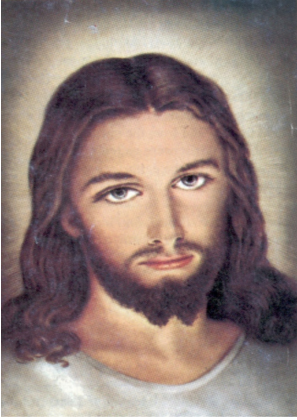




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THE IMAGE OF THE MERCIFUL JESUS

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

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

Milan, April 20, 1968.

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

Milan, September 5, 1968.

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

Milan, January 25, 1972.

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

Milan, May 4, 1972

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were inspired to a soul.*

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

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

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FAITH SAVES YOU

February 1, 1972

My beloved children, I am happy to listen and to take part in your prayer.

I gather with one hand and I give out gifts of love with the other, as I supplicate the Father, I supplicate my Jesus that He may wish to reward your faith and your constancy.

Souls full of faith like you resemble that woman who was sick for many years and who, slipping in amongst the crowd that followed the divine Teacher, thought: "If I succeed in touching the hem of his mantle, I am certain that I shall be cured." She succeeded in touching it and from that instant was cured, since through her faith a power had departed from the person of Jesus. In fact, He turned around and asked: "Who touched Me (Lk 8:45)?" They all marvelled at his question, and a disciple dared to say: "Teacher, you are surrounded on all sides and you ask who touched you?" But Jesus said to that woman: "Go in peace, your faith has saved you."

It is so, children. People are not aware, perhaps the members of your family mock you. There are good people who discourage you; who combat you. And yet your faith saves you, and not only you, since your faith lived out comes out like a power that also makes others live, heals them, helps them.

If you continue to have faith in spite of the crosses, the difficulties, the illnesses and go to Jesus not only with the desire of touching his mantle, but to nourish yourself with his immaculate flesh, a true transformation comes about in you.

The people are aware of nothing, but you can say with sincerity that a bit of Paradise is in your heart.

Sometimes you seem like soaring, you feel a great urge to sing. And yet, like other people, you are often in the midst of a sea of woes. See what faith can do!

Now I wish to recall to you another episode of the Gospel. Jairus had a sick daughter. He goes to Jesus and invites Him to go to his house to cure her. Jesus does not put any obstacle, and He goes with him. But before they arrive at the house, a servant goes out to meet them and informs that the daughter is dead and that therefore the Teacher must not be disturbed. But Jesus proceeds bringing along

Peter, James and John behind Him. Then, having reached the house, He says: "Do not weep, because the girl is not dead, but sleeps (Lk 8:52)." And those there mocked Him.

Children, I repeat it to you, your faith shall encounter mockery, I know, but your certainty, your firmness and your constancy shall be rewarded.

It is a girl in danger, it is a young woman dead, and it is the father this time who with the power of faith asks.

Mothers, fathers, it is still the youth in danger. It is their spiritual life, perhaps also their physical life, but go to the divine Teacher. Make use also of, in some cases, the priests, of those above all who demonstrate the faith of Peter, the strength of James, the purity of John, and work alongside your young ones with confidence, with goodness, with wisdom. Make use of the teachings of Jesus and bring them up in the most propitious moments with much humility and conviction.

And do not fear, it is always Jesus who works the miracles. It is He who takes these children by the hand. One word is enough for Him: "Get up!" And your children, if He speaks, cannot refuse Him.

Laughter gives way to wonder. You have to be indifferent to the behaviour of the crowd towards you. Seek Jesus by means of prayer, you make Him act through your faith and the miracles are accomplished.

So, my children, while I am pleased with you, look now I bring you to work in many fields: inside the family and out, wherever there is someone who is dead to the life of grace and to the sweetnesses of the Christian life.

And now, before giving you my blessing, which you will bring to your families, I ask you for a gift.

Tomorrow the Church will celebrate my Jesus who at forty days of life, by my means offers himself to the Father, ready to do his will in all things. I would like for each one of you, after having received in your heart my true and living Jesus, to renew that offering to the Father for the salvation of humanity.

I would like also that in the remembrance of my purification for everyone of you to feel a very lively desire to weep over your sins, so that a true purification may follow.

May the white candles that everyone of you shall bring to the altar, signify not only my purity, but also yours which honours me so much.

I embrace you, children. Goodbye! I bless you all.

**AT THE BASIS OF YOUR LIFE ALWAYS
PUT HUMILITY**

February 2, 1972 (at Seregno)

My dear and beloved children, how happy I am to be among you today in which the Church recalls two events so important for my life and for yours.

The presentation of my Child in the Temple was the acknowledging that He no longer belonged to me, but that the Father could dispose of Him as He wished. It was the first detachment. The most sorrowful one would have been on Calvary, but this was the first step, on the day in which I offered Him up to the Father.

There was on that occasion the holy old Simeon, a man illuminated by the Holy Spirit, who after having prophesied that my Child would have been a sign of contradiction, said to me that a sword would have pierced my heart.

I see here present many mothers, amongst whom also some young mothers, who are carrying out in their families that delicate task of educating their children. Well then, I would like to say to each one of them the same words that were addressed to me: your children shall be for you a sign of contradiction. By the way in which you nurture them will depend either salvation or perdition.

That's why I invite all mothers to make with generosity their offering to God of those creatures which the Lord in his goodness willed and wills to entrust to them.

Perhaps because of these children a sword shall pierce your heart also, in the moral and spiritual sense; but if you shall have consecrated them to God, none of them will be lost, since when you make an offering to the Lord, He accepts it and keeps the commitments that you have entrusted to Him. Have confidence in Him and have confidence in me who only tries to carry out his desires in you.

Another thing I must make you aware of. I presented myself at the Temple for the purification. It was a law imposed on all Hebrew mothers and I willingly subjected myself to it even if mine was a special case, the Lord not having permitted for me to lose my virginity. This act of humility and obedience pleased God very much, whereupon

He increased grace in me in an extraordinary way.

Dear children, this is the teaching that I want to give you: at the basis of your spiritual, individual and family life, always put humility.

Humility will draw to you so much help from God whereby nurturing your children, in the holy fear of God, will become an extremely easy thing.

Humility towards God will make you have recourse to Him in every difficulty, small or great, with assurance of being heard.

Humility with your neighbour, and first between your family members, will give you that serenity which derives from being understood, since the humble have a special capacity to understand others and to be understood. From this mutual understanding peace is derived.

Humility will make you small before your eyes, so that the crosses that others load on you will seem to you things so trivial and almost unimportant. You will consider yourselves even, worthy of many insults, so as to be grateful to whoever does you evil.

With humility, children, you fall into line with others not considering yourselves by any means superior to anyone, so as to make yourselves first of all be loved by God, who favours the humble, and then by everyone.

Children, it is so beautiful to make oneself little for the sake of God, who is the only Being truly great. When you approach Him with these sentiments of giving and humility, He welcomes you, purifies you and uses you as instruments of salvation.

Rejoice therefore, with me and live your life in good harmony with everyone.

Love one another, love me, and let the cross, even if it weighs on your heart, be accepted by you as a marvellous gift of love.

I bless you all, my children, and I start from the little children. I bless your families, your parishes and your towns. I bless your souls, which I present to the Father praying to Him that He may fill you always with new grace.

HAVE RECOURSE TO THE SAINTS

February 3, 1972 (at Muggiò)

My children, peace be to you, joy and love. Here I am: I look at

you and I love you. I love you as you are. I see you with all your weaknesses and with all your needs, and a very lively desire seizes me: that of being useful to each one of you so that everyone can have in his own heart that happiness for which man was created.

I give you my graces, children, graces of every sort. Now I would like to give you also some suggestions that may make you capable of receiving my graces.

When you go to pray, make a moment of recollection and place yourselves before God like a chalice waiting to be filled, or even like a flower that opens its own corolla to the evening or morning dew in order to shelter itself against the burning heat of the day. Your God of love will fill that chalice with himself, and the abundant dew of his divine favours shall refresh you, quench your thirst, give you comfort.

I said to you how to start off your prayer, now I give you an invitation supported by my personal experiences.

The Lord never abandons his creatures in the world, He never leaves them alone. He assists them and lets them be helped also by others. The angels watch over men and there are also the saints, who as good counsellors and helpers direct souls along their paths.

Saints there are in Heaven and on earth. When I presented myself at the Temple in order to offer my Child to the Father, Joseph was with me, who was a true support for me. In the Temple I found the holy old Simeon, who prepared me to welcome those sufferings to which I would have encountered in my life, with his prophecies, and I found Anna, who had already been my teacher during my student life and who procured for me so much joy with her tender affection.

In Limbo resided, with my holy parents, my holy ancestors, to whom I was able to turn to with faith asking help for everyone.

My life, children, has been all a suffering and my virtue had to be put to the test, since only by testing are merits acquired.

So I thank the Lord, who willed to give me during my mortal life, the help and the example of his saints. It must be the same thing also for you.

The most important action of your life is that of praying, since to pray is to put oneself in conversation with God. If when you pray you feel distracted, weak, incapable, this is the most efficacious and perfect means to make your prayer: have recourse to the saints. Their example, their help, their intercession is very efficacious.

There are some who say that if they wish to communicate with God

they go directly to Him, because they have no need to go elsewhere. It is true that God listens to everyone, but does it not seem to you much better to approach Him by means of his friends, who have served and loved Him in life and who now have no other desire than to intercede for you in Heaven?

Amongst these blessed friends, you can count your parents, your relatives who, having lived well and made a holy death, are now in eternal glory or in that place where purification and sanctification is completed.

When you find yourselves in difficulties, therefore, have recourse to the saints, have recourse to your heavenly Mother. Who knows you more than me? My beloved children, you have a place of honour here next to my heart, and you have only to address your petitions to me so that I may fly to your aid. I run to you more when you have the desire to make a very devout and loving conversation with your God.

Now I encourage you to continue and to persevere in this pious and devout assembly which is so pleasing to me.

I remind you with so much desire that on the day of the Virgin of Lourdes I shall be happy to be again amongst you and to give you blessings and graces.

To all present I give my embrace.

I wish to give an affectionate predilection to those daughters who, having maintained their virginity and perfect chastity their whole life, are today capable of renewing their complete offering to the Lord.

Today, the Church offers to God by means of its faithful, white candles. They stand to signify the offering of my Jesus to the Father, my offering and I would like it to signify also yours, dear virgin souls.

Therefore, may your faith, vivified by a very pure and timeless love, burn continuously before the altar of the Lord.

When you shall be introduced to the presence of the King, it shall be He himself who, calling you his beloved spouses, will crown you.

See you again, daughters, see you to all and to many others whom you will call here in order to learn from the Mother how to love and serve her divine Son.

THE AGES LIKE THE SEASONS OF THE YEAR
February 6, 1972

My beloved children, I am here with you. I am your Immaculate Mother. I am here and I am here willingly with you.

If in every parish there were a fervent prayer group like yours, many souls would be converted and the whole of Italy would be healed.

When I look at you and I listen to you, it seems to me that I feel everyone of you would like to ask me this question: "Will our heavenly Mother be happy with us?" And if I were to answer to each one in particular: "Be calm, my soul, yes, I am happy with you", I would see your eyes being illuminated, I would hear your hearts beat strongly and I am certain that you would make new and good intentions in order to make me more and more happy.

Well then, that's how it is! I come close to everyone of you and I say: courage, your faith pleases me, you going out of your way to make me known makes me very happy. However, I invite you also to that "more and more and better and better" that has given wings to the saints and has made them walk tirelessly in the way of good, searching for ever more deeper virtues and an ever more authentic witness of Jesus in the world.

When I look at my children, I see them like vineyards to be cultivated; and when you look at your life, you can see it as so, like the succession of the seasons of a year which show the vineyard in its different phases.

If the springtime of life smiles on you, you must see to the sowing of some flowers.

You see some trees in blossom and you feel sorry when, after the buds and the flowers, you see fall one by one those petals and those corollas that delighted your gaze.

If spring is beautiful, summer is the bearer of fruits. If you have sown well in your springtime of life, you shall gather the fruits in the fullness of mature age. Intentions mature, ideals are realized and everything profusely brings fruits of good.

Even the autumn of life is miraculous with beauty and fruits.

Sometimes it seems that the trees may give the best of themselves in order to make others happy, but as they bare themselves of their leaves, they let the richness of their multicoloured products be seen.

It is likewise also spiritually, and while many souls have assiduously worked to produce, to give, behold you find them bare of mate-

rial goods and rich with grace, with common sense, with capacity, rich with that divine science by which they can counsel and help children, relatives, grandchildren and neighbours with generosity and intelligence.

Then winter comes which seems to bury and destroy everything.

The wintertime of human life comes. The hairs become white, the smile sweeter, almost as if it were a pale ray of winter sun. Would you believe it, children? It seems the most useless and inactive time of life. But no. Does not the grain rot under the earth in order to be able to give the new ear?

This is the miracle of this age. It passes like a fine mist over the heads of the elderly. The memory becomes a bit slow, the heart more sensitive, the sufferings more acute, but inside, in union with God, in the most assiduous prayer, in the most continuous offering, the ear of sanctity matures and the soul prepares itself for its encounter with God.

It is a forced march and common to all, that of life, and like every season it has its marvels and its preciousness, so is your life. And it is a journey without the possibility of return. It is not possible for you to renew yourselves in body. The body is born, grows, ages and dies. Only in the spirit is it possible to renew oneself and take on vigour and strength.

Every season can be pleasing to God, who can approach the vineyard or the tree in whatever moment, at whatever age and ask for some fruits or some flowers.

Little plants just blossomed, He transplants them in the eternal gardens, and those are the most beautiful transplants since no noxious disease has yet made a dent on their vitality.

Sometimes they are trees with abundant vegetation and fruit. They are family fathers and mothers, who leave behind themselves a brood of children that seem not able to live without that tree. But no, from the eternal flowerbeds one can watch, love and guard whoever remains and whoever enjoys the fruits of the tree.

At other times they are old trees, and these dear little oldies, full of years and merits, present themselves to the Father.

Everything reminds you of them, as everything of the old tree is utilized: the trunk, the branches and even the leaves. Everything speaks of life lived out in a Christian way loving God, family and neighbour. The sayings, the proverbs, the teachings, the prayers, the

works become like that precious inheritance that the children receive and hand down without arguments, without regrets and without jealousy.

Have you heard, children, how you ought to spend your life? In this way, with the divine Sun that illuminates you, corroborated by grace.

Do you want to be happy in life? Live day to day, and make it into a perfumed gift of love to God and to the brethren.

Walk with assurance under the gaze of Him who gave birth to the seasons and who, following you in every age of your life, brings all to a good end.

I bless you, children, and I give you my loving and maternal embrace, saying to you with all my heart: see you again!

GOD IS THE ETERNAL WORD

February 6, 1972

Dear children, light and grace be to your souls. Here I am present amongst you and, as I address my greeting to you, I invite you to be truly that lit lamp which no one wants to put under the bushel if he wants to be illuminated and give light to others.

The words that you keep on repeating one to the other are dictated by eternal Wisdom who uncovers the true values to your minds. The words are light which, having penetrated in you, spreads itself.

The word is beautiful, since God is the eternal Word who speaks tirelessly to his children, and little by little that you will keep on communicating it also to others, you will feel the duty and the need to translate it into practice first of all for yourselves.

I am happy for it to set out from the family, the first place that must be illuminated; then in the places of study and work, up to arriving at transforming society and rendering it luminous in the light of God.

You have understood that sacrifice and self-denial have a power of conquest. When you wish to conquer by the force of your self-denial you resemble those souls who immolate themselves with my Jesus on the altar and who make themselves victims for others.

If you will walk along this path, the ideal of fraternal charity, joined together with that of sacrificing oneself for the brethren, will give you such a joy, a desire and a strength, that you will arrive at not desiring anything else but to sacrifice yourselves for everyone.

Children, do not fear of offering yourselves and do not fear of

making mistakes when the ideal of the apostolate draws you to the point of making you forget yourselves and your rights, since if the Lord takes you, He does not leave you halfway, but brings you to the heights of sanctity.

Love everyone, children, love deeply, love to the point of sacrifice.

Know that to find yourselves with Christ in sorrow is to be with Him in resurrection. I bless you and I love you. So long!

THE MOTHER OF TRUST

February 8, 1972

My beloved children, peace be to you.

I am the Mother of trust and my presence here has no other purpose than that of infusing courage in you in all those tribulations that accompany your life here below.

I wish to infuse hope and faith in you, because I know well God's behaviour towards his creatures. I know that He knows how to draw good from evil and uses the most unsuited instruments in order to reach its proper end, the salvation of souls, and I know that He is a faithful God, who always keeps his promises.

I remind to you for that purpose the promise made to Abraham. He said, therefore: "I shall give you as many children as the stars of heaven" and, after having made this promise, asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, his only son, to Him on the mountain. Before such a request and that promise, you would have been stunned. Abraham, who lived by faith and knew that God never lies, was not.

Men see things very differently to how the Lord sees them and it is for this that one needs to trust in Him.

I beg you, glance over with me just a few features of the life of my Son. Perhaps you think that by putting a paste of saliva and mud one can restore or give sight to the blind? Perhaps you think that it is enough to put your fingers in the ears of the deaf in order to make them hear? Is it not perhaps true that my Jesus commanded the waves of the sea and calmed the tempests also only with the sound of his voice? And death, did it not change to life through his command?

You see therefore, that everything can be changed in the life of man. God can give a remedy to everything. Disease, imperfection, weakness, death are dominated by Him and overcome.

And you see still other fruits.

You weep many times over the moral ruin of your loved ones. Like Martha and Lazarus you weep over that daughter who does not listen to you and who has changed course. But look at my Jesus, He looks at Mary and, with a gaze that pokes around deep in her soul, Mary is shaken and won over at the same time. From a woman of the world Jesus draws out an apostle.

And was it not a powerful look that called Peter back and which made him weep bitterly over his sin?

God keeps at his disposal the most efficacious means. One needs to know how to ask for them, to know how to make Him use them. Miracles are in his power. Who would be ever able to accomplish that miracle, that will continue for all centuries, of changing bread and wine into his Body and into his Blood?

Trust is needed, one needs to believe, one needs to see well what one asks for. Why does the loss of things grieve you so much and the loss of grace disturbs you so little? Perhaps you think the body is worth more than the soul? Perhaps you think that what passes is worth more than what lasts eternally?

God commands and can change and overcome the laws of nature, He can transform the will of man and direct it to good and He does not want for his children to get lost in trifles when all are called to the conquest of the eternal kingdom.

In this way, children, you must walk confidently, learning to look the sorrowful and happy events of life in the face saying your fiat with me.

If you were to assess everything, you will establish that many tears have been wasted by you, while there are sorrows much graver next to you, sorrows with no remedy if you do not take remedial action, that concern your salvation and that of your loved ones.

Time passes quickly, my children! Clouds more and more threatening cross the horizon. Here the earth quakes, there a plane falls into the sea; here a carriage knocks over another, there a house is knocked to the ground. And together with all these calamities, there are others created by the wickedness of men. But why don't they think?

