When one speaks of Church, I like to insist upon the person of the Pope, who as a good shepherd must call souls around him to form that beautiful unity that God desires. All that separates you from the Pope, separates you from the Church, and divides you among yourselves. Oh! children, I would just like to shout it to the four cardinal points, to call all men to be united with the Pope in the Church of God. Those also who belong to other religions can look to the sweet Christ on earth, who loves everyone and wants the good of all.

When the storm rises up threateningly in the sky, the hen calls her little chickens around her to defend them with the warmth of her wings. I am the Mother of the Church and this is my task: to call back my children under my mantle. But the father of Christianity and humanity is represented by the one who governs the Church today. If it is not given you to see

your Mother, you can please me watching him, praying for him, loving him. He is the beloved son whom Jesus holds in his heart, and whom He loves more than any other in the world, even for the heavy cross that he carries with love and pain.

Children, I bless you all. I speak to the hearts and consciences of those who want to listen to me.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*September 6, 1975*

My children, you are welcome on this day in my house. I bless you and I will accompany you in your pilgrimage, while I assist your loved ones whom you have left at home.

Today is the first Saturday of the month. Remember the promise that I made to the little shepherds of Fatima, regarding the five Saturdays? Well then, I invite you to do this pious practice to obtain my assistance at the point of death and for the eternal salvation of your loved ones.

Many very important feasts occur in this month for the Church and for all Christians. My birth, which was like the dawn that announced the coming of the Divine Son, Jesus, and the commemoration of my sorrows, with which I collaborated to save the world. Celebrate them with love and you will get many graces and divine aid. I will help you.

Be good and mark every day a step forward in your conversion, that is, in your journey towards God. Only in this way will you be able to avert those chastisements which the Lord ought to use to make the minds and hearts bend to his will.

I bless you all one by one. Remember that from this place one never leaves empty handed.

## **BRING LOVE INTO THE WORLD**

*September 6, 1975*

Beloved children, be blessed and, through you, may your families be blessed. When in a home a soul is aroused with love for the heavenly Mother and honours me by imitating my virtues, the whole family feels the benefit of my blessings. I welcome you in my heart and bring you into my world, so that your example might convert men and they might be saved.

I recommend two things to you: stay always united to me, through that marvellous prayer, which is at the same time, a weapon that defends you from the enemies of the soul and body, and always bring love into the world. May it never happen that you be an object of division in the family, in parishes and in society. Know that God's judgment will be based solely on charity.

Love one another in Jesus' name and in my name. It will happen that those who resist your words, cannot resist your love. I will be beside you at every moment, and especially when you call me to help you to heal the world.

I embrace you one by one and I give you an increase of that grace which is the paradise of souls. See you again, children. Believe in my love for you.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*September 6, 1975*

Children so dear to me, I am here with you and I will come with you wherever you go.

I am your Immaculate Mother. I am a Mother who, unlike all the mothers, has the possibility to accompany my children always. I will be with you during the celebration of

holy Mass, to show you how much my Jesus suffered and how great the value of the Mass is, in which the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed even if in an unbloody manner; I will come with you and make you understand how great were my sorrows, which are renewed even today.

Still, children, I suffer for those souls who lose Jesus with sin, and my Motherly heart is pierced by a sword. Still I suffer for those who reject the cross and do not want to do God's will. I suffer for those who reject the faith and crucify my Son in their hearts. I beg you therefore, to be close to me in this journey, thinking of my sorrows, as I at this moment, being close to you, collect your tears, your pains and your cares to offer them, through Jesus, to the Father.

I weep everywhere, seeing so much evil and so much corruption, but only in some places I show my real tears. But you know that when a mother cries, it is because things are not going too well and, if you have a heart, you try to console her. This I expect from you and I promise you consolation in your sorrows.

Children, I am so happy that you come here to this place, and that you receive my word. It is with it that you have to work to convince your loved ones. *"The Mother speaks to us,"* you must say, *"and she wants us to be good and make her suffer no more."* *"The Mother loves us and blesses us, we must love her and make her loved."*

Only then will your pilgrimages be like the yeast that will ferment the mass. It will be you who will move the waters, and Jesus and I will do the rest. Be good! And wherever you are, try to unite hearts to each other and with me.

See you again, children, I am always waiting for you. After Holy Mass and the blessing, stop a moment to look over my image as a child and listen to what I will say to your heart.

## TO THE YOUNG

*September 7, 1975*

Beloved children, you have filled your souls with love and holy thoughts, and I enjoy blessing them and confirming them that they may become reality in practice. I want to add a few suggestions that might help you.

You have around you a neighbour to whom you must devote your affection and your cares. Well then, learn to see all in the light of faith, and let it never happen that, before the defects that you can find in each, for words of criticism, blame and scorn to escape from your lips. Feel empowered rather, for you are called not only to fight the evil which already exists, but also to prevent it. Let your eye be vigilant and your behaviour edifying.