One flees from the city to the country, one says: I do not want to get on an airplane, the car can lead me to death, I am going by train. But no, children, continue along any path, stay here or there, it does not matter. The thing that matters most is this: to live in grace because only by it death is life, blindness is light, misery is wealth, sorrow is joy. Ask for everything confidently, children, but first thing of all ask for salvation.

If you were able to see what hell is for only one instant, I assure you, you would remain terrorised. Hell is a reality, children, the most sorrowful of realities.

Your children distance themselves from you and you suffer, but no one shall ever be able to give those children back to you if they are lost.

Make a comparison, make an analysis, draw out the consequences.

If you work, pray, weep because your loved ones have lost the grace, because you do not live immersed in God thinking about his interests, I, Mother of trust, say to you: you do well. If you get lost in the things that pass, change course. Look at Heaven and do not forget that death comes like a thief, when you least expect it.

I bless you and I love you, children. All that I say to you comes from my heart and I desire that it become an object of meditation on your part.

So long, children, see you again.

PRAYER AND PENANCE

February 11, 1972

My dear and beloved children, grazie, grazie, grazie to you! This is not however only the word that expresses gratitude, but also a promise. I thank you and I give you graces.

The graces are so numerous that, if you were to know them, you would break out into a hymn of gratitude and love and you would no longer wish to move away from my Jesus and from me.

I am the Immaculate. I am the same Virgin and Mother of God who appeared above a rubbish dump to a poor, weak and suffering girl, who loved me so much.

I am here again in order to address my invitations to you. I speak

to you from this little throne which I consider my little Lourdes and I speak to you in favour of another rubbish dump very much greater than that of Lourdes, the rubbish dump of the world, where a lot of corruption and a lot of dirt reigns.

I ask you again like then, for prayer and penance. They are the two means to purify souls.

You will say to me that you are already doing too much and I know it and I see with what enthusiasm you sacrifice yourselves for me and love me. This is the reason for my gratitude.

But don't you want to help me to save the many, the too many children who are getting lost? Do you not want to accept and offer up all that life is daily preparing for you serenely in order to help the lapsed, those who, fallen into the mire, need only your contribution in order to raise themselves up?

What does it matter if you do not know those who benefit from your sacrifice? What does it matter if no one knows about your suffering?

God who knows everything has to compensate you. He who saves man by means of man, will keep count of everything. Make, I beg you, your daily sacrifices your joy.

Trust in providence and faith must not be lacking and you must never doubt God's goodness when you are being tried, since it is exactly in that way that you testify your love for Him.

If you were to accustom yourselves to all those sufferings to which no one is exempted, little things, you will learn to master your body so as to keep it truly restrained in everything. The more you concede to your body the more it asks you, just like the donkey who is given oats. The donkey becomes recalcitrant and does not want any other food. If you do not keep a brake on the body, it will always ask you for new things and its dissatisfaction will be reflected on your character and on family peace.

Little things are worth a lot if they are good, and little bad things can bring serious consequences.

Children, love sacrifice, I repeat to you, which makes your prayer precious and never fear of giving too much. If you give willingly you do well; if you do not want to give, the Lord will impose some sacrifices: certain sleepless nights, certain illnesses are a call from God for penance and prayer.

You will say: "The Mother always says and asks the same. She al-

ways speaks of sorrow, pain and love.” I cannot point out another road to you, neither for yourselves nor for others. If there had been another one easier, more convenient, I, who loves you, would have led you along that one. But it is the road travelled on by my Son, by me and by all the saints. Did not Jesus say to you: “Whoever wishes to come after Me, let him take up his cross, deny himself and follow Me (Mt 16:24)?”

In this way you will become that voice which cries in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord (Mt 3:3)!”. So, if you will seek to bring others also to your following, without complaining, with a smile on your lips, with the cross on your shoulders, you will be walking behind Jesus and there will be many who will imitate you and say: “If they are able to do it, why can’t we?”

The days of the devil’s harvest are approaching. They are the last days of the carnival, in which my heart is very exacerbated.

You shall multiply your acts of love. You shall multiply your encounters with me and with my Son. You shall repair, you shall supplicate for everyone.

I shall keep on repeating to you my desires, while I whisper to you: I do not promise to make you happy in this life but in the next, and meanwhile a deep joy shall fill your heart, since in prayer and suffering you will have found the Lord.

My children, I love you so much and I bless you embracing you. When we shall find each other all united in the celestial spheres, it will be a great joy for everyone to see the miracles of grace that God worked through you.

THE PRESENCE OF JESUS BRINGS HAPPINESS

February 13, 1972

My children, good evening to you! I am here to tell you that you rightly call me “Cause of your joy”, because I have brought to you Him who can gladden the heavens and the earth with his immensity and greatness and with his love.

Did not the angels say to the shepherds: “I announce to you a great joy. Today at Bethlehem the Saviour is born (Lk 2:10-11).”? It was Him, my Jesus, who was able to give gladness, serenity and peace to all hearts.

Still today the same announcement on my part is repeated, and to all those who wish to enjoy paradisaical joys, I say: here, I give you my Son. He is always the same, the Son of God. God is happiness without end and whoever welcomes Him enjoys Him up to feeling his heart explode with joy.

Already his nearness, when He lived among men, gave joy. Do you remember Peter, James and John on Tabor? Jesus had uncovered a strip of his divinity. That was enough for the apostles to not understand anything more, to the point of asking to remain always on the mountain in contemplation.

And the crowd that followed Him and hung on his word, is it not true that they even forgot food and rest in order to listen to Him, in order to stay close to Him?

In this way, children, do you recall the disciples of Emmaus? They were with Him and felt their hearts beat faster and they exulted.

The presence of Jesus brings happiness to hearts. You also can verify it, when you are moved and you fill up with tenderness and joy before the little signs that bear witness to his presence amongst you.

Oh, if you would truly like to take advantage of it! If you would like to recall every time that you gather in prayer here and also elsewhere, the words of Jesus: "Where two or more persons are gathered to pray, I shall be with them (Mt 18:20)." Do not forget this commitment on the part of my Lord and rejoice since you are never alone to supplicate the Father.

May your joy be true and complete in the possible limit. May you have that serenity which derives from the affection that unites you, like that which united the early Christians.

Even in the moment of trial they rejoiced. Have you not read that "they went cheerful to their martyrdom, happy to be able to suffer something for Him, for Jesus?"

Everything becomes joyful for the true Christian, who in every happy or sad event knows how to welcome the will of God and find a motive to give Him glory.

Have you not perhaps met souls who at the height of their suffering knew how to sing praises to God? Have you not had the example of many saints, who even in the most crucial moment of their life, the last point in which they had to render their soul to God, sang or wanted others to sing and called death "sister"? And as such did they not welcome death with goodwill and with joy, certain that it held the key

of Paradise?

The life of the Christian is a hard battle to be fought with seriousness but also with serenity and with joy, since on your side there is an unbeatable Captain and, by entrusting yourselves to Him, victory is certain. To lead you into battle there is your Queen, always triumphant.

Come on, therefore, children! I desire to change every bitterness into joy for you. Look your life in the face and say: "We are walking towards the summit. We must sanctify ourselves. Sanctity is joyful, since it is also true that a sad saint is an unhappy saint."

Sanctity is the possession of God inside you in the most complete way. You must not possess any type of Jesus. Just as I have given Him to you, so you must possess and give Him.

Jesus is the Saviour. If He is in you with his grace, He saves you. Jesus is the Redeemer. He wishes to redeem all men. He wishes to free them from the slavery of Satan, He wishes to give liberty to everyone. Liberty is life. If it is used for good, it gives joy.

Oh, the joy of the good done, how efficacious it is and beautiful! A Christian who does good joyfully, does double the good: he does a material good and a moral good. Whoever lives with serene people, gains spiritually and physically. Even his health, yes, benefits from it. You are used to saying that laughter is good medicine; I say to you better still: that joy prolongs your life.

You will say: but is not the hour of our death fixed? Yes, but if your life shall have been joyful in the sense that you shall have spread joy, even your memory, rendered more alive in those who remain, shall be like an extension of your life.

Be serene, children! At times you get upset because your loved ones do not believe all that you believe. But no, be grateful to the Lord for the gift that He gives you, and ask it also for them. If you shall be serene, they shall be convinced that you have learned some beautiful and great things and with time they also shall believe.

Not by force, not with the lash, nor with a scowl on his face did my Jesus teach his doctrine. He has said to you: "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart (Mt 11:29).", and He has not altered except on very rare occasions when He had to show by force the zeal that devoured his Heart and show how the house of God is the house of prayer. He had strong words to condemn pride and imposture because He had to make known the gravity of these defects.

Love peace, learn to keep it in your heart, overcoming also the difficulties that surround you. Learn to rejoice in every little thing and spread the spirit of optimism, thanking everyone and always with enthusiasm.

Children, may your Mother be always a cause of joy to you, an unchangeable joy that continues into Paradise, where my Jesus shall give himself to each one in a perfect way.

I bless you, my children, and I love you. See you again now and always!

REPARATION PRAYER

February 14, 1972

My beloved children, rekindle your faith and see us with you every time that you gather together, be it when you want to ask for favours, or when you have desires of love and reparation. We are here and we bless you.

You are here like those good friends, like those good children who never wish to detach yourselves from us and who enjoy our tenderness, even when you do not know how to understand or appreciate them.

Sometimes even you, dear mothers, and even you fathers, conceal under a serious aspect a tender heart full of affection.

It is the same with us. We ask you always for something, now tears, now a physical suffering, another time a moral suffering. We know that these things are precious for us, for you and for others. We conceal in this way our love.

Whoever understands us knows that these requests are asked of friends. Whoever does not love us and does not understand us, blasphemes, rebels and calls God unjust.

Do not be amazed of this behaviour be it on the part of God or on the part of your fellow men. Are not many people of this world many times classified as evil, even if they seek or think of doing good to everyone?

You be good, have faith and believe in my Motherly love which I draw from the most loving Heart of my Jesus.

Look, I would like for an instant, as Queen of the world, to bring you with me above the clouds, into infinite space and I would like to

show you all the men of earth. You would remain horrified. You would see like a sea of souls turned against God in order to curse and turned against themselves in order to hate and combat each other.

If I were to point out to you as sick all those who are in mortal sin, I would have to say to you that the world is an immense hospital.

Well then, just as you have recourse to the doctor for treatment so that he may heal all the aching parts of your body, so the Lord does not leave men without treatment, which actually He himself becomes Doctor and chooses his collaborators so that all the suitable remedies may be administered. You are numbered amongst those. Your strength resides above all in prayer, but your experience as assistant doctors you do exactly by going through those difficulties that many of your brethren have encountered and do encounter.

That's why I thank you for this beautiful prayer of reparation. With it you give me a hand in repairing the tears, exactly as mothers do when their children, after playing or after a rough ascent in the woods, repair the clothes that they, stumbling, have ruined. In this way I rearrange. You prepare the cotton, the needle, the thimble for me; you help me, you give me relief, you continue my work.

In what way? With prayer, which in the end is love. Then there are the experiences. You approach many, you can approach relatives and friends, acquaintances and strangers. You approach them by taking an interest in their cases, not considering yourselves superior, but like persons who have gone the same way. What makes you communicate with them, with everyone is charity, that virtue that makes you laugh with those who laugh, weep with those who weep.

Once you have understood what the illness is with which these dear children are affected, you present them to the heavenly Doctor, to the head physician of the hospital, you would say, whose job it is to give his opinion to make known the medical report to the patients. If your work is submissive and subordinated to that of my Jesus, many healings will come about in this world. Many souls shall be saved. How I would like to speak to you one by one and teach you to draw profit from everything.

There is someone, every so often, who says: "Jesus, you carry a very heavy cross, put it a little on my shoulders!" How beautiful is this invitation. The carrying of the cross of Jesus is an act of reparation for many who rebel. Reparation is to give joy in the place of whoever makes one suffer.

The carnival in itself could also be a good thing. If the enjoyment were to be understood as a relief of the mind, of the heart, of the body, as physical and spiritual rest, it would be blessed. But you see that it is not so. Many of my children transform this period of the year into a madness and the world into a madhouse.

Well then, may the reparation heal and make the mentally sick come to their senses, who disfigure the meaning of life, of faith, of morality.

Children, if you repair, you console me and my Jesus. If you repair you contribute to the health of the spiritually sick. If you repair you earn some merits, you pay for those who do not pay and you become creditors to the bank of God.

As long as you live on earth, you can increase your spiritual patrimony and with little, you gain much.

Continue in these days this charitable work of reparation; it will happen to you like to the apostles who were following Jesus and were pained because they had with them only one loaf and a few fish to feed a multitude of people. But what did my Jesus do? He multiplied them in his hands.

Even each one of you has little. It is only one loaf that of your prayer and your sacrifice, of your collaboration, but give that loaf to Him and you will see how many persons will be transformed by this offering.

Children, I bless you all. To those who have come for the first time: come back! To those who usually come I say: persevere! To all I say: love, pray and repair.

BE JOYFUL

February 19, 1972

My beloved children, I am glad to address to you my maternal and affectionate word and to reciprocate your sacrifice with that sweetness with which during this night I will go filling your heart.

You have gathered here with a double aim. You have the desire to repair the excesses of the world and to cover with a cloak of purity and love the ugly things with which it keeps on covering itself and you want to get holy Lent off to a good start, which prepares you for the resurrection of Jesus, after having pointed out to you his passion

and death through which one reaches life.

However, I desire that you realize how the words that a few days ago I addressed to you correspond to the truth. I have said to you that where my Jesus is, joy is there. We are here with you. That's why your joy must be complete.

I wish to repeat to you the invitation that my Jesus used to make to his apostles: be joyful, and may everyone realize that staying with Jesus is sweet paradise.

Is it not true that you do not envy the worldly who waste their time in sinful enjoyments? I assure you that leaving here you will feel much lighter. The crosses that weigh on your shoulders and more still on your heart, I will sweeten them for you. If everyone will form the intention of wanting to keep that joy which you acquire here in spite of the adversities, you shall have much more courage.

Why are you unable to understand that God wants you all happy? What does it matter that there are battles to overcome? Does the child in the arms of its father or mother get disturbed, even if he has to cross a river or go up a mountain? The baby has confidence in his parents and knows that he will be protected and saved by them. The baby lives serenely if he knows that he is protected and guided. You are the same, my little children.

The Father who watches over his children one by one, who answers every call, keeps you close to Him. Your heavenly Mother has no other task than that of assisting you and leading you to salvation.

Be joyful. Joy is like a fountain that, sending water on all those who thirst, quenches them and refreshes them. Joy is like an aroma of savoury bread that invites others to taste it. Joy is like a spring of light that makes its rays rain down on whoever is in obscurity and in darkness.

Be joyful, I repeat to you. God is the fount of joy. Fill yourselves up with Him by loving Him and spread Him by making Him loved. If you will understand this truth, you will not have to envy those who live differently from you.

The young aspire to matrimony and run in search of the soul that can procure them joy. Children, the search must be done in this way: seek God in the soul that you meet, since it is God who binds hearts and keeps them united. Only in this way is there joy.

Fathers, mothers seek joy and they ask for it from their children. They desire that their children be good, for their satisfaction. No, no. They must carry and preserve God in the heart of their offspring. Only in this way one achieves a common joy.

The religious and consecrated seek sanctity, a sanctity made to their liking in which personal satisfaction has a lot of importance. No, children, you must seek God, a crucified God, embracing whom you will be able to say: "I fear nothing, neither sickness, nor death, nor persecution." Rather you will be able to say that to serve God is to reign, and you shall have perfect gladness.

To all I say therefore, with all the affection of my heart: continue to seek God in everything. Whether you pray as when you work, or suffer, or love, or rejoice, or weep, or study. Seek God if you want to be happy in this life and in the other.

Your prayer which is occupying the hours of the night, has reparation as its purpose. You are putting God in his place, where the ungrateful, the wicked, the unbelievers have chased Him away. You give Him the hearts of men, in which evil thoughts and impure affections keep on nestling themselves. You offer to God the minds of men so that the light of truth may make headway.

You offer work that men do in the world so much as enforced as to make it resemble the work of beasts of burden or to forced labour, and so, by making this offering, you bring God amongst the workers and you render them more good and more serene.

But now I beg you myself saying to you: bring God into your churches with your assiduous prayer full of faith that may draw others and, communicating God to everyone, you may be able to give to all my children comfort and joy, even to those who do not know how to draw it from the fountain. This is how your reparation must be. In this way you too shall be pleasing to God.

I bless you, children. We will continue the lesson later on and we shall tell you what it will be necessary to do in order to sanctify the Lenten season. If you love me, like me you are giving proof of it, nothing will seem hard or impossible for you.

Seek to realize in your life what the will of God is in your regard. There is a will of God common to all. It is this: that everyone may seek and love God with all his heart and that he love his neighbour as himself. On this foundation everyone must construct his own spiritual edifice according to the grace that God gives him.

Later I will tell you in more detail. In the meantime, let it be a comfort to you to know that from this night of prayer numerous graces of conversion, of sanctification and a joy without limit will gush forth.

TO THE YOUNG

February 20, 1972

My beloved children, you have done well to impress your experiences on sacrifice. I myself have suggested to you those good thoughts and I will help you to translate them into practice in this Lenten period.

It is the Church that invites the faithful to sacrifice in this season and in order to impose it or ask it from the believers, it bases itself on the example of Jesus who wished to prepare himself for his public life by fasting for forty days.

Again the Church bases itself on the teaching of Jesus and on the categorical command that said: "If you do not do penance you shall all likewise perish (Lk 13:3)."

The best penance shall be a true conversion to God. All must be converted: the wicked must become good, the good better. The word conversion clearly says to you that you must converge your life towards someone who wants your perfection. God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end of everything. To bring back to Him one's life is a thing of great importance, since the more you get closer to Him, the more you will perceive in yourself what is defective.

During this Lent try to do this work of purification of your soul. Conversion requires sacrifice, because it is the renouncing to what forms your taste, but if you will learn to take away the scum that covers your spirituality, you will be happy and you will feel more and more lighter.

The search to acquire the virtues opposite to the defects that you will take away, will be the positive part which I will help you to achieve.

Do not forget that today more than ever the devil, the world and the flesh claim their rights, to which you must oppose yours. The rights of the Christian are in harmony with those of the Son of God.

They are rights of salvation and sanctity.

Children, against the triple temptation learn to react with the triple motto: pray, sacrifice and fidelity. If you practise it, you will become invincible. In prayer you will find God, in sacrifice you will show Him your love and in fidelity you will keep that grace without which the life of the Christian is a failure.

I bless you, children, I charge you to bring my blessing to your loved ones. Speak about me and love me as I love you.