Where a Christian passes, Jesus has to pass, who with his word must attract to you, and then converge to himself, souls anxious or in need of his grace. I said "his word", since only from God parts the invitation to love, sympathize and understand each other.

Be united, fervent, be constant in good. The inner joy that I instil in souls who put themselves in this way in the service of God, has nothing to envy to those joys that the world offers with its futility.

Walk along the streets of the world bringing the good seed of the Word of God, and sow your family and social environments with "Hail Mary's". It will be the best way to honour my name, they will be the most fragrant roses with which you will honour me, and which I will have to give back to you in so many blessings.

See you again, children. You are all in my heart.

## UNION OF HEARTS AND HUMILITY

*September 7, 1975*

Children so dear to me, thank you for that intention that you gave to your universal prayer. It will fall like a shower of graces over the whole Church and will serve to make hearts hardened by sin, sensitive. Speaking of this intention, while the Gospel tells you that when two or more people are united in the name of Jesus to ask for the same grace, they are heard.

You are here to form a union, but certainly there are no walls that can limit the number of souls that are united to you. Across the terrestrial globe there are people who pray, in union of spirit and intentions with you. If you wish to direct your thoughts to those, and they are many, who, after having prayed here, have gone up to the Father's house, you see right away as a single family that holds loving relationships between earth and Heaven. Blessed family, yours! Blessed souls, to whom the divine light is given in abundance to illuminate the path of life.

The unique bond is the love of God, which is spread in a marvellous help to all the brethren. I desire to consolidate this bond more and more, I want it to be the pivot around which you revolve. What happens in well led families? The mother becomes the real pivot, the central diffuser, and all the children draw light, strength and help from her. But the thing most needed is that generosity for which everyone is concerned about the sufferings of others, so as to make them his own. Woe if in families selfishness or self-centeredness enters, whereby you not only think about yourself, but you claim that others only care about you. The harmony would be ruined.

"One for all", is the law of love! Thus, in spiritual families, charity must prevail, through which all bring their contributions of affection, work and prayer. Only then order and peace reigns. It is not the physical union that makes unity, it is the union of hearts, of intentions and desires.

If in a factory you bring only bricks, a building will never be made. It is important that the bricks be bonded together with lime, cement, and maybe with steel reinforcement. So, if one prays individually only for one's own needs, it remains brick, and I would not like to say, useless to the Church and community. But, if with generosity and charity souls bind together, what a wonderful building will come out of it! And one can truly say that as the Master, as Intercessor with the Father, Jesus will preside, who always keeps his promises.

Looking at the surrounding, there may sometimes be thought that your prayer, made in contemplation of your home, could be better; perhaps you would have fewer distractions, less obligations to respect, you would not find yourself at the side of some people who, in your opinion, are not so good people, because they seem to have the devil on their back. This is a real danger that could turn you into Pharisees. Better to be tax collectors and beat one's chest seeing one's own faults, rather than seeing one's virtues at the expense of others. You have understood me well.

With the union of hearts, which must validate your prayer, that strength that comes from humility must not be missing. It is nice to look up and scan the sky, but if you do not look where you put your feet, you run the risk of falling, and very serious trouble can happen to you. Humility is that virtue which makes you put your feet safely, and makes you see how miserable and little you are so as not to have to judge anyone.

I pause a moment to let you see what happens in the world. In fact, many make mistakes and very many stop to watch and judge. Few ask themselves: What responsibility do I have before persons who make mistakes? All are ready to accuse, few to reflect. And yet, the Christian is called not to criticize, not to be disinterested but to take responsibility of all.

When you come together to pray and put universal intentions, you take on the task of preventing evil to those who are about to perpetrate it and to recall those that have done it.

This is what this union of minds and hearts is worth. Jesus, the centre of history, saviour of souls, is in your midst to give prayer an infinite value.

Children, I am holy Mary, your Mother. See, I am here to invite you to holiness, whose base is in prayer. But know that no one is sanctified by himself. The source of all holiness is my Son, but around you and with you there is a whole world of souls who have your same call. No one gets to Heaven alone.

I bless and I love you. I bless my ministers, who truly love me and who desire to make me loved. I fill your hearts with love of God. See you again, children. Any cenacle that is started in the name of Jesus and mine, finds light and comfort in our words, which must serve as a bond.

## **YOU TOO BE LITTLE**

*September 8, 1975*

My children, let there be joy to your hearts, since my birth was the announcement of the greatest event in history. I rejoice with you, and since you are here before my little image and want to show me your love and your trust, I want to prove that I trust you, giving you my advice, sure that not only will you accept them, but will put them into practice.