A PROGRAMME FOR LENT

February 20, 1972

My beloved children, here you are with me again to enjoy my favours and my tenderness. How many persons also good and worthy do not enjoy these spiritual joys. Some perhaps are held back in a bed. Others are hindered and combated perhaps even by those who ought to encourage and help them. You are fortunate that, helped by grace, exercising your faith, you have come to enjoy here with us some very pure joys.

You also develop a religious culture with our lessons, which then you are capable of communicating to others. It is true that the lessons that you hear you seem to forget them, but at the right moment, when it is necessary, my teachings come back to your mind and you learn to choose between the good and the evil, between the good and the best. The true divine wisdom enters in you which all Christians need so much.

Today, the first day of Lent for you, my instruction is addressed especially to indicate to you a programme to follow in this period.

When in the Gospel the life of my Jesus was synthesized, it was said: "He went about doing good (Acts 10:38)", and yet again it was said: "He did everything well."

I would like for this to be your special task to do good and to do it well. What shall be the good that God asks you? They are the duties towards God, towards your neighbour and towards yourselves.

If you think about the first duties, you must include prayer. He who prays accomplishes a duty that God, in his infinite goodness, has imposed on men having linked his graces to them and even eternal salvation.

You therefore, in this Lent shall pray and you shall pray well. Re-

member that prayer is the elevation of the mind and heart to God, whereby, in order to be made well, it cannot be made on the lips; it is something that comes from deep within the heart and which rises like perfumed incense towards God. It is not the many words that render one worthy of being heard, but it is the adhesion of your heart to the heart of God, in the love that unites you to Him. The formulas help prayer, if you utter them thinking about what you say.

You ought not multiply your pious practices, but two prayers you cannot leave out if you wish to please me: Holy Mass, which is the official prayer of the Church and the Rosary, which recalls in its mysteries the life of Jesus, so as to be a little Gospel within reach of all. I limit myself to this duty towards God because I am certain that, if you do it well, it will bring its fruits.

Then there is the duty towards your neighbour. It is the carrying out of those corporal and spiritual works of mercy that speak about the charity that you must exercise towards the needy. Your first neighbour are your family members, to whom you must dedicate your considerate and assiduous care.

Do not think that you have to go very far away in order to give food to the hungry, since every good father who works in order to earn the daily bread and the mother who prepares the food for her children exercise continually these virtues.

If you were to go over the works of mercy one by one, you would see that in the course of the day you will have a way of doing many of them. All the difficulty is in doing them well and in knowing how to organize and conduct the family routine in such a way that a bit of time can be dedicated also to others, without it bringing disorder into the family.

Your works have to be luminous, so that your neighbour through them may praise the Father giving Him glory.

There are also some duties towards yourselves that also are to be held in consideration, putting in the first place the soul and then the body. The soul also, and it above all, needs to be nourished and fortified. The divine Bread is the food of the soul, the divine Word is its light, it is its closeness to God which gives it oxygen and strength.

The body is the instrument of the soul, to which it must be submitted. The body is the tabernacle that guards a precious treasure, the sweet Guest. My Jesus has said: "If you love Me, the Father will love you and we shall come in you and we shall establish our abode in you

(Jn 14:23).”

The body enjoys a particularly important gift when it is healthy, since you also know that if you are physically robust, it is easier for you to do good. Guarding your health is a duty which however, you must not overvalue. You must not keep in consideration too much the demands of the body, since it will always keep asking you for more. Knowing how to govern your body with the law of mortification is to reinvigorate it, just as its members are strengthened by doing exercise. Imposing on the body some sacrifice like a fixed hour for rising or for sleeping and moderating certain foods and drinks and certain things of little or no need, is beneficial, since the will is exercised becoming masters of one's self.

Here repeated to you in brief is a programme of life, children. If you try to carry it out, you will find yourselves so happy. It might be said also of you: “He did everything well.”

And now I wish you a holy Lent and, pressing you to my heart, I bless you.

FILL YOURSELVES WITH GOD

February 22, 1972

My beloved children, children of my heart, children whom I love more than myself, behold, I am here to give you the divine word, I sow it into your hearts and I water it with my tears, because I desire that the harvest be more and more abundant. You do not hear, it is true, my voice, but believe me you hear the echo, it repeats itself in the air and spreads itself.

My children, just as the water that comes down from the heaven penetrates into the ground and makes it fertile before reascending up to the heaven, so I shall not let my word fall in vain in your hearts. I shall make it bear fruit until, you yourselves having become the living word, you will be able to look with confidence, to desire and to return to Heaven.

Children, how many things I would like to teach and inculcate into you that you ought not forget anymore. I would like to speak to you about what can happen to you in order to predispose your minds to accepting with equal serenity the good and adverse fortune, but I prefer to say to you: children, believe in the love of God for you. Be-

lieve that He never forgets you, and that He has only one sole desire in your regard: that of making you happy. Happiness is the aspiration of man. God himself has placed this aspiration in the heart of his creatures. What in Him is a reality, in man is a desire.

With all his strength man inclines to happiness, just as he aspires to reach the high peaks, the good job, the glory, the profession, the riches. But, alas, the heart of man is insatiable and, having reached a destination, desires another, whereby the dream fades away into disillusionment.

One only is the destination that can satisfy every desire and make one happy. It is the pinnacle of sanctity. You are all called to reach it by the loving will of God. Therefore, be holy, be happy. In order to be holy you must fill yourselves with God. How will you be able to fill yourselves with Him if you are full of yourselves? This is the first work which I will help you to accomplish.

There are many people who assert that they love Jesus and would like to sacrifice their life for Him. Jesus is pleased with these holy desires, but He desires that you free yourself from yourself, because He wants himself to love God in you and to sacrifice himself in you.

When your works, your thoughts, your affections are fruit of your will and your ego, they have a very limited value. But if everything is realized by God in you, it assumes an infinite value.

I have said to you that God loves you and wants you happy. Your response must be equal to his giving. He gives himself to you out of love, you too must give yourselves and say to Him: I love You.

Love renders one similar, love excludes the betrayals, love does not put limits on sacrifice. "If you love Me deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow Me.", Jesus has told you. You could say to me: "How, Mother, do you speak to us about happiness and at the same time about denial and the cross?" Yes, children, because love is nothing else but emptying oneself and transforming oneself into he whom one loves. You transform yourselves in God. He is happiness in essence.

When at the school of Jesus and mine one understands the value of sorrow, one becomes wise, one becomes saints and happiness overflows up to saying: I overabound with joy in the midst of tribulations.

I would like to teach you to empty yourselves, so that every aspiration of yours may become the glory of God and, filled with Him, you may be able to transmit Him and make Him loved. God, in his infinite

providence, directs all the interests that are a part of your material needs. Have you not seen how many times, unbeknown to you and to your great surprise, things were realized that you did not even dare think about?

The Gospel is a reality that is perpetuated in all centuries. Jesus has said: "Seek in the first place the Kingdom of God and his justice. All the rest shall be given to you as well (Lk 12:31)." Empty yourselves out, empty of worries. Entrust them to God and behave so that the Kingdom of God with his grace may take possession of your hearts.

I seem to hear someone who, complaining, says: "But I am a father of a family and I do not succeed in resolving my problems." Others will say to me: "I am a desperate mother who is unable to remove what is evil in my home."

Children, you have difficult problems, I know. Many things are dear to your heart which one must consider, since we are dealing with the good of your children, of your neighbour.

Well then, do you know what I say to you, children? On your part put as much of common sense, of love for work and of good will as is possible for you. Try to remove sin from your soul and from your family. Bring God with prayer and trust. Do not grieve except over sin, and you will see miracles of providence. Have you not reached many times unhoping for things?

Courage! God is good and loves you with an infinite love. You love Him too, fill yourselves with Him and happiness shall be your companion. Happiness not as the world understands it, but the true one which derives from peace of conscience, in the certainty of having done one's duty for the sake of God.

My children, I bless you all. Be serene. Love one another and help each other. Whoever has more, let him help he who has less. Whoever has less let him be serene and turn to God so that He may enlighten him, so as to render useful all that could be considered nothing.

May the wisdom of God illuminate and guide you, so that everyone may be able to put joy and hope into the heart of their brother.

I am always your Immaculate Mother who loves you and helps you. Goodbye, children. See you again.

TO THE DOCTORS

February 23, 1972

My beloved children, how dear it is to me that you want to deepen the divine truths and that you desire to have a programme traced out in order to adhere to it and carry on in conformity to the will and to the Law of God. I am here to please you and to trace out the rule along which you will walk straight along the way of the Lord.

Children, allow me, for one moment only, to speak to you about myself and tell you how great was my love for God and how great my love is that I bring to you, that I bring to all my children of earth.

The love of God is so powerful as to inflame hearts and render them capable of the greatest heroism. The love of God that has taken possession of my heart since my birth, He has moulded it so much as to render it all one with the heart of God, exactly as it happens to the iron that you put in the furnace and which, taking on the heat and colour of the fire, is no longer distinguished from it. It was the love of God that made me love and seek solely his will and accept the cross to the point of martyrdom. The love of God in me was an extremely easy thing, since He himself became my Son, and I was able and I am able to call my Son God.

If you wish to learn from me, you have only to ask me for my heart. I give it to all souls desirous of loving. With this heart it will be easy for you to love God. You will love Him as a child, you will love Him as an adolescent, you will love Him as teacher and doctor of souls and you will love Him as God who, clothed in human nature, immolates himself for you.

Moreover I wish to speak to you about a characteristic note of my life: the love of neighbour, of which my whole existence was permeated and which is only the copy of the love that my Jesus practised and taught to his followers, making it into a command and a law. I loved everyone, the good and the bad, so as to see in them the reproduction of my Son.

To love means to give oneself, to identify oneself and to immolate oneself. These three degrees of love were in action continuously in my life and still are now.

My office of Mother, of Teacher and Co-Redemptrix makes me

continuously lavish for the salvation, the wellbeing and the happiness of my children.

I have said to you that I copied from my Jesus. Of Him in fact, it can be said that He went about doing good. His public life had as emblem this continual giving: in teaching, in curing, in approaching whatever moral, physical and spiritual suffering.

He calls around himself some ignorant fisherman and He elevates them to the degree of teachers of the spirit. He accepts and wants around himself the sinners, to whom He only asks for an act of faith in order to transform them.

He heals the lepers, the blind, the crippled, the lame. His charity and his love of neighbour make Him tender towards the children, patient with whoever does not comprehend his desires and his teachings. The crowd famished for his Word follows Him, careless of food and rest.

Jesus has pity on everyone. He is moved by the faith of the woman sick for twelve years, who snatches the cure by touching his cloak. He is moved before the faith of Jairus who, trustingly, asks for the cure of his daughter, even though far away. He is moved before the widow of Naim who brings her own son for burial. He is moved before the tomb of Lazarus and his tears indicate the depth of his sorrow. Jesus is moved also before his crucifiers, whom He calls to conversion saying: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

See, children, with what broad strokes I have expressed to you the two principal points on which you must base your life. There is no other law than love. The base, the centre, the end of the Law is love. God is love and whoever loves lives in Him. He then who does not love the man he sees, how can he assert that he loves God whom he does not see?

You have seen how my Jesus went out of his way for everybody. Children, whoever loves fulfils the Law. To love one's family, friends and enemies, whoever does you good and whoever hates you, whoever helps you and whoever persecutes you is a command, it is a programme and it is the only thermometer that measures your Christianity.

Augustine used to say: "Love and do what you like." I also repeat it to you, since whoever loves deep down shall never arrive at making the person loved suffer, by offending him.

This is the programme that matters, not only for the doctor, who more closely exercises those duties that correspond to the works of Jesus, but also for the fathers, the mothers and the children: the programme which is the carrying out of the most sacred and elementary duties.

Children, I thank you and I greet you. May the Lent that you are going through make you more solicitous in doing those works of charity through which faith becomes efficacious.

Remember that at the end of the world, when the final judgement will summon everyone for the glorification of my Son and all the elect, the code on which you will be judged shall be solely on charity, on love. You shall hear yourselves told, according to the way with which you have conducted your life: "Come, blessed by my Father, for I was hungry and you gave Me to eat, I was thirsty you and you gave Me to drink, I was naked and you clothed Me, etc..." Or: "Go, you cursed, into the eternal fire, for I was hungry and you did not give Me to eat, I was thirsty and you did not give Me to drink, I was naked and you did not clothe Me."

What you do for every man that lives, in this world for the sake of Jesus, is worthy of an eternal reward. In view of a reward it is great to act, but it is human. To act out of love is divine. Make your life a gift of love to God for the brethren.

I bless you, children, and I love you.

IF THEY KNEW THE PAINS OF HELL...

February 25, 1972 (in a private house)

My beloved children, I am your sorrowful Mother and I am with you in order to receive your prayer as comfort and help to me, for all your brethren.

Children, you are dear to me and I confide to you my pains which weigh so heavy on my heart.

There are many people in the world who, though seemingly alive, are the walking dead. They are detached from God, for sin covers their soul. The divine life that ought to circulate in them is suppressed and interrupted by sin, which they love and which they commit solely

in order to combat God. These walking corpses who apparently seem perhaps robust and flourishing with health, make me suffer very much, since he who knows that he is sick has the desire to be cured and provides himself with the necessary medication, but he who does not realize the gravity of his illness, does not feel the necessity to cure it.

The second suffering that wounds my heart is that of seeing how many souls, who though they were redeemed by my Jesus and who would be destined for Paradise, perish miserably in hell. Many people, especially in this age, put the existence of hell into doubt. But hell exists, children, and the sufferings in that place are terrible. God, however, after having informed you of its existence, has placed a thick net over hell. Only those who want to go there will succeed by force to tear away that net which stands to signify the goodness of God. Only those who want to be damned will be able to enter that fiery chasm, the residence of demons.

Unfortunately, however, while many Christians live in sin as if death was not waiting for them, many fall miserably lost and for always in the place of damnation.

My children, what would a mother say and do seeing her own children run into serious dangers? What she would do, I would do also and I turn to all the good, so that with their prayers and with their sacrifices, they relieve me from this great pain.

I wish to help everyone and you must give me a hand. It is said of you: "Sad is that son who does not comprehend and does not share the pains of his mother." I am your Mother and I say to you with an embittered heart: "Children, see if there is a sorrow like mine (Lam 1:12)." You have seen my only Son nailed on the wood of the cross, and I offered Him up to the Father so that all men of earth, who were given to me by the Father as children, would be saved. But do you not see how they easily yield to the temptations of the devil, to the flatteries of the world and how they follow their wicked inclinations? Perhaps you think that I can remain indifferent before so much ruin?

Children, every soul who lives in sin is a sick man who can be in danger of being irremediably lost. Help me to save them! Help my poor heart of Mother who asks for comfort and who desires to intervene even miraculously to shake consciences, to convert and to save as many souls as possible.

If they were to know the pains of hell, they would all remain horri-

fied. My Jesus spoke to you about Gehenna where there is fire, weeping and gnashing of teeth. But too little has been said to you. Know that when the soul enters into the other life, he perceives immediately who God is, and whoever is condemned to hell feels as crushed by his infinite justice. Moreover, every soul freed from the body, feels with greater vehemence the need for God, just as humanly one feels the need for air. God is the breath of the soul. In hell this breath, which is the life-giving breath, is lacking, the justice of God remains which chokes.

To these pains, which are the most terrible and which you are not able to comprehend now, add the continuous hatred without pause towards God and towards all those who cohabit with the damned. A satanic hatred that has no other outlet except in cursing and in blasphemy. Hatred is a suffering for whoever nurtures it in his heart, but when it is hurled against God, from whom one feels crushed, it is a terrible thing which gnaws like a snake.

Add to these pains the remorse for having rejected salvation and the thought that they have to stay in that place forever.

The fire that burns and is not consumed, of which the fire that you see is only a pale image, and all the other sufferings, with the unbearable smoke and smells that asphyxiate the air, shall be accompanied by the presence of the demons, who will add their diabolical rage, all that which will count to increase the sorrow and to exasperate the souls.

Children, just as your God has created this place and has given you warning about it so that no one would fall into it, so I have spoken to you about it that you also may make yourselves interpreters before those who do not believe, so that they may not miserably fall there.

Children, I bless you with all my heart.

I thank those who commit themselves to honour me as the Sorrowful Virgin and to console my sorrows. I will console your sorrows and I shall be alongside you in the last hour so that the thought of Paradise may give you joy.

I thank and bless everyone. Persevere in good even if difficulties intrude. May holy Lent find you ready and faithful so that your Easter may mark a true resurrection.

THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

February 27, 1972

My beloved children, here you are always ready to learn and to love.

I am here with you and I wish to express to you as usual my maternal affection, with which every mother who comes from afar greets and embraces her children.

I desire your good and I work for you without rest because I want you wise and good on earth and happy and joyful in Heaven. For this purpose I direct my lessons.

Today I invite you to come with me on to Mount Tabor, where my Jesus wished to bring his three trusted apostles: Peter, James and John, and I wish to show you those two personages that appeared alongside my Jesus during his transfiguration: Moses and Elijah.

Perhaps you have never thought of the reason why they appeared and to the meaning of this apparition.

Moses was the great leader of the Hebrew people, who from God himself had received the Tables of the Law on which were written the Commandments of God, and Elijah was a great prophet who was carried to Heaven on a fiery chariot.

I draw out to you straight away the conclusion, and it is this: in order to take part in the transfiguration of the Son of God, that is, to see Him in his glory and in order for you yourselves to be able to transform your life in Him, you must practise the Law of the Lord and believe the truths that He himself has taught you and which have come to you through the Church and the prophets.

Unfortunately many Christians have completely forgotten the Commandments of God and many of my ministers consider it useless to teach the Decalogue, which encloses in its brief commands all that is necessary to avoid or do in order to please God.

It is true that the Moral Law has been impressed by God in the heart of man and that the voice of the conscience consents or accuses when the Law is put into practice or is transgressed. But children, many times the habit to sin and to vice suffocate this voice and make one forget the Law of God, whereby it is necessary, rather pressing, to return to the study of the commandments, rekindling the memory and seeking to make them known also to others, especially the children and the young.

The thought of God would return more easily to their mind and the thought of the presence of God would keep them far from the dangers and from evil.

How many young have made and make a God of their body and their amusements. Like the ancient pagans, they adore even without saying it, false divinities, idols to whom they sacrifice all that is the most beautiful in their youthful age.

How many persons consider being authorised to dispense themselves from going to church and assisting at the Divine Sacrifice only because the third commandment, "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath", has disappeared from their memory.

And the elderly parents and the young spouses how they would be better treated, if the fourth commandment that invites one to honour, respect, help and obey them, had been impressed in the heart and mind of their children.

I won't speak to you for long about the fifth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill", which very many say they do not commit, while this sin is so widespread. How many less little victims of human egoism there would be? How much less slander there would be, which is like a moral rifle shot that destroys the good name, the reputation of many people.

In this way, at this pace, we could go over the whole Law, but I'll put it aside and continue another time in order to underline this moment the presence of Elijah.