What is more attractive than a newborn? I present myself to you so, very, very little, and I beg you: may you be also little, since humility is indispensable not only in regards to God, from whom you received everything, but also to maintain that inner peace and that harmony with the neighbour which is essential to be able to do good to all. I know that many times it is difficult to practise this virtue, but there is another one that could replace it.

What was there of the most beautiful in Heaven, of angels, pure spirits, created with all beauty and intelligence? And yet, whoever did not want to be humble was precipitated into hell and became the most horrible creature. Here, children, the first lesson that comes to you from today's festivities.

The other lesson is more important than ever. The grace that adorned my soul, can and should beautify yours. You can be jealous of it, to be afraid of losing even a little part of it. That's why I beseech you to be precise and careful in all your actions. You have to do well what you do, so that every action leads to an impression of perfection that is like the finger of God. Pray well, behave well, speak well, think well.

Let my image of a child inspire in you desires of perfection, goodness and kindness. That grace which is God's gift, indeed, God himself in you, must manifest itself externally with those kind and polite ways that make you likable to everyone. Without affectation, but with good education and especially with great charity, manifest to your neighbour the sweet Guest that you have within you. You have to be transparent and everyone must see in your smile the Lord's, the God of goodness.

Oh, children, what need there is in the world to become like little children, to flee sin and to live with understanding, goodness and kindness! But how much urgency there is, even in Christian families, to modify those relationships that have nothing pretty or beautiful about them.

I bless you, opening my little arms to you. Be my good mothers or my brothers, always willing to forgive and endure everything for the love of God, and do not want to ever, ever, make anyone suffer.

See you again, children. Bring me into the world by your example, to be able to disrupt the modern systems and make them in keeping with the will of God.

## **BRING THE LITTLE CHILDREN BESIDE ME**

*September 9, 1975*

My children, both grace and peace to you and all good. See, I am the child Mary. I am here to advise you. Yesterday I told you how I want you, that is, humble, tending to perfection, gentle and politely mannered. Today I express to you another desire that concerns other people.

There are little babies in the world that form the pleasure of the Father, as I used to form, and who are the delight of their parents, even if they are not always very good. They are the children. When I saw the light, I gladdened my elderly parents, who obtained me by means of prayer, mortification and almsgiving.

How great to be the joy of God and of those beings who have given the life of the body! Children should be really so. Unfortunately there are many parents who become the executioners of their own children, and ruin them in soul with scandal, and in body by giving them everything they ask, even if it is to the detriment of their physical health, or, worse yet, they destroy their body before they see the light.

Jesus loved and loves children infinitely, so as to make them as a comparison with the saints. Who in fact enters Paradise? The saints who have lived well, or those who are sanctified in Purgatory. Well then, Jesus has said that, if one is not like little children, it is impossible to enter the Kingdom of the heavens.

What does your Mother want from you? That you bring beside me, the child, your children and all children of the world. It is at my school that they will be able to learn to live their Christianity and be the consolation of the parents.

My soul was, from the first moment of conception, closely united with God, and how cannot I teach children to pray? You know how valuable the prayer of the innocents is. Sometimes certain miracles, even in your own Italy, are renewed only at the sound of the voice of children that are raised in prayer. Their innocence speaks more than the merits of many adults, who have the capability of mixing good with evil.

Many Christians are such in name only, so their prayer does not touch the threshold of Paradise. Children are the instrument of mercy, forgiveness and peace. Many times they pay for the adults as the Holy Innocents paid, slain by Herod's cruelty. Other times occur massacres of children; they are removed from the world to be saved from the dangers, and their sacrifice is valid to obtain the conversion of men.

Children, when brought up in the holy fear of God and his love, bless their parents and will bless them forever, if by word and example they have been able to learn God's Law and practise it.

Nobody can give what he does not have. That's why the education of children supposes a self education of parents. However, nobody can do the divine work of growing in holiness and grace without God's help. That is why around my crib, as around my altars, I desire the little children.

Spiritually, you can invite all the children of the world next to me, and I, like a good little sister, can instruct them. Moreover, what pleasure they give me those who concern themselves with those simple and innocent souls, that they may be preserved from dangers and that they may learn the way to Heaven! Many children, seduced and scandalized, lose purity and arrive at sin without having known virtue. What responsibilities for parents, teachers, educators, who not only do not prevent the evil, but teach it, so that the child grows up thinking that everything is permissible.

I bless the families in which, from the earliest dawn of life, consecrate children to me. I bless those families in which, even renouncing television shows, often damaging to the spirit, and often even to the body, gather to pray the evening Rosary. Many misfortunes have been

stopped, many illnesses averted through that song of love that parents have taught their children to raise to God, putting themselves in my company; a song to which the song of the angels has echoed.

Around my cradle that dominates the altar, you put a lot of flowers, of which I thank you. Around my cradle at my birth, there were many angels. But the most fragrant flowers, the angels who make me the most pleasing company are the children, to whom I give my most beautiful graces. Let not mothers fear to sacrifice them through a prayer, even if prolonged. They will get used to it, and with the grace that comes to them from Heaven, they will relish the things of God more than those of the earth.

And now I bless you all. To all those who care for children, my blessing. See you again, children. Do not forget my desires, and I will remember your own to fulfil them.

## **OFFER UP YOUR SUFFERINGS**

*September 10, 1975 (in Muggiò)*

Beloved children, how much joy it gives me this meeting! You are all my children, eager to love me and hear my word.

And how can a good mother not grant the desires of her own children? What would mothers not do to please their loved ones? Therefore, I am here. I am holy Mary. I am here to tell you once again: be holy! Your names are written in Heaven. There a seat of glory is prepared for each one, and you only have to be docile to my teachings and let yourselves be guided in order to get there.

The world sets itself human goals. Men aim at conquests of power, wealth and pleasure, but remain empty-handed and find only bitterness. Christians look at Heaven and catch a glimpse, beyond the stars, of their homes. The riches of the Christian does not have any comparison with the passing things of the worldly. The true Christian enjoys a true happiness already here on this earth, since, even in sorrow, in weariness, in adversity, he discovers the providential hand of God and perceives his love.

The Christian knows that he must carry the cross to be worthy of the Teacher, but he is not discouraged. He knows that, before him and just to mark the way, Jesus went to Calvary and was nailed on the cross. Christians see sorrow in the light of faith, and see it as a valuable currency used to buy a happy eternity.

I am here with you to say to you: Look at me, consider me, and see if your sorrows can be compared to mine. It is true that everyone feels heavy their cross, but I want to help you carry it, I want to make it mine, so that unbearableness that makes it heavier never enters in you, and that desperation that makes it unfruitful.

First of all, I want to say to you that all suffering on earth is the consequence of sin. I am not saying to you that each one does penance for his own sins, because there are the innocent who pay for the sinners, but that suffering, whether physical, moral or spiritual that hangs over the world, is the consequence of that first sin committed by our progenitors, for which they were stripped of all that was their heritage.

Every sin always brings bad consequences in the world, of which everyone feels the weight. The human family, though immense, is always a family and, as such, feels the consequences of that good or that evil that its members do. Is it not so also in your little families? Does a wicked son not destroy peace, harmony or an entire heritage? If therefore, sorrow is like a sentence that besets humanity, knowing how to value it is something greatly useful.

I was the Mother of Sorrows, and throughout my life I suffered for what would happen to me, for what happened to me, and for all that creatures of all ages would have inflicted on my

Son, hating Him, offending Him and crucifying Him in their hearts. What should I have done before such a painful spectacle that was prepared in front of my eyes? If I had renounced suffering, to whom would you have been able to confide your troubles? Well then, I accepted sorrow, and I blessed the Lord every day of my life, making Him a precious offering.

Behold, dear brothers and sisters, what you need to do to sanctify yourselves: to make everyday of your life a loving offering to the Father. Do you have any difficulties in the family? Do you have souls to convert? Are there sick to be healed? Do you also feel too weak to advise and act? Offer up your sufferings: every sorrow offered up becomes like a mouth that begs. Do you sometimes lack the strength to say vocal prayers, do you feel tired or discouraged? Offer up your sufferings. I never remain deaf, because I know all your troubles. I felt them reverberated in my heart, I have already made them mine.

Sorrow is the great weight that hangs over humanity, but it also the great means of redemption. You do not need to sit back on sorrow, you do not have to accept it passively, but to animate it with love to make it the most effective. If a physical suffering keeps you nailed to a chair and you put your suffering in God's heart and mine to help someone, you see things changing as if by magic. There are many sick in soul in the whole world who stretch out their hands to you for help.

Every consecrated soul can become a support for many souls, if he makes his own life an immolation. Every mother who is suffering can be the victim who saves. Everyone has a power within himself, if the grace of God that lives within him is accompanied by suffering and pain. The youth are the hope of tomorrow, but if a mother does not accustom them to sacrifice, they will be good for nothing. The exercise of the will lies in the sacrifice accepted and offered up, which makes one strong in the battle of life.

Children, let it not be a burden for you to linger long in prayer. It is a small sacrifice that will yield you so much grace. I bless you all.

To the teachers present I promise help for the next school year. Behave so that in you your pupils see me, and I will guard them and I will open their minds.

I bless the young people present: they will become my apostles, and shall have special graces.

I embrace you all one by one and I expect you always numerous and eager for conversion and virtues. See you again, children.

## **DO NOT BE AFRAID OF NOT SUCCEEDING**

*September 12, 1975*

Beloved children, with what love I welcome you to this place! You are the beautiful souls who, obedient to my call, have come to honour my name. Well then, do you know what I say to you? I want to write your names in my heart and never forget them.