There are many people, also and above all those who think they have the monopoly on wisdom, who say that the age of the prophets is finished with the coming of the Saviour. No, children! Since the world has existed and as long as it exists, there shall always be prophets. Amongst them you have to distinguish two categories.

There are the prophets chosen by the Lord in order to predict future things, hidden to the eyes of men. There were prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus and who recounted his life word for word, so as to be able to construct it even before He began to appear on earth. There were prophets who threatened chastisements and who invited to penitence, like Jonah to the Ninevites.

And also after the coming of my Son, along the centuries there were priests and religious, family mothers and women religious who became interpreters of the voice and the will of God so as to guide all the events. Even humble little shepherds or simple little children

were called to this great task.

Moreover, there is another category of prophets and they are the announcers of truth. To this category belong all my ministers, the successors of the apostles and the disciples of my Jesus, who have received the task of going to instruct announcing the truths of the faith. To them are united those who by a special task are called to write or to announce the divine Word.

But you also can be my prophets, whose Queen I am. If you pay attention to my teachings and after having assimilated them well, after having invoked the light of the Holy Spirit, you make them known, you shall be my prophets.

How I would like for you all to be announcers of the Gospel! The transfiguration would not be a one-time deed, but a common deed of everyday. I remind you that whoever teaches truth and justice to many, will shine with a special light in Heaven.

Children, I bless you and, embracing you, I invite you to say for yourselves and for all the prophets of earth: Queen of prophets pray for us. I shall be lavish to all with help and grace.

OBEY AND DO NOT JUDGE

February 29, 1972

My beloved children, here you are ready to welcome the seed of the divine word. I throw it with full hands.

Always clear your heart from all that can be a hindrance and receive the divine teachings with faith.

Faith is so necessary, I would say that it is indispensable in order to be able to understand the eternal truths. Then humility of heart is needed, since the Lord reveals his secrets to the little ones and the grace of God is needed that brings God among you. Grace is light, it is purity, and whoever possesses it realizes the beatitude proclaimed by my Jesus: "Blessed the pure of heart because they shall see God (Mt 5:8)."

With this preparation of faith, humility and grace always dispose your heart to receive the gifts of God.

Children, today I want to refer a phrase to you said by my Jesus from whom you ought to draw out the practice. My Jesus said: "Moses

has given you the Law which the Scribes and Pharisees hold in trust. They teach it but do not practise it. You obey the Law without judging them.”

Every time has its Scribes and the teaching of Jesus is valid for every age. There are some people who say that they have lost the faith because they have seen the bad behaviour of the ministers of God. Others say that they do not go to Church and the sacraments because it is exactly those who go to Church who are the worst Christians.

Be it to the first and to the second objection I desire to give an explanation.

First of all you must know that having received Holy Orders does not mean being confirmed in grace. Even Judas had received a special engagement on the part of Jesus, also to him Jesus had given the task of going out to instruct and to baptize and he too in the name of Jesus had worked miracles. And yet you know to what point his wickedness reached, he not having sought to remove those defects that emerged in his heart.

Well then, God’s ministers are not sinless. They are men, clothed with the character of servants of God. Assumed to an extraordinary dignity, they exercise a ministry which authorizes them to forgive sins, to celebrate the divine Mysteries, making present on the altar of sacrifice the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus, to announce the Gospel, to administer the sacraments and to instruct on the truths of the faith.

Considered under this light of true intermediary between man and God, and being the representative of Jesus, the priest deserves respect, affection gratitude and help. But in him changes nothing of his nature. He is a weak and fragile man like everyone of you. Temptations, even much stronger than those to which you are subjected, torment him. The renunciation to all that life offers, becomes for him many times an unbearable sacrifice, so as to make him regret what he has voluntarily left. In addition, the occasions that come to him, even in the exercise of his mission, make the priest extremely needy of understanding and help. The most simple thing that you can do is to pray and sacrifice yourself for them.

One thing is greatly consoling, and it is this: even if the priest were unworthy of such a name, in exercising his functions he can be for

you a means of holiness. Even if the priest were in mortal sin, the absolution that he gives you for your sins is valid and in the Holy Mass he makes Jesus present, even if on his part he can be sacrilegious. And the doctrine that he teaches you, if it is in conformity to the Gospel, is not his, whereupon you can and must treasure it.

See, my children, that even if all the priests were traitors of Jesus, the motive would not be worth to desert the Mass, the sacraments and the Church.

Always stay united to me. Be faithful to the Pope, the Vicar of Jesus Christ, the only infallible one even if not sinless, and you shall be happy in your heart to continue to possess that faith that was handed down to you by your parents and which my Jesus has preached and taught.

Now we look at the second objection: "Those who go to Church are worse than others."

First of all, children, you must look at the motive for going to Church. If it is ambition, the desire to appear, or other subtle motives, perhaps in order to be able to gain before others a place of dominance, it is easy for bad things to follow from it, like that of scandalizing the people of God. But if they are defects common to all that are aimed at by others, does it not seem to you that the somewhat harsh word of Jesus always stands that says: "Do not judge and you shall not be judged (Mt 7:1)."?

Does it not seem to you that many people who feel themselves authorized to criticize, to slander and to be harsh with others, resemble those who want to take away the splinter from the eye of their brother, while they have the plank in their eye?

The duty of good example always stands for everyone, so that Jesus may not have to say to each one: "Look at what he says, but do not do what he does."

You are on the road of Jesus who guides to salvation, if in seeing your defects you accuse yourselves, and in regards to your neighbour you are slow in pronouncing any judgement, since with the same measure with which you measure, you shall be judged. Much mercy will be shown to you if you are merciful, remember it.

A last suggestion, children. That phrase which many say regarding those who go to Church, is mistaken also in this sense: in the House of God all are welcomed.

The real and operative presence of my Jesus, my presence and the

presence of the good, can be the call back for the lapsed so that they may come close to God. In addition he who is bad can change his mind and receive the means of conversion. If the bad who go to Church remain as such, perhaps it is because the good example was lacking to them, your example, children, and I call your attention to this task in this Lenten season.

Children, may my blessing bring light to your minds and be an encouragement for you to continue on the right road.

I embrace you, children. Bring my greeting and my blessing to your priests and to all your loved ones, especially to those who make you suffer.

ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF FAMILIES

March 1, 1972 (at Seregno)

My dear children, I am the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and your Mother, the spouse of Joseph.

How dear it is to my heart to give you a pressing invitation to continue in your beautiful practice of this prayer gathering, and how much I rejoice to come today to speak to you about him whom the Lord, in his infinite goodness, put alongside me, so that he would help me and preserve me from many dangers and guard my virginity and my Child who, hated from his birth, could have suffered the greatest outrages.

Halfway through March, like a spring sapling, you will celebrate my spouse Joseph and, while you will express your greetings to him with a fervent Communion and with prayers, you will ask him for help and graces.

How I would like to show you his virtues, his justice whereby Jesus was able to call him truly the just man, his silence and his humility whereby he became dear to the heart of God, his love for work and his industriousness, whereby he was truly able to do all he could for my Son and for me so that the necessities would not be lacking. He truly became the father of Jesus, having given to Him all that a good father can give to his children.

His dignified demeanour, severe and serene was admirable and moving. The respect with which he served me even though I had the duty to serve him, and the love which he lavished in order to make

the home happy, was a gift for all.

Justly is Joseph the patron of families, where so much disorder, infidelity and egoism always come to menace and to destroy the peace and happiness. If everyone had Joseph as model, certainly there would not be so many miseries in families.

Here is my invitation, dear children. Bring the name of my loved spouse in your homes and remind what to all can be an instruction.

The Church also has chosen him as patron, and it is a good and proper thing. Who was the founder of the Church? My Jesus. Who the Mother of the Church, because Mother of Jesus? This Mother of yours who is speaking to you. You know that the Church had begun there at Nazareth. Well then, just as Joseph was our guardian, so the fate of the Church must be justly entrusted to him. Are these difficult moments for the Church? With greater commitment have recourse to Joseph. If the barque of Peter is leaking, who better than him can repair the leaks?

However, you also are the Church and the work of healing must start with you. If you sanctify yourselves, you save a great part of the Church, since everyone of you has strength with your prayer to help and to save many souls.

The Church is the priests, through whom you must supplicate Joseph. He was chaste in body, in heart and in spirit. Who better than him can intervene in the special cases and change and heal many wounds?

The Church is the Pope, and I would like to entrust him in a special way to your group. Whoever loves the Pope, loves the Lord. Whoever obeys him is in the truth. Unfortunately many combat him and revile him. They think evil things of him and use calumny to denigrate him. They do not think that calumny is like a double edged weapon which, after having injured, injures also the slanderers.

Children, love the Pope and entrust him every day to the care of holy Joseph. He in Heaven is the Viceroy, to whom the heart of God the Father cannot deny anything since he was the shadow of Him. Jesus my Son cannot not obey him, since He himself taught to honour the parents and to respect the authorities. I listen to and I acquiesce to the requests of Joseph, because I know how much he loves souls.

He has had the assignment of protecting and running to the side of the dying. He carries out this task with particular care and manages to bring to salvation even the most hardened sinners.

His power and his intercession is so great even in helping the young, the weak, the sick and in giving aid in every kind of necessity.

Moreover for his devotees he has a very special tenderness and he works true miracles in order to grant even their most simple desires.

No one turns in vain to this great saint, who protects in life and in death and makes one a sharer of his glory in Paradise.

Love him, honour him! What you do in his honour you do to Jesus, who loved him so tenderly during his mortal life. You do it to me, who served and loved him tenderly.

My Son had one regret, when during his public life He was not able to have his good father alongside Him who would have understood and defended Him. I also had a regret in my widowhood, since Joseph had given to my life a real note of protection.

Love, honour and make Joseph known and loved, even if the current theories tend to destroy the cult of the saints.

Children, I bless you all and I promise you special graces in the anniversary of the feast of St. Joseph. Do not be afraid of asking too much. Have faith and you will see his power and his strength.

LOVE THE HEIGHTS

March 3, 1972

My daughters, I thank you for having wanted to visit me here and for reciting that beautiful prayer to which I have united a chain of graces. I shall be your companion in life and I will help you to accomplish your mission in the most perfect way. You have only to abandon yourselves into my arms and imitate my virtues.

Cultivate the faith in you, that virtue so necessary in order to be able to overcome the difficulties of life and to live it out serenely. Cultivate it and increase it, by practising it. Be simple and accept the truths of the faith with that ease and with that assurance with which the child believes in the word of his mother or teacher. Be humble, do not wish to pretend to uncovering the divine mysteries, since the distance that exists between yourselves and God is infinite and it is logical that man cannot get into all the mysteries.

Be docile towards whoever teaches you in the name of the Church

and in union with the Pontiff, since the truth must not be tampered with, but be whole as it has come to you through revelation and the infallible Magisterium of the Pope. Prudence is just and proper, because the devil, the father of lies, knows how to muddy the waters and sow error. Love the truth and cultivate in yourselves the virtue of serenity, so that you may be able without human respect to react against evil and falsehood.

Let each one in your field, love to pass on those talents that the Lord has given you. Works are necessary in order to render the faith valid, since it has been said to you that faith without works is dead.

Explicate these works keeping always present charity towards God, towards your neighbour and towards yourselves. In the love of God you will find the strength to bear any cross, which will become for you a motive of joy, as St. Paul used to say who, overabounded with joy in the midst of tribulations, you also will say likewise.

Unfortunately the life which many dream of as fun, is nothing but a trial, a duty, a battle to overcome, but at the end of which there is reserved for you a prize that nobody can be capable of measuring, so immense is the joy that it will procure for you.

I invite you to transform every even little action, my daughters, into an act of pure love for God, even what you do for your neighbour. The love of neighbour is a demonstration of the love for God, but if you love, help, serve your neighbour for himself, you do a human action. If everything that you do for the brethren you do it instead for the love of God, you accomplish actions that will have a resonance on the heart of God and they shall become divine. Fill your heart with love for God: this I wish to give you on this first encounter of ours.

You will return and bring me others. I am your Mother and your intentions, your desires, your dreams I too caress them and I bless them. Always have great desires and high ideals, since the Lord loves for you to be like so. Whoever wallows in the mire, whoever does not love thinking about the marvels of grace and the beauties of Heaven, the usefulness and the satisfactions inherent to the apostolate, leads a bad or insignificant and dull life.

Love the heights, since you must aim for them with all your strength. The heights are the sanctity to which every Christian is invited and which you can reach since I am there at your side, ready to lift you up after every fall and to help you ascend.

Daughters, I bless you all, whoever commands and whoever obeys; I hold you in my heart as most precious pearls. Goodbye, my daughters.

See you again.

TO THE YOUNG

March 5, 1972

My beloved children, I am your Immaculate Mother. I am here to suggest to you some good thoughts that may serve to make you spend serenely these two weeks that separate you from our next encounter.

I want to remind you what happened to the people of Israel when, on the journey from Egypt to the promised land, found themselves without water for themselves and for the animals. They all started to complain to Moses and ask themselves if God really existed, at the moment when, after having liberated them from slavery, He would allow them to all die of thirst.

Faith had become lacking in them and the gratitude for what they had received. It was not enough that they had been liberated in a miraculous way from subjection to a king who exploited and ill-treated them. It was not enough that they had seen Moses strike the waters of the Red Sea and that they had crossed the sea dry-shod, which then enclosed in itself the soldiers of the Pharaoh, and many other miracles, not least, the mysterious rain of the heavenly manna that was to nourish them. Before an obstacle, a sacrifice to bear, they get discouraged, doubt, insult and outrage God.

Children, may the lessons serve also for you. There are in the life of the Christian crosses and difficulties without end, but you must not forget the endless series of graces with which God has enriched you even in preference to many others.

Just as the Hebrew people was beloved by God, likewise you are favoured among the number of those beloved ones who have joined and enjoy the refinements of his love. There is left to you only the duty of gratitude, which must be translated into a desire for perfection and into an exemplary behaviour that attracts others to imitate you.

Gratitude is synonymous with kindness, charity, love. All these things are your thanks for what the Lord has filled you with, but that does not mean that you have to go through the trial. The difficulties and the adversities are unfailing.

How must you conduct yourself before them? Must you let yourself be taken in by a sense of depression or of rebellion? Must you, like the Hebrews, doubt God's continual assistance and your Mother's?

Never let it be so. Have strength, overcome this pretense of yours to see everything always according to your desires and your will. Know that with this exercise of patience you shall be strengthened in the spirit and you will form that equality of character that is a sign of maturity. Do not lose your serenity and look at life in the face in its reality.

Know that you are in the hands of God, who loves you with an infinite love and who permits all for your good. Know that your heavenly Mother is only desirous of keeping you close in order to bring you, in due time, into the glory of Heaven.

I bless you, children, embracing you. See you again!

HANDS IN PRAYER AND WORKING

March 5, 1972

My beloved children, here I am with you. I am your Mother, desirous of giving you every good. My instructions so simple, so limpid, resemble those that the teacher of the elementary schools gives to your little ones and which in your time you also have received; but it is only an appearance, since the theological sense of every lesson is so profound that, if to these will follow the practice, you will reach the highest peaks of perfection.

Today I desire to continue those teachings that my Jesus has given you. He has spoken to you about his eyes and of the preciousness of the spiritual life, He has spoken to you about your eyes and of the need to render them luminous through the goodness of the heart.

I today present to you the hands and I speak to you about them, that they may be always a call for you and an invitation to use them well.

First of all you desire to see them always clean, because they are the natural means with which you must accomplish all the duties concerning your person and neighbour. To invite you to cleaning of hands is therefore an absurd thing, I instead invite you to preserve your hands pure and chaste, since they have to be joined together in order raise your prayer to God.

To join the hands together palm to palm is a mark of adoration, and I showed you this attitude repeatedly in the many apparitions in which I invited men to prayer. They also have the meaning of supplication, when you entwine the fingers as if to say: "Lord, we beseech You."

The hands have fingers, everyone of which has a special job, so as to make you aware when one of them is missing.

I would like to give you a reference that will help you to remember. The ten fingers could represent the ten commandments that must be observed in order to fulfil the Law of God and be true Christians.

But let's analyse a little the different functions that the hands do in the service of God and man.

All the corporal works of mercy that set out as an announcement from the heart, are accomplished with the hands. You in this way are able to give food to the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, mercifully open the door of the house to the pilgrim, and so on. Even the acts of goodness that you do towards the infirm have as means your hands which, beneficent, attentive and caring, are occupied with them. Sometimes a caress given at the right time and place, is enough to soothe a deep wound of the heart and give back a smile and serenity to whoever is despairing.

Blessed those hands that only know how to benefit, those that are raised only to bless and to intercede for mercy.

May the hands of Moses which, raised towards heaven, asked victory for his people, be imitated by you. You also have a family, a parish, a city, a people that is fighting the battles of life. Raise your hands, even in the secrecy of your house, and pray in this way.

I show you through this image my arms outstretched in the act of welcoming you and luminous rays radiate from my hands: they are the graces with which I desire to benefit you. Moreover, my Jesus also, after having hardened his hands in thirty years of work, after having blessed, healed and helped everyone in his public life, has extended his hands to you as to embrace you and to speak to you about the immensity of his love.

You are used to asking your children how much good they wish you, and they, stretching out their little hands, say to you with simplicity and affection: "So much!" It is the way in which Jesus said it to

you and you in the same way must respond to Him and to your neighbour. Yes, outstretch your hand giving help to all, to whoever asks and to whoever does not dare, and yet is in need. I would like it to be truly said of you that you spend money like water out of the generosity with which you let your help fall on the heart of those who have need.

May those blessed hands that clasp every day in their fingers that rosary bead with which they shall be tied on the death bed, be truly the instrument to benefit everyone. Sanctified by prayer, rendered rough and blessed by work, may it be those good little sisters that give value to your life made out of prayer and good works.

May every action that you do carry always a joyful imprint, just like the one with which children celebrate a joyful event clapping them one with the other.

Let it never be that anyone, putting out his hand to you as a mark of solidarity, feels turned away. All united, not with your hands in hand in an act of passivity, but with your hands extended for help and asking for help, are you able to be of use one to the other.

You all have something to contribute, you all have need of something, since no one can say that he is sufficient to himself. In this exchange of love, of help, of joy and gifts, continue serenely your day up to the moment in which it shall be I myself who will take your blessed and diligent hands to raise you up beyond the stars.

My children, I bless you. I bless above all the aching hands of the elderly, who are no longer able to carry out their duties, but know how to let the beads of the rosary flow. I bless the sick, the consecrated hands of my ministers and the hands this instrument of mine, so that she may be truly tireless in depicting our thoughts, and that these writings may get to speak to all men of earth.

I bless everyone, starting from those who come the furthest away and therefore with greater sacrifice.

Today, I wish, with a gesture of motherly love, to tender you my hands in cup mode and say to you with a sweet invitation: drink, children, this sweet liqueur which is the divine word, for if you shall drink it to your fill you shall no longer thirst in eternity.

THE INFINITE MAJESTY OF GOD

March 7, 1972

My children, I am here to give you some advice in order for you to be able to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the right dispositions, so that the fruits that you get out of it may be abundant.