I am holy Mary because the Father filled me with grace, the Son chose me for Mother and the Holy Spirit made me his Bride, and I, in the name of the Most Holy Trinity, invite you to sanctify your life so that your name becomes holy as well. Your name was given you on the day of Baptism. Many of you are called Mary, and your sponsors and your parents have made some good predictions on that day. Above all, they have wished you to be very good, true Christians. I desire you to be the best among my children. I desire for you to spread in this world in darkness, much light.

Now I repeat a phrase of the Gospel to you: "*Can a blind man lead another blind man? Or will they not both end up in the ditch?*" Children, you have light because you have faith, but to be able to enlighten others, you have to shine in your whole person as one who has a clear eye. It is therefore necessary that, through faith, you have to review what is to be



corrected in your behaviour.

Many defects are really removed even if small, if you want to please God. I will help you so that you might become perfect. You must give me your will and not be afraid to look at yourself well inside. Sometimes my children are too easy to see the faults in others, sometimes they even know how to read the intentions of others. Well then, you will put this insight into observing yourself. If you accomplish little by little this spiritual healing, I will not hesitate to call you holy.

Holiness is the vocation of all Christians, but for you who have had special gifts, it is even more necessary. Perhaps someone complains and says: What gifts have I had? My life has been just one large cross! And yet I tell you, that the gifts of grace that you have received have been great. Faith, a Christian family, uprightness of life: it is all a gift of God. But also the cross is a gift. If you learn to accept it and use it, you can be missionaries, martyrs, collaborators of Jesus and mine in the work of salvation.

Children, in the will of God that you accept every day, there is a whole set of graces that makes you ascend gradually towards holiness, towards Heaven, where I wait for you and where you shall be glorified in God with me. There are names gone down in history as abominable, names of persons who have harmed humanity. There are names that, after the death of those who bore them, have fallen into oblivion. And there are millions and millions of saints who live in the celestial spheres, that God does not forget and that men of all ages have invoked, and invoke. You are of these.

Do not be afraid of not succeeding, it is so easy to love the Lord. If you let a little love of God enter in all your days, you transform everything, you give your life a new imprint. It also becomes easier to love your neighbour, to forgive him, to understand him, and everything becomes brighter. This is how I want you and, as I thank you for having prayed really well, I assure you my help and my protection, and I still wait for you at this wonderful school, where I, as Teacher, go out of my way for all.

I bless you all, children. I bless those who have been your guides and have led you here. To all the Marys present, my best wishes and my embrace. To all, the assurance of my affection, that nothing will ever be able to diminish.

See you again, children. See you!

## **YOU HAVE TO BE REALLY GOOD**

*September 13, 1975*

My children, children redeemed by the blood of my Jesus and by my sufferings, be blessed. You have been called along diverse paths next to me, but the voice calling is the same: it is the voice of God, that wants to give comfort and help to his children. It is the voice of God, that is identified with mine as Comforter of the Afflicted and Help of Christians.

I am, therefore, here in your midst. Various categories of people are represented by you: priests, mothers, single women, single men, religious. There are those who are dedicated to public affairs, and those who in humble craft work spend their day. All, however, have a common name: you are Christians, and this is for you the greatest boast, and for me the greatest commitment.

Nothing is worth more in the world than that of being Christians, which is like saying of being committed to live as witnesses of Him who, being the Son of God, wished to become one of you, in order to lift you up from simple human beings to children of God. It is for me a commitment to see in you the reproduction and the continuation of my Son, for each one of you is but a member of his mystical body. You are, therefore, the conquest of Jesus and my inheritance. You are mine, and you all have to be saved, you all have to form my glory in God.

Children, to live as witnesses of Jesus, it is necessary to be those good trees that give good fruits. But where do the good fruits come from? From the heart, in which you have to cultivate that charity which makes you generous and good with all. There are hearts naturally good, that do not struggle to be meek and courteous to everyone. But there are many who, while they have an appearance of goodness, hide bad feelings.

You have to be really good, not like those whom Jesus called whitewashed tombs. You must cultivate within yourself thoughts of benevolence towards all, whereby that recklessness that makes you guilty before God must not enter in your judgment. Oh! children, I know that many of you have the body suffering from illnesses, that keep it as a slave, and you are not free to move and your will is like chained; but if in your heart will reign goodness, even the suffering will be cause for peace to you, since you will know how to give it; and those who are in spiritual and moral need, will feel in your gift a help.

Moreover, children, it will not be possible to be good except with the help of God, who is infinite goodness. That is why I urge you to strengthen your faith. If your mind is convinced of the eternal truths that govern the world and man, you will never feel alone, and you can be sure that the providence of God, directing every event and every moment of your life, will guide everything to a successful conclusion. Whoever rests safe in the arms of the Father, is not afraid of storms and gales, he knows he will be protected and defended. So, to keep that goodness, that balance that must direct your life, it is necessary to have the assurance of faith, which does not fail, even when things do not go too well and battles and conflicts are not lacking.