I ought to speak to you about the infinite majesty of God to whom the sacrifice will be offered and I ought to make you know your infinite littleness so that sentiments of astonishment, admiration and gratitude may fill your heart and at the same time thoughts of humility and the conviction of your misery make you express all your unworthiness to the Lord.

God is the Supreme Being, eternal, uncreated and infinite who fills by himself the universe. He is love per essence, goodness, mercy, infinite justice.

Solely through these qualities that are exclusively his, He has created the world. Solely for the desire of communicating to other beings his love, He has created man. Every creature is like a rung in the immense ladder of creation. Below Him, always at an infinite distance, are the angels and below the angels are men.

Every man before God is like a speck of dust before the immensity of the world. God, however, to this speck of dust gives, at the moment of conception, a spiritual soul, which therefore will have to live eternally, to which He gives back with Baptism that sanctifying grace that elevates him to a supernatural state, which the progenitors lost with the original sin. Man is incorporated in the life of Jesus Christ as a member of his body, Jesus having assumed human nature. Man becomes the adoptive son of God and heir to Paradise.

Before this great mystery of goodness, everyone of you must rejoice in yourself at the thought that a God has willed to humble himself and lower himself up to taking on a human form so that one could more easily get to know Him and love Him. No human creature would have been able to gaze at the face of God, infinite splendour. God assumed the face of Jesus, Man-God, so that through Him one would be able to look at the Father. By studying Jesus, one comprehends the Father. By imitating and following Jesus, one gets to the Father. By serving Jesus, one obeys and serves the Father.

The desires of Jesus coincide with those of the Father. God desires that all men love Him, but they will not arrive at loving Him if they do

not know Him.

The Gospel, the divine Word, the example of the Son practised and spread, are the means to extend the Kingdom of God in the world.

If your knowledge of God is imperfect or neglected, minimal shall be the love you will give Him. You will have the perfect knowledge only in Paradise, but the careful search for truth and the desire to live intensely the life of grace which is God in you, facilitates this knowledge.

Every man represents a little the face of God by that gift which the Son of God has made to us of making himself similar to us. Looking at your brother, you have to see yourselves and you have to see the face of God which he too, like you, represents. From this derives that precept of fraternal charity from which no one is exempted.

The light descends from above and descends for all. The gift of love, the gift of grace and the call to Paradise joins everyone as brothers, as children of the same Father.

Never forget, children, these principles, so that you all learn to understand that the nothingness was enriched and that your God who gives you all could leave you in your nothingness.

What you receive, give with equal ease and promptness widening your heart, and in an act of love embrace all men of earth.

Life passes, God remains, and the good that is spread is the Kingdom of God that is extended and to its glorification you must collaborate.

I bless you, children, and I love you. Later on we will continue. Approach the altar with deep sentiments of adoration towards the majesty of God, of humility acknowledging your nothingness and of love towards your brethren, whom you will render sharers of your prayer and of your offering in Jesus the Saviour.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

March 12, 1972

My beloved children, peace be to you and graces.

I am your Mother, and every encounter with you gladdens me because I can open my arms and my heart to you to welcome you. I put

you on my knees and, caressing you, I invite you to be good, more and more good, in order to make God pleased and so that you yourselves can rejoice with your goodness.

The solemnity of Easter is getting closer, and I, taking a theme out of it from the Gospel passage that has been read to you today, wish to speak to you about the sacrament of Confession. You approach frequently perhaps this sacrament, but often times it does not bring those benefits and effects for which it was instituted.

The Gospel speaks to you about a blind man from birth whom Jesus cures in a very strange way. He picks up some mud made with saliva and earth puts it onto the eyes of the blind man, then He says: "Go and wash yourself at the fountain of Siloe (Jn 9:7)." The blind man goes and comes back. He has regained his sight.

Children, you also by original sin are blind since birth. In order to give back sight, my divine Son has instituted Baptism and for whoever makes mistakes after the use of reason, He has instituted the sacrament of mercy, which could be called also the sacrament of light.

Jesus could have instantly cured the blind man, just as He had worked other miracles, without using material means. But the Son of God never did anything by chance. Everything has a teaching value in its working. The mud placed on the eyes was meant to signify the humility that is needed to obtain the spiritual light; that humility that makes you accept with assurance and with confidence what is taught to you or requested.

There are some who desire the truth, but would like for it to be immediately evident to their mind, and they would like to see everything clearly without difficulty. But it is exactly in the unquestioned acceptance that the light and the joy of believing comes as a consequence.

Some desire the light and come to receive it, but then the darkest doubts enter in them and the darkness suffocates the light.

If doubts can come, since they are the consequence of reasoning, it is not said that they must be accepted. The doubt is similar to the temptation. It is to be despised when it goes against the truths of the faith that the Church teaches because revealed by God and taught by Jesus Christ. If the doubt concerns the things that act as a crown to the faith and which God grants you for your joy, a deeper reasoning can convince you and recourse to wise persons can help you to take them away.

Doubt is sometimes a valid means to strengthen your faith, since it invites you to the search for the truth and makes you adopt the means to reach it, having recourse first of all to God, fount of light and Truth himself.

But I insist in saying to you that the Gospel passage invites you to the search for sight, the spiritual one that is.

When your faith is simple and with humility of heart you seek it, it will be much easier for you to go to the fountain of Siloe, to the confessional where not the water, but the Blood itself of Jesus, wiping your soul, will give you the spiritual light.

Children, many persons complain because they have lost the faith, because they do not find peace, because they have lost that right way of seeing the deeds as a consequence of the benevolent will of God in their regard, but they forget that only grace is that supernatural gift whereby one can see God.

The sacrament of Confession is efficacious as the water of the fountain of Siloe was, only because the Lord renders the priest who administers it, dispenser of his mercy and of the salutary water of forgiveness.

There are some who would like to change the manner of confession, they would like to turn directly to God and ask Him for forgiveness, even if they are not always convinced of having erred. No, children, thank God who through the word of the priest you can have the assurance of forgiveness, even though it may be based on your dispositions of humility and faith which I spoke to you about. The priest is the means. He who operates is God, since God alone can forgive sins.

Approach therefore, in this period with these dispositions the sacrament of Confession, regardless of the minister who has to absolve you. You detest your sins and you receive by his means Jesus' forgiveness.

It can happen to you that, after having placed the mud which covers your eyes, you may decide to change your life completely since the light in you is made much brighter.

Many marvels will occur around you and it will be said: "Why, she or he are completely different? They have very clear ideas, they manifest their feelings without human respect." Perhaps someone will say: "How can he or she be a teacher to us who always lived in sin?"

Sometimes it will be the same family members that will marvel, just like the parents of the blind man who did not want to answer the questions of the high priests and the Pharisees. But you continue along your way without fear.

You too will encounter the Son of Man who is also the Son of God and, adoring Him, you will assert yourselves ready to follow Him always up to death.

Children, I think that this instruction may be of help to you. Even for those who do not have faith problems it is good to think that Confession is the great fountain inside which you can immerse yourselves in order to come out of it more brilliant and stronger.

Let nothing disturb you and let the name of my minister not bother you. I counsel, I guide and, joining my hand to that of my Son who absolves you, I mark you as good mothers do with their children.

When you go to Confession, invoke me: I will accomplish this delicate duty.

I bless you all, my children, and I love you. Continue the preparation for the feast of my spouse and the Annunciation with special fervour.

Goodbye, children. See you again.

THE VIRTUE OF PATIENCE

March 17, 1972 (in a private house)

My children, peace and joy be to your hearts, for when you gather in prayer we are amongst you.

I am here with a very special presence, even if I never leave Paradise, where I gladden the angels and the saints and where, immersed in the blessed Trinity, I make myself interpreter of God's desires for men.

My Jesus is present among you, who promised in his time that where two or three persons were to be gathered together in his name, He would have been amongst them. Moreover all of Paradise is open over your head, and while all its inhabitants rejoice in listening to you and joining their prayers to yours, they try by every means to solicit from the Father those graces which you need.

You are here and I, as a good Mother, accomplish towards you those duties that you too accomplish towards your children.

Every child that comes into the world must grow and you procure for him all that he needs so that his growth may be normal and because you want him to be strong and vigorous.

I also desire for you to grow in the spiritual life at the same rate as your physical life. It is said of my Jesus that He grew in age, wisdom and grace. Likewise it must be with yourselves. Especially with you, who come to gather up those living teachings that are transmitted to you with great abundance and simplicity. You must not let this divine word fall in vain, which is like a spiritual food, but you must draw profit and benefit from it.

You must grow until you reach maturity, perfection. The virtues that you possess as seed must blossom and from little plants must become fruitful plants that neither the wind nor the storms can destroy. That is to say: they must be so solid which no temptation and no human or diabolic wickedness can annihilate.

I would like for you to try to acquire and to magnify a virtue that has a special importance in your life: it is the virtue of patience. If you possess patience, peace and serenity that makes you lovable enters into your character. I would like you truly patient. Patience is the virtue of the strong. It is a virtue that everyone must possess because one needs to exercise it in everything; every work, great or small, requires it. Whoever does not exercise it out of love, must exercise it by force, to the great detriment of his happiness.

Patience makes one master of oneself. It is like the bridle that you put on the pony that is your body, that always attempts to bolt. By dominating the body the senses, the fantasies, the heart and the will are dominated. He who learns to overcome himself becomes capable of commanding others, who feel as if dominated by those who learn to command themselves.

Patience is an indispensable virtue in the educational work, therefore it is required for mothers and fathers. The returning continually over teachings and over corrections repeated a thousand times, requires that calm, that sweetness which only he who is patient possesses.

You must also exercise this virtue towards yourselves, since the falling again continually into the same defects, the witnessing of your own insufficiencies, weaknesses and incapacity, the not being able to

realize your dreams, the seeing many times your failures whereupon it becomes spontaneous for you to say that your life has been a failure, if all that is not sustained by patience, it can lead you to a great desolation or desperation.

In order to obtain patience you must often return on yourselves. Seeing where generally you as a rule are falling short, it will be much easier for you to make a good intention and retake that territory that you have let slip away.

My children, remember well that anger is a fruit of impatience, from which comes also that lack of charity which so displeases God.

To be patient means to not make others lose their patience, but to learn, in patience and understanding, to understand also their needs.

If the desire to be obeyed in good is alive in you, you could be tempted to believe that by your impatience you would be able to obtain what is dear to you. But it is not so. Love overcomes death, you say: and it is true. Do not say that impatience and arrogance will gain the victory. It will be the call made with tenderness, with love and with sweet perseverance if you like, which you could call with the name of holy patience, which will obtain its fruit.

Undertake, children, to exercise this holy patience with everyone, in preparation for the feast of Joseph, my spouse, who in his life was a model of patience.

Exercise it in preparation for the Annunciation. Could not my Jesus have appeared in the world perhaps, without the need to spend nine months enclosed in my womb? And did I not prepare myself to exercise patience in a heroic manner in the long years in which I lived among men?

Children, may God's patience which tirelessly waits, calls and invites all men to good, be the mirror in which you are able to measure to what point you also must be patient.

I bless you, children, and I bless your loved ones, near and far away. Accompany them with your prayers and your tears: nothing gets lost!

I DESIRE TO GRANT YOU HUMILITY

March 20, 1972

My dear children, you know no pause in your prayer and I know

no pause in giving you my love and my graces. These days that separate you from the feast of the divine Announcement, must be truly days of graces. I desire to grant you the virtues that make you more pleasing to God and holier. Amongst these, the principal one is the virtue of humility which is like the base for all the others.

I will obtain for you that you may be humble in your thoughts, so that you may always see how insufficient you are even for yourselves, that is to say you can do nothing without the good God giving you his help and his grace.

I will give you humility of heart, so that in your affections you may let yourselves be guided by the teachings of my Jesus giving the first place to God, and to the others, that is your neighbour, the second place and to consider yourselves the last so that you may be considered the first in the kingdom of the heavens.

I will obtain for you to be humble in behaviour and in words, whereupon no one may have to suffer because of you.

My beloved children, be little, so that your heavenly Mother may be able to hold you in her arms and in this way, as if on an elevator, you may be able to ascend higher day by day, up to reaching the summit.

Children, I bless you all, giving you an embrace.

When you wish to make me a pleasing gift offer me an act of humility or willingly accept an humiliation. I shall be grateful to you and graces will rain down, since whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

HUMILITY IS INDISPENSABLE TO
THE CHRISTIAN
March 21, 1972

My beloved children, peace and grace be to your hearts, light to your minds and strength to your will, so that, invigorated by these gifts, you may be able to live your life serenely practising that faith which you profess. May your desires of good be satisfied and the heart of everyone of you be loosened from those bonds that, moving it away from God, bring you closer to the hostile forces of evil.

Behold, children, that holding the virtue of humility so precious, dear to the eyes of God and proper to practise, I desire to give you

again some teachings relative to it so that, more and more desirous for this virtue, it may be clear in your mind in what it consists of.

I repeat to you that humility is indispensable to the Christian just as Baptism is in order to enter into Paradise, since God denies his grace to the proud and helps the humble. Humility is first of all truth, whereby you cannot deny possessing what you possess, but you must acknowledge that all that you have is only a gift of God's immense goodness, whether it deals with gifts pertaining to the soul as to gifts pertaining to the body.

The acknowledging of what you receive in gift, compels you to raise your hymn of thanksgiving to God. I also admired what God had done in me, and the unceasing Magnificat of my life was but a continual hymn of praise to his goodness and greatness.

Even to do good one needs God's help, since man would not know how to do anything without Him. God, in his goodness, asks for your collaboration to accomplish the work of salvation and leaves you the merit of what you do, but every good action, especially if a work of the apostolate, necessitates an actual grace that the Lord gives you moment by moment.

From all that I've told you, it is clear that no one can boast of being perfect and of doing more than others, — in this way the Pharisee boasted who said he was not like the publican —, since if others have not been given the abundant grace that was given to you, they do not have to answer for it and perhaps they shall be more justified than those who received more.

Therefore, do not make comparisons, children; pray only that the same grace that the Lord gives with abundance to you may be given to all creatures. Other persons perhaps, if they had received the gifts with which you were enriched, would be better than you. Do not judge, I beg you, but guard and deal with generosity what was given to you.

Let the good that you do be the secret that you keep for the King. Has it not been said to you: "Let not your left hand know what your right is doing (Mt 6:3)."? Sometimes the joy of the good done and the good results obtained can tempt you to make your actions public. Even if the intention is not sinful, be careful, since the devil could tempt you with vainglory and whoever listens to you could, instead of getting an example, judge you evil. Know that the good you do, even if you do not speak about it, speaks by itself and wise men may

through these works which are luminous, praise the Lord who inspired them.

May humility always bring you not to despise anyone, since the human law established by God is such that it always has a reward. No one possesses everything, everyone has his complement in his brother. In mutual charity and above all with much humility, helping one another, you are able to take away from each other the splinter or the plank that everyone carries in his own eyes.

May humility make you pleasing one to the other, so as to rejoice in being together. I am the Mother of holy humility. Through this virtue which I learned and increased every day at the school of my Jesus, I pleased the Lord so much. Ask for this virtue always and persistently, from which charity, patience, trust in God and also in men derives, since you have to learn in not seeing everything ugly and bad, but through humility you must learn to discover what good there is in everyone of you.

Children, I bless you lovingly pressing you to my heart, as I invite you to say with me: "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our heart like unto thine." If then you want my help, which I will give to you with pleasure, say: "Most humble Mother, pray for us!"

IN PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION

March 22, 1972

My children, I desire in these three days that separate you from the feast of the Annunciation for you to relive in yourselves this divine announcement.

May the words of that prayer so efficacious and so pleasing to me, come back often to your minds and be a guide for you.

The angel of the Lord, you say, announced to Mary and She became Mother by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Next to you the angel of the Lord is always the same means to make you know the will of God. He speaks to you through the inspirations that indicate to you the good to be done, the evil to avoid and the best to choose.

Sometimes the angel uses other people to guide you, and once it will be the mother for the daughters, sometimes the husband or the wife for the spouse, other times the confessor, a friend or even a per-

son unknown. It can be a phrase that strikes you, that moves you or urges you; a voice, it does not matter where it comes from, that gives you courage and makes you progress in virtue.

The voice of the angel sometimes is identified with that of the conscience or of sorrow, which comes to open your eyes on the nothingness of the things that pass and to get closer to God.

Just as every day the angel passes, speaks and invites, so you every day answer your "Behold the servant of the Lord: let it be done to me according to your word."

Your response is a movement of the will, in which you put all the love with you are capable. Yes, it is your loving response that will render you serene in the fulfilment of your duty, whatever it may be. The thought that you are the humble handmaids of the Lord always ready for his sake to accept his will, even if it presents a crucial side, will give you strength. Yes, my children, may it be precisely the angel of the Lord who gathers like a valuable gift every little action even, in order to transform it, embellish it and offer it.

When your day is enlightened by this devotion, at every instant and with always greater intensity the Word shall become flesh in you. It shall be a living of Him, an acting for Him, a bringing Him without pause to all the roads of the world and, before any other place, into your home.

Children, I bless you and I embrace you all one by one.

PURIFY AND CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH GRACE

March 24, 1972 (in a private house)

My beloved children, it is dear to me that you have gathered together on the eve of the day dedicated to the announcement, on the part of the angel, of that great mystery of the Incarnation and in preparation for the week, unique amongst all those of the liturgical year, that you call holy.

These are the reasons on which I wish to focus my word.

In the light of those events which you will commemorate, you can call yourselves redeemed, but the redemption supposes a battle and a conquest. The battle, already fought by the good angels against the rebel angels, which confirmed definitively the good ones in grace and therefore in glory, ought to be kept present by you on these days of grace, since the defeat which by means of the redemption you are capable of giving to evil and to the spirit of evil who foments it, must assure you a radical change of life and must be the guarantee that that glory to which you are predestined will not be taken away from you.

Your personal undertaking therefore, must be the highest, it must be strong-willed and intelligent. First of all you must see what your situation is before God. To scrutinize your conscience is an extremely easy thing, if you make use of that light that comes from above by means of prayer and if you have the desire to be sincere with yourselves and with Him who sees all.

After this interior scrutiny which shows you the state of your soul, you ought not limit yourselves on weeping over your sins, but you ought to detest them, so that the Lord's pardon may accomplish in you that salutary washing which gives back to you the primitive splendour, that which embellished your soul when it came out of the hands of God the Creator.

From the first purifying action the next one of conquest will follow. It shall be the intention of a radical change, of a superior effort in order to make those virtues flourish in you that are not optional, but obligatory in every Christian: faith, hope, charity; and the others which are like the foundation of Christian living: prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. Alongside these virtues will flourish in a unique harmony all those others that follow from them.

You have often heard say that John cried in the desert: "Convert and do penance!" To this voice followed that of my Son, who repeated many times: "If you will not convert and not do penance, you shall all perish in the same way."