Children, be faithful, be good if you want your house, that is, your life to be built on the rock and if you want that neither wind, nor rain, nor hurricanes be able to destroy it. What did the saints do in their lives? Even if they did not do extraordinary things, they kept the faith and exercised charity.

You marvel that I can make use of a poor woman to communicate to others the will of God. And yet, I assure you that God needs each one of you, and even if He does not make you write or read, He asks for your contribution, your work to heal the world. Not many words are needed to perform the most important transformations; a lively faith is needed that makes you turn to God with prayer to ask for his help, a true love in the heart is needed, which is manifested in those works that are the tangible expression of charity, or in the offering of what each one possesses, ranging from grief to smile, to goodness in action, to forbearance.

Children, remember this well: I need each one of you, and there is none so poor that he has nothing to give. In a body that age or sickness has badly damaged, there is perhaps a heart sensitive to all the ills of the world, and man is worth precisely for what he has within. I need the religious and the priests, so that the Church may have a marvellous wonderful wave of grace among them. I need the laity, so that in contact with the world they can bring their testimony of faith in the uprightness of life.

I am here with you, and while I go about pronouncing the name of all, I have a special blessing for all. Of everyone I would like to speak of the problems, to say to each one: I know everything about you, but have trust! If you ask to be helped to be good, I too desire it. If you want to be holy, I too want it. I have a desire about you: that you may always be instruments of God in uniting hearts. Where division enters, the devil enters. If we are divided in families, it is he who puts discord. So in the parishes and everywhere. Be united and love each other all in the name of the Lord.

I bless this house, all those who live there and the people who come to gather there. See you again, children.

## **NEVER LET EVENING PRAYER BE MISSING**

*September 13, 1975*

Children so dear to me, be blessed for having come to hand me your evening greeting. There will come a day when the evening of life will demand my presence, and I will be happy to answer and return your greeting. I will come to help you and I will come to prepare you for your meeting with the Supreme Judge.

I would like in your homes, on your return, you greet me every night with the recitation of the Rosary. It is the prayer that unites the members of the family and makes it a beautiful unity, a beautiful wreath of flowers to offer to the Father through me.

I want to suggest another thought to you. Prayer is light and, as the evening lets darkness descend on the world, and the worldly with sin bring darkness into the world, you, with recourse to God, give to your soul that breath and that light which is at the same time, rest and joy. Never let therefore, evening prayer be missing, and make it a mutual gift and a gift of love to God.

I see among you religious and laity, priests and the young. I see you good and I can assure you that I am happy with you. I desire for you to be carriers of my word everywhere.

I desire that, through you, be reborn in the midst of Christianity that unity and that charity that the devil tries in every way to destroy and choke. Be united, if you want to be strong. Love each other, if you want to please God, since God is love and only he who loves is in God.

I bless you all, clasping you to my heart one by one. To the good I say: be better; and to those who are very good, I say: be heroic, that is, be holy. The Virgin, Mother of Divine Love, constantly watches over you.

See you again, children, and good night.

## **TO A GROUP OF PILGRIMS**

*September 14, 1975*

Beloved children, come close to my heart, come to welcome my word to make it your way of life. See how badly one lives far from God, far from me? I have words of life, which I received from my Son. Listen to me!

I want to recall to you one very important fact in the history of the Hebrew people. They had turned against God and against Moses, the Israelites, and God punished them by letting poisonous snakes come out of the ground which, biting them, caused their death. So the Israelites repented, and Moses prayed for them. God allowed himself to be appeased, and ordered the building of a metal snake and for it to be placed on a pole. Those who, being bitten, looked at the bronze snake, would be saved.

Children, the world is still like then. One rebels against God and the Church. It does not accept the law of charity and destroys, in violence and in crimes, every bond human and divine. It is necessary that you be again like Moses. It is necessary that you become intermediaries between earth and Heaven. It is necessary that, with an exemplary life and the acceptance of the cross, you point out to men that only in Jesus Christ crucified lies salvation. Your prayer, your action and your word is necessary.

God is infinitely good and eager to show mercy, rather than to punish, but intermediaries are needed, the good to supplicate Him, and who call back to conversion all those who deny Him and insult Him. I put my sorrows and my tears in your hands, that you may use them as means.

I bless you, children, and I strengthen you in faith and love. I bless the young, whom I desire to make true apostles of the faith. I bless all the mothers with all their troubles, and all those who work for the good success of your pilgrimages, which give me much consolation.

See you again, children. In humility and love, sow good everywhere. He who sows well, gathers well.

## THE CROSS, THE MEANS TO SALVATION

September 14, 1975

Beloved children, here you are with your Mother to celebrate the greatness of the cross. I should tell you that, from an instrument of ignominy, it became a glorious sign of salvation. Whoever, in fact, was sentenced to die nailed or tied to a cross, was really a criminal, thief and murderer, he must have sown chaos and evil everywhere. But what evil had my Son committed to be proposed to Barabbas and suffer such a martyrdom? He had gone about doing good, healing, forgiving, converting and calling all to love.

Oh! children, He had to confirm the cross and He had to, like the ancient serpent built by Moses by God's will, give salvation to man who, by sinning, had let himself be overcome by the evil snake, Satan. The cross was erected on Calvary, bearing the Man-God who had to ask for mercy to the Father.

O blessed cross, through you and with you all can hope to reach the Heaven! *"With this sign you will conquer,"* says my son to every Christian, and the Church makes it her symbol. Every sacred mystery, from the celebration of the Mass to the administration of the sacraments, is started and ended with the sign of the cross. The memory of Jesus' death coincides with the memory of his victories, and all that is good and sacred that is preserved in the world, is in the sign of the cross sanctified.

Every Christian makes the cross his symbol and his strength. It is thus that the martyrs went singing meeting the most burning punishments. In the sign of the cross missionaries depart for distant lands. In the sign of the cross souls and bodies of the couple should celebrate their wedding. The cross absolves you, the cross blesses you, the cross makes you holy. The precious blood of my Son falls on the wood of the cross, and from this, which extends to embrace the whole world, it falls on souls to purify them and fortify them, to gladden them and to assure them that none of those who believe and who love will be lost.

The cross is also, however, and above all, a sign of pain. You call cross those little sufferings that come to disturb your serenity and that sometimes you see with a magnifying glass, so they seem unbearable to you. To see the cross in its true light, you have to see it through the gift of faith. Only then the strength comes to you to do as my Son did, who ran to meet and embrace it. If the every day cross is loved, it's weight is no longer felt, because faith teaches you to make the cross the means of salvation.

I would like to find in the midst of you generous souls who learn to discover the preciousness of tears and who want to use them to decorate, as with gems, the royal throne. The cross is your only hope. All your pain, united to the body of Christ hanging from it, becomes a precious gem that flourishes in a moral and spiritual support for all. How many merits rejected for not wanting to submit the will to that daily martyrdom which is the fulfilment of one's duty! How many crosses have become odious to your eyes, because not seen in the light of faith! How much difficulty in living with those who make, of their own suffering, a continual occasion of complaints towards God and neighbour!

To the devil, who tempted Jesus by showing him the joys and worldly conquests, Jesus opposed his refusal in the name of his Father. To Peter, who advised Jesus against accepting the suffering, Jesus responded calling him "Satan." But what could He tell my children, whose only concern is to be released from the cross?

Without pain there is no remission, and if the sorrows of Jesus repair far and wide all the sins of the world, of all men of all times, however, it is necessary to be incorporated, with the personal contribution of pain and suffering, to that of the Son of God. God saves those who wish to be saved, but no one is exempt from pain, which is union with the Cross of the Saviour.

That's why I say to you: learn to bless the cross, so that when the Saviour will appear in the sky, triumphantly carrying the sign of salvation, in Him and through Him you may be able to be glorified, and you will be to the extent of the love with which you have suffered.

Children, I bless you with the sign of the cross to give you strength. See you again. May the joyous alleluia singing the praises of the cross, serve only to give you courage at all times of your life.

## **EVERY DAY THEY DIE UNPREPARED**

*September 15, 1975*

Children, so dear to me, both grace and peace to you and all good, so that you may be able to confidently and serenely take your cross and reach the heavenly Homeland victorious. I am pleased to be among you, who hold in special consideration my sorrows, and want to give me comfort. Am I not the Mother of Sorrows who, showing you my heart, can say to you: see if there be any sorrow like mine?

I witnessed the death of Jesus and with love I offered Him to the Father for the salvation of men. But you see how many reject salvation and pierce my Motherly heart. There is no suffering both hidden or rejected by me, in order to contribute for the salvation of my children, of those children that were entrusted to me in John by Jesus from the top of the cross. But the world does not want to recognize me as a Mother, and while insulting me and cursing me, it distances me, making way for the evil one who, through pride of mind, impurity of the heart and the wickedness of works, corrupts every creature.

You weep at times, despondent, the loss of a loved one; but I see souls break away from the true Church and accept error and heresy, I see souls who give themselves willingly to dishonesty and live detached from the mystical body of my Jesus. I see my beloved ones, those who, called by a particular vocation, have a special task and a mission of salvation, become instruments of perdition. I see degenerate parents, arbitrarily kill their own creatures, as if life were not a gift from God. I see spouses who destroy fidelity and do not care about the children other than on the material side.