But what is this conversion if not a purification and a clothing with the grace of God? Whoever is good, will only have to take away some dross and will become better. Whoever is bad, will acknowledge himself so and, returning to God, will find the heart of a Father who will welcome him. But all must go towards Jesus who comes, Jesus

who suffers, Jesus who rises, with the desire of being a follower of his and to rise up with Him.

I accompany you in this work of healing of souls so that the redemption may not be in vain for you, and in the journey of conquest which no one can renounce, since the life of man is a continual aspiration to better goods. You will walk in the wake of Jesus, and beside you will come your brethren who are on the same plane as yours, with the same miseries and aspirations.

If anyone on the trip should fall, do not be amazed. There is always someone who lends out a hand among men, but above all there is me, who to you who are my little children, I give my spirit and my heart of Mother in order to be able to be useful to you.

One thing you must never forget: each of you holds in the hands, even unknown to you, your own hourglass that marks the hour of your departure. If keeping track of time and wasting it in futility is a worrisome thing humanly, before eternity knowing how to value time is to want to be intelligent and conscientious persons.

Spending the time in doing good is a great thing, to utilize in favour of the brethren is according to the will of God, to offer it and use it in loving God is to sanctify it and render it worthy of the highest reward. It is for this that I say to you: have you used well this hour of prayer; you shall find it in eternity and you will rejoice over it.

To all and to each one my special blessing, bearer of graces. Place special intentions in these gatherings, I promise you that I will hear you. I promise you assistance and grace in proportion to the desire of improvement and perfection that you shall let enter into your life.

Love, forgive, make allowances for one another and let perfect peace be in your hearts.

Never let hope be lacking in your life, since it has to be your strength.

YOUR FIAT SANCTIFIES YOU

March 25, 1972 (in a church)

My beloved children, I cannot do less than bless you and reward your faith and your constancy.

Today I have seen go past this image of mine many people. It has

been like a continuous offering of flowers, of the most diverse types, colours and fragrances.

Alongside the humble violet I saw fragrant lilies, anemones and the spiritual buttercups; I have seen their beauty and simplicity. The candour of the lilies and the fragrance of the roses win me over, but I cannot not admire also the splendour of the forget-me-nots, which in their littleness are masterpieces of perfection.

Well then, everyone of these flowers are you. I look at you and I caress you, resting you on my heart of Mother. I know your hurts, I know that in the midst of these flowers harmful insects often nest that damage the little plants, the stems and the petals. But I know the art of being able to destroy them and I go about teaching it to you from time to time. You have only to be docile to my calls and to my teachings.

When I think of you, I feel truly like the heavenly Gardener and I feel also like the divine Shepherdess, when I see you docile and obedient.

You are my little sheep which I love and I know that you love me. I caress your body, sometimes a little roughly because I want the wool that covers you to be kept white. I have to take away all that makes you less pleasing to your divine Shepherd and mine. I accompany you on the green pastures of hope and trust; I quench your thirst at the fountains of the most pure water of grace; I feed you and I look after you because your life is precious for the eternal Shepherd.

Do you not see how much love I show you? You call these words I address to you, messages or letters. I call them "bread", bread of the most pure wheat, a precious food, filling and tasty, even if sometimes a little rough because it is sincere and genuine. If you accept this bread, taste it, assimilate it, you become strong giants and capable of great works.

The fiat of God the Father performed the creation in the name of the Son. My fiat, coupled with that of the Son of God, performed the Incarnation. The fiat of Jesus to which I united mine, performed the Redemption and you, my little flowers, little sheep of my flock, nourished with the divine Bread that Heaven gives you by means of the priest, become capable of saying your fiat which performs marvelous things in you.

Your fiat unites you to the Father and brings into creation a continuous breath of life and a constant renewal of trust. Your fiat unites

you to me and you repeat in yourselves that incarnation of the Son of God that makes you brothers and mothers of my Jesus, since my fiat identifies itself with yours. Your fiat unites you even more intimately with the divine Redeemer and makes your life a continual Mass, an offering that assumes a value of infinite redemption, like the drop of water which, united to the wine, is transubstantiated so as to disappear.

Children, the fiat of your life sanctifies you, it gives you peace and joy, it makes you capable of suffering, of loving, of offering for all.

I know, children, that many pains afflict you in the body and in the spirit. How I would like to take them all away from you in an instant! But children, how would you be able to do that penance that is so necessary? How would you be able to merit for Heaven? And does it not seem to you that if you were in full happiness, perhaps you would not come to pray in this place with the fervour and the faith with which you pray? And if you do not pray and suffer, you mothers, daughters, spouses and fathers for your loved ones who are far away from us, who will help us to save them?

Have I not perhaps told you that the Lord who created the world without man, will not be able to save it unless man wants to.

What do you do when you want to illuminate a room? You turn on the switch. And if you wish to make the electrical energy pass through some object, what do you do? You insert a plug into the power point. This is what you must do. You turn the switch with your offering, you put the plug with your fiat, and the divine light, my light, circulates in you and in your loved ones. All enjoy from these benefits.

Be calm, children. Live hand to mouth, doing on your part all that good that you can and let the Lord accomplish his will in everything.

Love everyone and let your love be in this sense: wish for the good of the people you love, therefore remove the evil that you can away from them and admonish them and counsel them for the good, disinterestedly. Whoever loves is in God and God works in him.

Children, I bless you all.

HOLY WEEK
March 26, 1972

My dear children, I am here with you. I am your sorrowful Mother. I am holy Mary. I want to help you and to direct you, so that this week that you are commencing in the memory of the sorrows of the passion of my Jesus and mine, may be truly holy; not only for the mysteries that we shall recall together and live out again spiritually, but also through the undertaking with which you will dispose yourselves to sanctify them.

I must speak to you first of all about the event that preceded the passion, that was like the human glorification of my Jesus.

Today you celebrate Palm Sunday and with joy you bring to your houses those little olive branches, the symbol of peace, that you have picked up or will pick up from the altar.

Well then, also two thousand years ago the olive branches were waved before my Son who made his solemn entry into Jerusalem, just a few days before his death. It was that triumph which unleashed the great battle against Him, since the high priests became jealous of his glory and the devil with more strength and more audacity made their hearts vexed.

It will happen that Satan and his satellites may be agitated around you and want to take away the peace, the grace and those good desires that you go about continually nourishing with your gatherings. Do not be disturbed. Tidy up again with calm that disorder which the devil wishes to create. Stay with me, or better, let us get together on the mount of the divine Teacher and not be afraid. The mount will be a she-ass and a donkey, symbol of humility and simplicity, but with Him, with Jesus, we shall have nothing to fear.

I wish to make you note a very important thing: the same people who acclaimed Jesus who was passing by, as the winner, a few days later would have shouted their "crucify Him!" and would have invoked for his Blood to fall upon them and their children.

It is always this way in the world. Together with the devil who wants to take peace away from men, and with the envious who wish evil to the good, there is always someone who praises and lifts up.

Thought, colour and action are still changed in the world with ease. Don't be deceived and learn to regulate yourselves. Do not give excessive importance to whoever praises you and or whoever blames you. Stay on Jesus' mount, remain humble and if you are praised, remember that only God's praise will be of any use for you for eternal life.

If your good works are appreciated because the glory of God comes from them, unite yourselves also to thank Him. Never take into consideration those praises directed to you, since human inconstancy is so great that you would feel its bitter disappointments later on.

Unite yourselves too, if you wish, to the hosannas of the little children and the simple, provided the triumph of Jesus, of his Church and of God results.

Having made this premise, I invite you now to proceed, to penetrate with me into the thought of what we have suffered so that you may have life, the abundance of grace and Paradise.

We have taught you how to suffer and how to love. A bit of interior silence, a greater mortification that repairs perhaps a Lent spent with much dissipation, may help you to meditate, to reflect, to understand. The mysteries that are solemnly renewed in the Easter Triduum and at Easter, are those which perhaps you live out daily and to which you participate.

May the annual recurrence of this solemnity lead you to examine yourselves seriously in order to see with what sentiments, with what fruits and with what gratitude you live your life of redeemed.

I am Our Lady of Sorrows, I have said to you, and as I was able to assist at the great pains and at the complete shedding of the Blood of my Lord with a heart petrified by sorrow, with equal and deeper and deeper suffering I assist at the continual crucifixion and passion that is renewed not only in the Holy Mass for the benefit of mankind, but also in that continual destruction of his mystical body, the Church, and I am present at the continual spiritual death of souls with mortal sin. See, I can still say to you, if there is a sorrow like mine.

Children, sanctify this week by flight from sin. Combat sin, be it great or small, it does not matter. Combat it in yourselves, so as to exclude imperfections even. Combat in the world, starting from your families, foul language, blasphemy, the bad press and all that wounds my heart of Mother, because it offends the most adorable Heart of my Son. In this way you are sanctified, in this way you console me.

Live out these days in the expectation that my Jesus risen may mark, with your resurrection, that of all the lapsed.

Pray, suffer, love and make your life a model of sanctity.

I bless you and I love you.

BE GENEROUS WITH JESUS

March 28, 1972

My beloved and dear children, I am the Immaculate, here amongst you to dispose your hearts to make a note of the last days of the earthly life of Jesus the Saviour. Today I wish to remind you of two little events of those days that will be an encouragement and help to you.

Jesus had gone to his friends in Bethany and had brought the apostles with him. While He was sitting at table Mary came, who, having taken some very precious fragrant ointment, sprinkled it on the feet of my Jesus. Judas was present, who, calculating meanly the price of the ointment, pointed out that those three hundred denarii could have been saved and used for the poor. Jesus replied that the action performed by Mary of Magdala had a meaning, since it was in anticipation of his burial and He added that they always had the poor with them.

I want to make you reflect on this fact in order to invite you to be always generous with Jesus. You still have Him with you living and true in the Holy Tabernacles and your generosity must be expressed to Him in the offering of those perfumed gifts that are so pleasing to Him.

There are those who still like Judas find useless all that concerns the cult and the Church and who hold that they must denude the whole house of God for simple human reasons, or they assert that Jesus was poor and with poverty He loved the poor.

But does it not seem to you, children, that everything that you do for the living God amongst you, is simply an expression of faith and love? Do you not do likewise humanly also with the persons that are dear to you? Would you like for the furnishings and ornaments to be lacking in their houses which render them joyful and welcoming? What you would do for them, with greater reason has to be done for my Jesus, who is not just any person, but the Son of the living God.

How much they please me those who in their town, in their parish, where my children are found all united at the feet of the Teacher and the Father, go out of their way so that everything is kept clean and tidy, from the linen to the floor, and also know how to make renunciations in order to adorn the altar with flowers and candles, expressions

of virtue and grace.

It is true that what counts the most is the interior of your hearts and that with the tears of repentance you wash your soul, while with the exercise of virtue and with the good works you adorn it with fragrant flowers. Moreover if you try to arrive at everything, the fruit will be so great. Have you ever felt, going into a well cleaned and tidy church, how the heart is widened and how you feel more strongly the desire to pray? In the dim light of quiet and fragrant churches, how many intentions have matured and how many changes of life!

Children, and whoever cannot do this because it is not his ability, what shall he do? I repeat to you, be generous and do not let your worship be lacking. Let the respect that you will demonstrate by silence, or by omitting every useless word, by taking a live part at every function with recollection and devotion, be like an angelic behaviour that may spur others to imitate it.

I invite you to make your church the place where your sighs may be consoled, your desires mixed with those of my Jesus and your worship mixed with that of the angels.

When the early Christians, prevented from manifesting their religion in the open, had to hide themselves in the place where they buried their dead, they had transformed those places into places of meetings of hearts: meetings between themselves and with the souls of the deceased, in the celebration of the paschal mystery which is renewed every day and which unites everyone.

For you also it should be likewise. You stand at the feet of the altar in good company with those who have preceded you and you enjoy communicating your faith to others.

Still another small fact I wish to recall to you, and this in order to motivate you to make that day of retreat which I desire so much.

While the leaders of the people and the high priests plotted saying that Jesus had to be condemned to death, since He had attracted the good will of all the people, and it was just for one to die for the salvation of the nation, Jesus retired to a quiet place together with some of his own, in order to pray. In that way He prepared himself for the great suffering of Good Friday.

Children, you have chosen well in order to make your encounter of love with Jesus. While the world forgets the greatest values of the life of Jesus, of his death and his life and wastes everything in useless

and bad waste of time, you will estrange yourselves from the world and I shall be your spiritual teacher. I shall speak to your heart and the Holy Spirit shall be generous with inspirations and graces. Whoever is unable to come in person, let him be spiritually present and seek to reflect and love.

I as of now bless everyone, with largesse of heart. I desire to wipe away your tears and take away from you all those worries and impediments that could hinder this encounter of souls.

Be serene, trustful and loving. Continue these meetings, so rich with spiritual benefits and so efficacious to the whole of society. I will bless you by the hand of my minister. So long, children!

TO THE DOCTORS

March 29, 1972

My beloved children, here I am punctual at the appointment.

I desire these meetings and I would like for them to increase. Do not exclude anyone willing, and let your invitation to take part in this gathering be extended to all the students, no matter what category. It is the hour of God, and the re-awakening of the faith must bring all men to reflect on their own responsibilities before God and mankind.

Let these meetings be like a spiritual banquet, in which those nutritious and delicious foods are prepared which the doctors usually recommend to those who are sick in body. I shall accompany you on these studies, I will preside at your banquet, so that you may draw great benefits from them.

Today I wish to speak to you about the resurrection, rather than the passion of my Son, since you also are heading towards the resurrection, to which you go about preparing with that death of yourselves which is indispensable.

Jesus therefore, after his passion and death, was placed in the sepulchre in which He remained three days. The prophecies had announced everything, and Jesus himself had assured that his Body would have remained in the tomb for three days and that He would rise then, when at the Temple of Jerusalem, responding to those who asked Him for a sign to demonstrate with what authority He did certain things, He said: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I shall make it rise again (Jn 2:19)."

The resurrection of Jesus is the confirmation of his doctrine and it is the sure sign of his divinity. Only because my Son overcame death can you believe in the truth of his word, accept and trust in his promises.

The resurrection of Jesus is a pledge of your resurrection. At death, the soul will be separated from the body and it will commence a new life in which, in the enjoyment of God the good shall be rewarded, and in moving away from Him the wicked shall be punished. Moreover at the end of time your body, like the body of Christ, shall rise again and be reunited to the soul in order to take part in the reward or the eternal punishment.

In the Last Judgement my Son shall be glorified, soul and body, in the divine person of the Son of God. And your bodies also, that shall have been instruments of good at the service of God, or instruments of sin in hatred against God, shall have their glorification or their abomination.

The final resurrection is a truth that God has revealed to us, to which the same reasoning applies, deemed an act of God's justice regarding man, and also of human justice since the resurrection will give to everyone what is due to him.

Jesus was raised up and his Body, agile, beautiful, transparent, nimble and luminous, was but the model of what your body will be with the qualities that will be proper to it.

At the salvation of the soul therefore, your body will also participate with that happiness that is due to it. If momentarily your body seems to be destroyed and returned to the dust from which it came, the thought of the resurrection must inspire in you a sense of respect for your body, since even it shall be eternal like the soul.

From the passion of my Jesus you must draw out what is necessary for you in order to go with Him to the resurrection.

The suffering that human nature repudiates is but only the remedy to concupiscence and the means to show the love of God and neighbour. If you exclude pain, children, you exclude life, since you know that from pain life is born.

Dying daily a little to one's self is to prepare oneself to live. Dying to one's defects, to one's inclinations and to one's demands, when they contrast with the rights of others, is to cultivate that spiritual life that the more it grows the more it brings the life of God in you.

Children, do not be confused in the search for great things, but dispose your heart every day, in the search for God, for that resurrection which Jesus has given you a pledge with his.

I bless you, children, and I always await you with the desire to be of use to you. I promise you special graces and I bless with gratitude those ministers of mine who have honoured your session. I shall be generous with gifts: I shall give them health and I will make their word efficacious.

GIVE ME YOUR HANDS

March 31, 1972 (at Monza)

My children, how can a Mother let her good and affectionate children leave without blessing them and promising them help and comfort?

Yes, my dear little ones, I bless you and I promise you to accompany you in life. It is so short, you know, but I shall hold you by the hand.

Be serene and good always. Goodness is a divine quality, synonymous with happiness. Be good in order to be happy. Now I too ask you to help me. Yes, give me your hands, because together we can hold up the world.

There is so much to suffer from in the world, but your hands, which I bless, joining themselves to mine can be the instrument to soothe many wounds, to heal many misfortunes and to give comfort to many people, to all. Many weep, despair, implore. Let your hands, joined to mine in loving prayer, obtain mercy, obtain miracles.

I bless you all and I sweetly caress your face. I will come into your homes to arrange everything better. Have faith and trust.

Goodbye, children, see you again.

I DESIRE TO GIVE YOU A TRUE FAITH

April 4, 1972

My beloved children, redeemed by my divine Son, peace be to you.

I am the faithful Virgin and I desire in this encounter of ours to give you an increase of faith.

Faith is a virtue so necessary, children. It is faith which helps you to overcome and defeat all the difficulties, which gives you strength in dangers and which gives to your prayer that power whereby you pluck from the heart of God the graces and the most astounding miracles.

I desire therefore to give you a true faith, which aims at the substance of your life; a simple faith, but not superstitious, that knows how to distinguish truth from fables, indispensable things from the secondary ones.

I desire for your faith to be like that of the ancient patriarch Abraham, who though not seeing the Lord, lived in his presence.

I desire for you to have the faith of Job, who though being tortured by the devil, to whom the Lord had granted full liberty to torment, blessed and exalted the goodness of God.

I want to give you the faith of the holy martyrs, who went singing to their martyrdom because the hope of Paradise made them desire it and have a glimpse of it.

The apostles also with their martyrdom gave a proof of faith in God, through which they were able to confirm the believers in this faith to which they bore witness.

When faith is diminished in the life of the Christian, it happens what happened to Peter. One evening, while the disciples were on the boat, they saw Jesus who was walking towards them, on the water. Believing Him to be a ghost, they were afraid, but Jesus reassured them and at Peter's request to command him to go towards Him on the water, He replied: "Come!". Then Peter, having got out of the boat, started to walk towards Jesus, but seeing that the wind was strong, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, he cried: "Lord, save me (Mt 14:30)!".

Good for him that the Teacher, stretching out his hand, lifted him up and warned him saying: "Man of little faith, why did you doubt (Mt 14:31)?"

It is truly the same for many souls: at first they throw themselves into all the works of the apostolate and of good, at the conquest of truth and the attainment of God, but at a certain point doubt enters and with it mistrust. Their boat starts sinking or they drown in a sea of adversity, sometimes created by themselves.

For whoever feels depressed, discouraged, miserable, for whoever does not feel capable of resolving their problems, here is the efficacious medicine: faith.

Believing to be abandoned and alone, believing that no remedy will be efficacious to heal you, is already having lost at the start, it is putting God at your level as incapable of helping you.

But if you rekindle your faith, whatever may be your circumstances, you compel the Lord not to disappoint you, by keeping his word that says: "Whoever will have faith as much as a mustard seed, will be able to move mountains (Mt 17:19)."

Know that many times my Jesus pretends to be sleeping at the end of the boat of your life. You see the billows that are rising, the tempest that is unleashed, but you must not fear, since to command the waves so that they may not overturn you, there is Him; you only have to have trust in his goodness.

When the Hebrews crossed the Red Sea, they saw the sea open before them, form a large path, and they passed through unharmed since faith in God guided them. In the same waves the soldiers of Pharaoh who lacked this faith found death.

It is the same always for you. Whoever has faith surpasses with generosity and strength all that happens to him daily. Whoever has no faith succumbs.

Children, I bless you embracing you and pointing out Heaven to you. There shall be the place of your rest.

SPREAD TRUST IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD

April 5, 1972

My dear and beloved children, here I am with you amidst the flowers and illuminated by many lights which I appreciate.

I am the Mother of mercy and love, and my coming has as aim to predispose your hearts to the celebration of that feast that must animate you to spread trust in the goodness of God and open your heart to confident hope that the Father now and always may have pity on this humanity that more and more is debasing itself and soiling itself in sin, as it distances itself from Him or denies Him.

I would like to make you understand the immense goodness of the heart of God, who continually pardons and replaces with good the evil that is spreading on every side.

The mercy of the Heart of my Jesus is the mercy of God, since his Heart is divine. He pours it out continuously over you, and as to the apostles who asked: "How many times must we forgive, seven times?", Jesus replied: "Not seven times, but seventy times seven (Mt 18:22)", meaning an infinite number of times, in the same way He forgives you not only through the hands of the priest every time you confess, but also daily, all the times that you turn to Him with an act of penance.

All men need the mercy of the Lord since you are all sinners, that is, inclined to sin, capable of sinning and unfortunately you do sin. Even if you think that your shortcomings are so little, they are an offence to a God infinitely good and perfect who finds defects even in the angels, whereby you can rightly think that even a small offence caused to his majesty, is a grave thing.

The mercy of God is above all manifest in the forgiveness of the great sins and in the continual call that He makes to the lapsed, to all those who, fallen miserably into the mire, He calls persistently and with love to himself.

You know, children, how much my Jesus loved his beloved ones, the chosen ones, but even amongst them there were those who betrayed Him and denied Him. Well then, through his mercy He would have forgiven even the traitor, provided he would have willed to humble himself, as He forgave and poured out his mercy on Peter the perjurer.

The most beautiful image of mercy poured out, mankind received when in the moment in which, fixed to the cross agonising, Jesus gave his complete forgiveness to the good thief who hung from the cross beside Him.

God forgives always and forgives everything. Lost women He turns into apostles. Women of the world He turns into lovers who will be remembered throughout the centuries. God forgives and loves everyone, He calls everybody to himself because He wishes to enrich them with the marvellous gifts of his grace: that water, the drinking of which, one no longer thirsts in eternity.

Men, though usually the cause of sin one for another, do not know

how to forgive, pity, help, and they condemn the sinner. God does not act like that. He does not want sin, but He wants to forgive and help everyone to get up again and to ascend. Men often judge those who err and are severe in their condemnations. Jesus understands the weakness of human nature, He forgives and calls all to salvation. In Him weakness becomes strength.

The feast of the Divine Mercy associates you in that work of searching that the Good Shepherd does in order to find the lost sheep. It is a work made of goodness, of prayer and of sacrifice that He asks you, moreover He then unites you to his Heart to celebrate the return of those souls who, looking for forbidden pastures, have distanced themselves from Him.

I am here with you since I love you, and the measure of my love and my mercy is infinitely superior to that of your misery.

I love you all for those illnesses that you carry with you, that are caused by the frailty of the human body and the consequence of sin.

I love you because you are needy of help, like the little children that have difficulty finding the way to get up and who are incapable of making the first steps and stammer their first words. I know your difficulties, even those which you do not know.

Sometimes, especially the young, believe they are sufficient to themselves and can do without God and neighbour. It is youthful pride, which sometimes is lost after the first humiliations, and sometimes can be a fount of evil and can distance one from the faith and the Church. To these dear souls I direct my help and give my merciful assistance because I wish to persuade them, convince them, attract them, give them some holy ideals.

How I rejoice when the young come closer to the Heart of my Jesus and mine. It is like the return of the Magdalene to the feet of the Lord. The number of those who serve as sirens to draw men to evil is great, but if one of these young souls returns, it is a chain that is broken and it is a sobering of many.

Children, I have told you many things that the Spirit of my Jesus will make you better understand and savour. For now it is enough for you the invitation to go to the sacrament of Confession with that feeling of profound gratitude that has to inspire you. Let the memory of how many times you have used it without thinking that perhaps you have abused the divine mercy, be a warning to you.

One final invitation and one last promise. My Jesus desires to pour

out his mercy on the suffering souls, so that, purified in his Blood, they can ascend to Heaven to glorify God. I beg you to solicit in these days this gift.

Oh, if you were able on that blessed day that is Low Sunday, to compel the Lord to empty out Purgatory! There would be an immense host of souls who in Paradise would pray for you and give you a hand.

Do you want to be generous? Do you want to offer with faith what is possible for you in order to liberate those souls? I shall be in the front lines suggesting to you what you have to do.

Children, I bless you all.

I bless again this miraculous image of mine, I bless this house and all its occupants.

I bless the young, the consecrated and the elderly present.

I bless the sick, the suffering and all your families, on whom we shall pour out the treasures of our graces, provided that you listen in the depth of your hearts to our suggestions.

That mutual support which makes charity reign in families is very useful for the suffering souls.

So long, children. Be good and merciful and you shall find mercy.

HELP THE SUFFERING SOULS

April 6, 1972

My beloved children, peace be to you. Look I am coming to continue the lesson begun yesterday and to invite you to carry out well that very important work of liberation of the suffering souls, so that they too may be able to glorify in Paradise the infinite mercy of Jesus, my divine Son.

Mercy is the consequence of goodness and my Son, inviting you to be merciful, invites you to be good. You therefore, but especially in these days, must always employ your goodness in favour of those souls who suffer terribly. You will have to in a certain sense pay for them, like he who, possessing the means, offers to pay the debt of those who absolutely cannot pay it. Now I will teach you the way.

You ought to imitate my Jesus in his behaviour towards the needy. There are many who think they love their neighbour because some-

times they give alms or make some sacrifice for them. But the love of my Jesus went deep down. To love means to desire and to cooperate so that the persons loved by you, with material help, may have that spiritual help that gives them hope in the future and strength in the present.

To approach the neighbour in order to give the gift of mercy and goodness, is not to pass by the injured like the Levite or the priest on the road to Jericho, but to stop like the good Samaritan, take the injured, carry him on your own mount, bring him to the hotel and pay the bill for him.

You see in all this a deep charity, even if you understand it in a spiritual sense, which is nothing else than true love. If in the exercise of this charity you keep in mind the suffering souls, you get to accomplish a double work of mercy that goes to the benefit of the living and the dead. What counts is love, from which comes goodness and mercy.

If you observe the world full of injured in the mind, in the body, in the heart and in the soul, you see how great is your field of work.

There are many needy, but you are all needy and in the exchange of help you can be the good Samaritan one for the other. There are those who weep, who suffer, who are sick, who have no work. There are those who are restless, who hate, who do not want to forgive, who do not know how to love. To all, you must make a gift of your mercy. Every act of goodness made in the name of the Lord, brings into the heart of he who receives it a ray of divine light that can open up a new horizon of grace and peace.

If you wish once again, as once when He lived on earth, for my Jesus to pour out his mercy and not his justice, you must offer Him your heart. And donate yours to Him. Be merciful and you shall find mercy.

Another thought I suggest to you. The heap of penalties that the suffering souls have to atone for, you can pay for it. How will you pay for it, children? You have the Mass which is the Blood of Christ, but also your contribution of sacrifice and faith must be united to the divine offering, and the pardon which you will continuously give to those who offend you and to those whom you hold as your debtors, will help you to complete the work.

That's why I invite you on these days to demonstrate your mercy,

by generously giving to all your pardon full of love.

How many void confessions, children, because one does not know how to forgive. How many evils get worse in the family and in society because one does not know how to forget and because one wants to return to the old ways, saying "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth."

You know that no action, be it good or bad, is disconnected from the others and from the world. Everything has a consequence and brings good or evil. Act so that your works, linked to those done by my divine Son, may press on his Heart in order to compel Him to use mercy on everyone.

Come, children, come beside your sorrowful and immaculate Mother; come beside my heart and draw that goodness which will make you forget the evil that you receive, in order to remind you only of those copious benefits the Lord pours out over you and over all his children.

May the saints of Paradise be gladdened and rejoice so that other souls, helped by you, will be able to join their ranks and praise God forever.

Children, I bless you and I give you love, goodness and mercy. Spread it everywhere and have in return serenity and peace.

CALL THE SINNERS BESIDE MY HEART

April 11, 1972

My dear children, thank you for this prayer full of love. Thank you for the intention put by you, which is the one desired by my Jesus and by me.

I am the Refuge of Sinners and as such I go throughout the world in search of them, in search of souls to save.

To you, gathered here, I wish to give a special task. You all have someone to recommend to me. You have children, husbands, acquaintances sick in soul which give you so much worry. I know these souls, but I desire that you name them to me daily. I desire that you invite me to get closer to them, as when you call the doctor when you

have to take care of them and you desire that they regain their bodily health.

I promise you that I will let myself be taken by the hand by you and I will come. The Lord gives me a gift of his power, and when I get closer to a soul, what takes place is like when my Son approached the tomb of Lazarus. His command was enough to make him come back to life, is it not true? Well then, I will do the same thing with your loved ones. I will say to them: son, come out!, and you will see that they will obey me.

I need your prayer full of faith and love and your perseverance. I will also make use of the sorrow that you feel for your and their sins, as if they themselves felt it.

Inside or outside the house, your loved ones must see in you only persons joyful to possess a faith based on the divine truths, therefore certain. They all must ask each other: "Where does this soul draw so much serenity in spite of work, adversities and the sorrows that are not lacking to anyone?"

When the early Christians were condemned to martyrdom, they went singing, and whoever saw them and heard asked themselves: "Who can this God be who gives so much strength and joy?", and their martyrdom became the seed of new faithful, and Christianity expanded more and more.

I have said to you that you must have sorrow for sins, but this does not exclude serenity, since sorrow is the displeasure of having offended God, which transforms itself straight away into a loving abandonment towards Him whereupon you promise not to sin again.

I wish to teach you a way to have a deep sorrow and a perfect love.

When Moses, by God's order, had a bronze serpent built and had raised it in the midst of his people, those who were bitten by poisonous snakes, had only to look at that serpent in order to obtain the cure.

You also have someone whom you can look at with infinite gratitude and love: He is the Crucified. To Him you must turn when the devil inflicts on you some harmful sting. There at his feet, you will be able to weep for the sins of your loved ones and of all the men of the world. There, at the feet of the Crucified, you ought to obtain the greatest conversions.

Perhaps you have never thought, when you go to the sacrament of Confession, that right above your head is hanging that object which represents the divine Crucified, and that He alone, as God, can obtain for you the pardon for your sins.

Oh, were you able to call beside my heart, so that I could bring them to Confession, so many sinners! This sacrament which many neglect or despise, is a gift of the infinite mercy of my Lord, and to all those who receive it with the due dispositions, it obtains an increase of that spiritual richness which is grace and is a source of joy.

Is it not true, my children, that when you return from the confessional you feel much lighter and it seems to you that the crosses do not weigh you down anymore? I have said to you of drawing sinners to this source. Beg for this gift, ask for it insistently, since the Heart of Jesus, just like the father of the prodigal son, rejoices on account of these returns and all of Paradise is in celebration.

You are the children of his Heart which from Him you no longer wish to be detached. Some souls here present were also lapsed. The prayers and the sacrifices of the good have lead them here. They have in this way found happiness and they desire to make others sharers of what they enjoy. This is a marvellous work of God and what He spurs you on to do is right. Others shall return. This is the place where my Jesus with special delicacy calls.

When then you are with me like everyone covered with my mantle, in the shade of his most sweet Heart which encloses you in itself, you are all equal and only one bond must unite you, an affection made out of merciful goodness, knowing that God loves everyone in the same way and that He wants you all to be his children, all brothers amongst yourselves.

It is beautiful to see you without distinctions of category or social class, rich and poor, educated and less educated, intelligent and less intelligent, rich only with riches that avail for eternity, wise in the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, to love you, to help you and to pity you all, in all your weaknesses.

I assure you that if you will continue thus, you will be truly able to say: "How beautiful it is to dwell all together, as if we were one great unity" and the desire of my Jesus, that his followers were truly a unity, shall be heard.

I bless you, my children, I welcome you always with the greatest

affection and I would like that the thought of my closeness be constant in your heart.

TO THE YOUNG

April 16, 1972

My children, peace be to you and grace. I am happy to approve and clarify your thoughts, to support and to realize your desires.

I am the Mother of divine grace and of beautiful love, and I see to everything with the intention and benevolence of a mother who loves you and with the power that God gives me in your favour.

I too have some desires in your regard which I help you to make a reality. When the disciples of Emmaus, setting out, started to reason among themselves about Jesus, Jesus was close to them, but they did not recognize Him. Listening to Him recall the prophecies, they ought to have listened to Him with the certainty that they had all come about and that He who spoke to them about them spoke the truth.

And yet doubt had made inroads into their hearts. They had accepted a Jesus who performed miracles, who converted and healed, who commanded the waves of the sea and who raised the dead, but they had not accepted the Jesus of Good Friday, therefore it turned out impossible for them to believe in his resurrection.

It is truly thus for all Christians. One believes and rejoices as long as everything proceeds according to your desires, but when difficulties, adversities and dangers of losing what is dear to you arise, then enters doubt, anguish, diffidence, and faith falls short.

If the disciples, even though attracted by the word of Jesus, were indifferent, as Christians can be who base their Christianity on the few theories which have filled their head, behold the love of God arrives to shake things, and the presence of the Eucharist to change things.

The love of God is communicated to souls directly by means of the Holy Spirit. But I also put it in you and I help you to communicate it to others. It's up to you to welcome this love, rendering it lively and practising it in its entirety. Twofold in its vertical and horizontal direction, it raises itself towards God and embraces all fellowmen.

Only the God of infinite love can give you the capacity to embrace

the whole universe in your heart to go out of your way for everybody. No one however, must act senselessly and without order. That way, the truth and the life is my Jesus; to Him you must tend with all your strength, realizing in you his way of praying, of acting and of loving.

I help you, children, and in the unveiling of what is defective in you and above all in the acknowledgment of your incapacity, you will find the starting point to accomplish great works.

For now these thoughts are enough for you and the desire to make your life more and more ordered in the fulfilment of those duties that concern your state. Doing out of love what is absolutely necessary to do, you will also be like my Jesus. You will give the brethren the example which only with the breaking of bread can one show one's own Christianity.

Learn to welcome and love the Good Friday Jesus, giving to all, with your participation in the sufferings of others and with your suffering, a witness of love.

I bless you, children, and I give you my help.

I TEACH YOU THE ART OF FISHING

April 16, 1972

My dear children, here I am at your meeting with souls and hearts at which all of Paradise takes part.

Sunday is the day of the Lord and you justly celebrate it by praying. I teach you many things and amongst others I point out to you the principal things to practise in order to sanctify this day.

The Sunday Mass, the abstention from work and the practising of the works of mercy, not separated from the festive atmosphere which everyone of you can bring to your own home, whether putting on your best clothes, or preparing a better cooked meal and enjoyed tranquilly, the serenity that comes to you from having received the sacraments: here is practically the way of living out your Sundays and holy days.

There is a job however, that I invite you to do above all on these holy days and I teach you how you must do it. It is the art of fishing.

You know the Gospel deed. The apostles, after having worked all night, had not succeeded in catching not even one fish, but when in the name of my Jesus, since He had commanded it to them, they cast

the nets, they drew them out so full that they threatened to break.

I want to teach you the art of fishing, not edible fish, but I want, in the name of my Jesus, to make you all fishers of souls.

In order to fish some tools are needed which you can easily acquire. What is needed first of all is that you want to be fishermen; you must have therefore the desire, which can become zeal, to save souls.

The insatiable thirst of my Jesus which made Him cry out from the top of the cross his "I thirst", you must make it yours. The ardour for the salvation of souls that made Him face any sacrifice, that made Him walk for long hours and put up with bad weather, thirst, hunger and every sort of privation, must spur you on to desire and to realize that plan of salvation that is carried out only with your participation.

Therefore I say to you, with heartfelt desire: be fishermen of souls! You have only to do some actions in the name of Jesus, who desires them. You need the boat if you wish to go further out, if you want, that is, for the fishing to be great. The boat is trust in God, which must never be lacking, not even when it seems to you of having done much and of not having succeeded in changing anything and fishing nothing.

It is enough for you to know that we are there at the helm of your boat, even if sometimes you have the impression that in spite of the tempest being about to hit or which is already unfolding, we are sleeping. Jesus' slumber and mine are always apparent, since our vigilance is continuous and only to test your trust and constancy we do not intervene at the apparent time.

In order to fish the bait is needed and it can only be your sweetness, your smile, your goodness, which at a certain point become a convincing force. Sometimes a succulent meal can be a means to grab — as you are wont to say — husbands and children by the gullet. This I can say to the mothers. Some other times the amiable meeting of the needs of others shall be the way to cast the hook.

Moreover there is a net which I give to everyone, inside of which whoever lets himself be caught is no longer able to get out. It is an invincible net that compels me to intervene in order to hold its edge, and as soon as I realize that the relish of staying close to me has entered in the little fish, I promptly close every opening so as to make them all mine. The mysterious net which I speak to you about is the Rosary. That's why we spur you on to spread it everywhere.

The gatherings which we invite you to form are the suitable places to operate the miraculous catches. They must not be lengthened beyond the necessary, only for the recitation of the Rosary and the reading of some good thought. No gossip, no murmuring or useless chatter. You ought to bring only much serenity, which will be the clear water in which one is able to fish more easily. Again I advise you, learn to use tact and goodwill.

If you want to make an enormous catch, you must redouble, triple, decuple the size of the boat. That is, you ought to have a trust without measure in the goodness and mercy of God. If you wish to gather fish of every sort, you ought to accompany your net with those valuable ingredients which the fish desire. You ought to accompany prayer with the so-called good deeds, that are the small sacrifices of what pleases you and the acceptance of what displeases you.

The fishermen, in order to work more freely, take off all that is cumbersome and they do not hesitate to get dirty, in order to reach their prey. These are the important things that you must do: take away self-love and do not hesitate to take on all that others can bring you, be it in the spiritual sense or the material.

I explain, children. If you wish to make in your house a centre of fishing, you ought to resign yourselves to seeing your floors and your things get dirty and ruined like the shoes of the fisherman.