I speak not of the sins that attracted the punishment of the universal Flood and of those that caused the destruction of entire cities, but I can truly say to you that the world is as dominated by the spirit of evil, which you can call of immodesty and lust. So every day, they die unprepared and without repentance for their sins, with hatred against God or in the most complete atheism, by which one does not want to believe in his existence.

Well I have reason to be grateful to you and to renew my promises of blessings to you. At least you who love me, know how to sympathize with my great sorrow, the loss of these children, and help me. I know that each one of you have a lot of worries and sorrows not indifferent, but if you love me, will you not want to do as I did and as I still do? Will you not want to join your pains to mine and turn them into a precious offering? My martyrdom was accepted and offered up at the foot of the cross. So you also do the same. At the foot of the Crucified, offer up your pains. Do you not want to accept the martyrdom of the heart? It is not difficult to accept it when one loves. Love transforms everything. Tears become gems, physical pains become currency.

If in your daily sacrifices you propose an intention, you get miracles. Do you have

children, husbands or relatives to be converted? Pay your tribute. You pay in person, it is true, but the joy of having given back a soul to God shall make up for everything. Many times you regret for the betrayals that you receive from loved ones and whom you have benefited. No, regret only that they are far from God, living in sin. Suffer for them, offer up your labours, your privations, your prayers with this sole intention: that these souls return to the faith and grace. If you lose the affections, if you are missing the material aids, it is nothing. It is the soul that counts.

When the Lord reigns in your mind with the good intention, with a true faith, when God in your heart triumphs with the presence of grace, which does not leave room for resentments, for grudges and hatred, you become the light that illuminates and calls back souls.

Be good, children! Trust in God, who never tries his creatures with crosses beyond their strength. Have trust, and illuminate your life with Christian hope. God could take away in an instant all pain, but He knows what pain is worth, how necessary it is as a means of purification and sanctification. Hope for what is best for you. This I want to grant you.

While I bless each one in particular, I cannot help but embrace the religious women who, under the auspices of St. Dominic, defend and spread that prayer that has the scent of a bouquet of roses. Yes, my daughters, I bless your family and your spiritual works. When you have special needs for your community and your family, get attached to the Rosary. It is like ringing a warning bell that calls Mother to your rescue.

I bless the young present. Dear children, call many to help the parochial works and to pray. Our Lady needs you.

I urge you children, that you stay united and pray.

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*Titles in the original Italian editions:*

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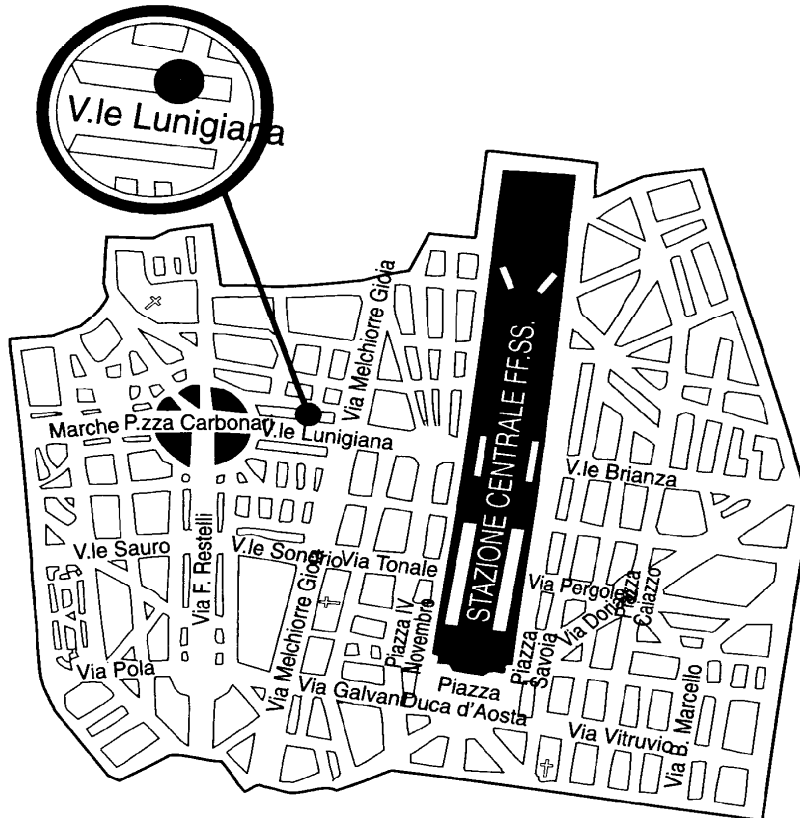




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The Message of Merciful Love was received by Mamma Carmela during a period which lasted some ten years, from 1968 to 1978. It ended in the year that Rome had at last lifted the suspension on the Divine Mercy revelations to Sister Faustina, who was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