If you wish to welcome souls in order to be of use to them and others, you ought to accept that the burden of their sorrows may fall a bit on your shoulders, like the basket of the fisherman, and you must try to forget what disturbs and grieves you, that belongs to your life.

Thus, once again, I beg you to draw profit from these lessons.

I bless you, children. Go, the fishing awaits you. One alone must be your desire, your job, the end of your works: the salvation of all the children of God.

THE EXERCISE OF PATIENCE

April 18, 1972

Beloved children of mine, here I am again and always to instruct you, to give and receive affection from you.

I am the Mother of holy patience and it is dear to me to address to

you my lesson, speaking to you about this very important virtue in the life of man.

Patience must be exercised continuously, if one does not want to meet with grave errors, and if one does not want to fall into despair, into impatience, into anger and into other defects contrary to it.

God himself exercised patience even in the creation of the world, which with only one act of his will He would have been able to accomplish. He wanted to take six days or eras, which were to signify the working period of the week, after which a just rest would have given men a way to honour Him.

Jesus exercised patience during his life, and all those things that He could have realized in an instant, He himself being God, did not bring to completion except in a period of years.

God is patient with all his children, for whom He waits long years, knocking with his inspirations on their heart and inviting all to conversion. He calls them to follow Him, by fleeing sin and practising virtue. He leaves nothing untried, giving them all those graces that may help them to find the right road.

The exercise of patience was the most necessary in my life as a girl, spouse and mother, and this virtue is still under way with all the children that Jesus has entrusted to me in the moment in which He exhaled his last breath. I also wait and am patient, desirous of bringing my mission to a completion.

Everyone in the world would like to have everything to be brought to a completion in the shortest time. All would like to realize desires and hopes in the shortest space of time. Waiting is a suffering when some desires and affections are burning in the heart. But the time of waiting is a time of preparation, it is a time that is worth it because in waiting faith is fortified and it is enhanced by suffering. Learning to be patient means learning to believe and give a meaning to one's life.

The patience of the sick man is the serenity that makes him gain trust on the part of those who assist him and it is a good constant factor in order to obtain the cure. The patience of the mother who knows how to wait, who knows how to put oil on the wounds, who knows how to calm the family storms, resembles that marvellous work that my Jesus went about doing in his public life.

Likewise is the patience of the father of the family, who every day with love and serenity begins his day of work, who knows how to

speak with confidence his religious mind and show it with deeds more than with words, even to his work mates who think differently from him.

It is patience, of the student or the worker who commit themselves to the fulfilment of their duty, returning conscientiously on themselves in order to gain the time lost and in order not to harm anybody.

The tranquillity and serenity with which the young lady prepares herself in spite of the adversities to do her mission in life, waiting for the Lord to point out the road to her or make her find the right person to share her existence, is patience.

And even that of the children, who with their little sacrifices must accustom themselves to the greater sacrifices and to the discipline of the school, is patience.

Everyone must in the exercise of patience possess themselves.

Even in the other life, in the place of purification, the exercise of this virtue continues. And the souls of Purgatory have to learn to wait until the day in which, their punishment having ended, they shall be lifted up to the joy that God has destined for them.

That is why I invite everybody to hold in great honour this blessed and holy patience, never forgetting that when you let it slip away you do not give honour to God, you do not give a good example to your neighbour and you do not exercise the virtue, even if it seems in certain cases right and necessary to lose it.

It has been said to you that in patience you must possess your souls. And it is true, since it is like a bridle with which you hold back your self-love, your pride and your anger, that sometimes manifest themselves as a false zeal.

Be patient, children! Patient with others not the least with yourselves, since you know that no one is perfect, and many times what you rebuke in others is in you a hardened defect.

Now I wish to give you a clarification. There are some mothers who have very heavy crosses to carry. The husband is perhaps unfaithful or the children unbelievers. What must you do, my daughters? If you were to act as sometimes your heart tells you, you would have to unleash a hail of words or worse on them. No, daughters, let holy patience teach you to act differently. If your word is listened to, you can sweetly and serenely make your desires and their errors known. But

if you foresee that an infernal tide will be moved, do not set it off.

Pray and give the example of a clear and sincere faith. Love and learn to be patient. Turn your petitions to God. Tell Him to be patient, moreover to stir up the minds and hearts of your loved ones and convert them. If you will learn to touch the heart of God with your tears, I assure you that they will be converted. Do not be afraid of erring by asking for the conversion of your loved ones, even if it is the liberation of your greatest cross, since God desires that these graces be asked which are very important for Him to grant you.

Learn to suffer, be silent and love. Learn to weep and pray. If you were to ask for riches, luck, honours for them, I would say to you that you ask for their ruin, but imploring for the salvation of souls, you ask that his will may be carried out.

Before my Jesus, patient unto death and the death of the cross, let all those who desire the salvation of souls learn how to offer their life in sacrifice, in a holocaust; let them learn to pay in order to obtain.

Children, the Mother of holy patience blesses you. Invoke me under this title when temptation, sorrow and adversity threaten to make you lose that supernatural strength that makes you capable of dominating them.

BE HOLY

April 19, 1972 (at Turin, in a private house)

My dear and beloved children, peace be to you. See, I have come by means of my instrument to bring you my word and make you a visit.

When after his resurrection my Son Jesus came to find me, He gave me a great joy, He said great things to me, but above all He showed me his affection.

To you who wish to honour me today, I want to say great things, divine things, but I want, especially to all and to each of you, tell you about the most pure and immense love that I bring to you.

You are here in my city, where my shrines and my works speak continuously to the heart of everybody. The greater part of men do not understand me or do not listen to me. My word is simple and sincere, it is based on the Gospel, on the charity from which the works

have had their origin; but these works make no sound, and the modern world does not value them anymore. They have become like common things, of little importance. The moderns prize sound and all that dazes the body and soul. Prayer which was put as the basis of these works, is despised or forgotten, therefore it is difficult to make ourselves understood.

You are here to welcome me and you wish to appreciate my work of Mother beside you. Be blessed! I will not say to you that from these meetings great projects will develop, but I assure you that the principal work that everyone of you is called to do shall be done.

What do I want from you therefore? Children, be holy, as your life of risen ones behoves you. Prayer is the basis, since without God's help it is impossible for you to sanctify yourselves. My Jesus has said to you: "Be holy like your Father who is in the heavens." You make use of the first means: prayer. Then, little by little, meeting again here and listening to my lessons, you will see what is good to do in order to correspond to the will of God.

You will have some defect to take away, some virtue to acquire. You will all have a cross to carry. Did not my Son say to you still: "Whoever wishes to come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me."? The cross will have a different name and be a different size, but it will be modelled on the shoulders of each one and it will be a gift.

I desire to draw near everyone of you and say to someone: do you want for my sake, for the sake of Jesus to continue to put up with that illness in the family? Do you, I will ask someone else, want to be patient and put up with that difficult character? To others I will say: do you want to offer me some extra sacrifice, renouncing something that you like a lot? And to others: do you want to do the apostolate in your work environment, or office, wherever, in order do bring me some souls?

I refuse nothing, I like everything, as long as with this gift of love which is the cross, you do correspond with love. Know children, that man is worth not for what he is on the outside, but for the love that he has in his heart. The measure of love will be the measure of glory.

When by working and praying, you shall have acquired at least a minimum part of perfection, then you will start to realize that contemporaneously to you, in the measure that you raise yourselves up, all those who form your little world and all the others are raised up.

The works of God are like this. They are made of sanctity, a hidden sanctity but deep. And I, Holy Mary, invite you, I help you and I collaborate in order to build these admirable monuments of the love of God.

Perhaps you have never thought that your sanctification is more important for the Lord than the work of creation. The whole Blessed Trinity works around a soul in order to make it into a living Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, the sweet guest of the soul in grace, works with brush and chisel in order to render it a work worthy of God.

Good wishes therefore, my children. Continue as you have commenced and grow and multiply like good children of God. I shall assist you, blessing your days and your hearts.

To all of you who have come here with faith and love, my embrace which you will bring to your family, to the sick whom you visit, to relatives and friends. Say to all: "The heavenly Mother loves you, she desires for you to love her because she wants you all happy in Paradise."

I promise you special graces. But before leaving here, ask me for them and with so much faith as to compel me to satisfy you.

Goodbye, children, see you again.

THE HOLY FEAR OF GOD

April 27, 1972

My beloved children, grace be to your souls and peace to your hearts. Behold, I am the Miraculous Virgin whom on the 27th of every month you remember and honour.

Today I want to be truly miraculous for you by granting you a special gift. I desire to carry out towards you my office of Mother. Well then, I desire to transform your heart and your mind in such a way that you truly have to recognize me as Mother and to behave yourselves with me like the best of children.

Unfortunately, alongside those who do not wish to recognize me as Mother of God, alongside those who curse and blaspheme the dogmas that concern me, there are also those practising Christians who have a knowledge of me so superficial as to say that they feel no attraction or devotion for me.

Dear children, I would like for my Jesus to forgive everyone and at

the same time illuminate the closed minds of these children. I would like so much to be able to make everybody feel the tenderness of my heart for everyone and for each one, and the infinite desire that I nourish of being able to bring them closer to me in order to bring them to my Lord.

This is my greatest desire: that the Lord may reign and triumph in every heart. Everyone of you, every child is like one of the stones of which the Church is comprised. If God reigns in hearts, He reigns in the Church, He reigns in the world.

If you will come beside me, I will teach you two great things. I will teach you the fear of God and his love.

You also, mothers, you love to make the authority of the father loved and respected, is it not true? And to your children you grant some favour secretly from him, so that your indulgence may help them to turn to you, even to ask the father for some special favour of greater importance.

Therefore, I desire, as the Mother of God and yours, to impress well in your mind this reality: even if God in his infinite goodness allows you to behave with Him in a confidential and tender way, not for this must you forget his majesty, his greatness and infinite perfection. He is not equal to any of us. I am telling you, children, who have been able and am able to assert that great things the Lord has worked in me, and in spite of that I am before Him the humble servant, the imperceptible little dust.

Everyone of you have been elevated by the goodness and mercy of God to the degree of his adoptive son, but precisely in the name of this sonship, you must feel an infinite gratitude and you must never permit yourself to lack in respect for the Lord by treating Him as an equal. I invite you to the respect and to the fear since to Him, infinite in his attributes, every creature must render a strict account of his doings.

What is the worth of your weakness being extremely great, when you have a strong and powerful father beside you, ready to help you in every need of yours?

On the contrary, what is the point of demonstrating a strength that you do not have, a virtue that you do not possess, and behaving with the Lord with arrogance, rebelling against his will, when you know that beside you there is a God in whose hands the world rests, like a

toy in the hand of a child? Will He not be able to squash you, that is to say annihilate your pride in an instant?

I would like to add again a word for your good. Children, God is rich with goodness and mercy and He gives his graces to everyone; He illuminates minds and directs his creatures to good; on everyone's road He sows the abundance of his grace and He invites and calls with persistence to himself. But what will become of those who refuse such gifts and who think of crowning themselves with roses while they are alive, forgetting the eternal life?

Fear the Lord who passes by, I say to you, and welcome his gifts from whatever part they come from, with gratitude and affection. Receive them as precious talents to trade, since the Lord will ask you for an account at his return. When He shall come on the clouds of heaven and judge all men, the accounts shall be precise and strict and to whoever was given more, more shall be demanded.

This is the holy fear of God that my divine Spouse, the Holy Spirit, will grant to you. When you shall have rectified your ideas a little mistaken in this sense, I will fill you with the love of God.

Love comes through knowledge. And are not these lessons of mine, all intended to make you know God better and better, the truths revealed by Him, his Church instituted by my Son and all those virtues that you must practise in order to reach Him?

I carry out my duty as Mother in this way. Be affectionate children. Listen to my words serenely, joyfully, but also seriously. A mother does not want to talk uselessly and she suffers when she has to repeat the same things many times. Listen to me with the desire of obeying me, of practising what I suggest to you, listen to me with the humility of little children, so that I, seeing your littleness, am compelled to take you in my arms and press you to my heart. It is difficult to err when one is in the arms of the mother, and if you are little ones, even falling down you are unable to do a great harm.

So, children, with the holy fear of God and with the love of God, you will learn to love more and more and to make your heavenly Mother loved. Love unites and transforms. How beautiful will your encounter with my Son be on the last day, when coming to meet you He will see in you such a resemblance with me as to have to call you Mother! This is my desire and my hope.

I bless you, children. All that I have said to you, make it known also to others, so that they may learn to fear, respect and love the

God of majesty and infinite greatness.

YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD

April 29, 1972

My beloved children, peace be to you. See I wish to give you a sign of my presence addressing my greeting and my counsels to you.

I am here with you. I am the Queen of Heaven and earth, I am the Mother of Divine Love, and I go around speaking heavenly words to all so that the inhabitants of earth may learn to live like one lives in Heaven.

Love, my children, unites the souls in Heaven in a way so intimate that they seem to be one, one only soul, one only thought, one only desire unites everyone in God, so that it would be impossible to have any disagreement.

Well then, if men were to love one another, they would enjoy a Paradise in advance, and it would be a return to those early times of the Church in which the Christians formed one heart only and one soul only so as to be the admiration of all: of the pagans and of the Hebrews who had not recognized in the Messiah the propagator of true love.

Now I desire to give you a program that you can summarize like so: you must love one another, love everyone, and love each other in the name of the Lord. You must help one another, doing good to everyone for the Lord's sake. Many times what you believe good is not so because, lacking the right intention in you, you are not in the will of God. You must therefore, listen to the good inspirations, going along with the desire of the heart, but also praying to God that He may give to that good that you do that divine imprint which renders it pleasing to Him.

If it seems opportune for you and your family duties permit it, go out of your way for others, but first give your help to those who live next to you and who are joined to you by bonds of kinship and blood, since they have the right to be helped by you.

I also have lived my family life like you, carrying out the duties of my state like you in the family and I was so happy, when I had fulfilled my undertakings, to help all those who were in need.

From this mutual love, then, which must bind you even after your meeting, must come that availability, one for the other, that makes you consider yourselves as true relatives, since you are all my devoted and dear children.

Now therefore, as you set yourselves to spend the month of May with a special care, put love as the basis of your devotion. I shall be happy to help you all in the measure with which you will help others.

I have spoken to you about brotherly love, today in which the Church commemorates a great saint who was placed as the protectress of your nation. To the many gifts that were bestowed on her, she did great honour, cooperating with the Pontiff so that there would be realized in the Church that unity which my Jesus desired so much. She spread love among the Christians with her writings, with prayer and with continual suffering.

Commend to her in these days the good outcome of the elections, which have so much importance for the future of your homeland. Entrust to her, to Catherine, your leaders, the Supreme Pontiff and the whole Church.

The saints watch over everyone. They are the servants of God who help men and collaborate for their salvation.

Children, I bless you and I give you so much grace. Bring my blessing to all your loved ones and spread love.

EVERYONE HAS HIS OWN JOB TO DO

April 30, 1972

Dear children, peace and joy be to your hearts.

You are here like unfledged little birds to await my beakful of food. You await my heat to warm you up, you await my instructions to help you spread your wings. Therefore, in everything and for everything you must entrust yourselves to me. I am desirous of giving everything to you, no less than you are desirous of receiving. You put your ear always to what I say to you. The mother can teach everything to her little ones, but if you venture as you wish, how will you not run into grave dangers?

Listen to me well and be prompt in receiving the nourishment that

I give you. Do not let even one crumb of that fragrant bread that I drop into you fall, since I give you the right measure so that you don't have to straggle along, but can live your life in its prosperity.

I speak of a spiritual food and of a divine life which is the only important one. When you have that, you know also how to serenely put up with the deficiencies of the life of the body. Even in sickness, in the incapacity of achieving your designs and putting into practice your intentions, you find the peace of soul, if you have an abundant spiritual life, whereupon you can be equally serene.

Children, in this life and in the other everyone has his own job to do. Sometimes you do not know how to work it out well. It seems that you want to do many things and perhaps the possibility, the strength, the health and the capability is lacking to you. It seems that you have mistaken everything, of not having had an exact address and you are disturbed because rebukes are raining down on you from every side and you are convinced that you deserve them, even if you have not been able to do differently.

Children, do not get distressed, since the job that the Lord gives you or has given you, can be exactly this, of an apparent failure. Before those who humble themselves acknowledging themselves incapable, but desirous of doing, my Jesus is moved, He welcomes also at the last hour and makes use of humiliation in order to do great works.

Tell me something: have you heard the Gospel parable in which Jesus speaks of the master who comes out at all hours to call for workers in his vineyard? If those of the last hour had been discouraged and unwilling, the master would not have taken them into his service.

That is why I say to you: do not worry over the past, throw it into the heart of God so that He may see fit to rectify everything. Think about the present which is in your possession and utilize it for the eternal life. In this way you will sanctify the time that God has put at your disposal so that you can accomplish in the best way that job that He entrusts to you.

Even in the other life souls have each their own job to do and no one remains inactive. To the very high task of honouring God and rendering glory to Him, is added that of praying to Him for everyone and of helping all those who are still wayfarers on earth.

All the saints are honoured and celebrated even amongst them-

selves, as they sing hymns to their Queen. Yes, children, that beautiful prayer which Christians many times mutter with the mouth or say in such a speedy way as to not know what they are saying, is sung by the angels and the saints in a magnificent chorus to which is united the Father, who greets me as his Daughter, the Son who honours me as Mother, and the Holy Spirit who loves me as his Spouse.

They sing therefore, with the most delicate harmonies: "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee...". But to this part of the Hail Mary is compared the second, which the souls of Purgatory repeat with sweet lament, praying to their Queen for all men of earth.

You see therefore, that this prayer, which for some one hundred and fifty times you recite in your gatherings, finds confirmation in the Church Triumphant and Suffering. For this I can say to you that every Hail Mary is like a fiery dart that lights my heart with love for those who fire it.

Children, I have told you this so that always with greater commitment and with the desire to please me you do recite your beautiful Rosaries, sure of making me something always very pleasing and very advantageous for you. How great it is when I see you with the Rosary in your hand, even in your families, calling around you all your family and also other people in order to make a crown for me and to honour me.

I sit amongst you, I scrutinize the hearts of everyone and I change many things. If someone from your house has moved away and no longer prays with you, call the others, those who remained and have the Rosary recited.

Have I not said to you that the Rosary is the net? You pray and I go with your net around to ensnare those who flee from you and from me. In unity there is strength, children, but this strength must come from faith and prayer. If you will listen to me, you shall be happy because I will give peace to your hearts.

Tomorrow you will celebrate my spouse Joseph, who sanctified his life with work and with sacrifice. You will pray to me with him and you will ask for all men to appreciate work, a great gift of God since in order to do it health is needed, it is a great means of purification and sanctification. I shall be here still with you.

Children, I bless you all and I wish you a good and holy night.

I NEED YOUR HELP

April 30, 1970

My beloved children, see, there is less than an hour before the commencement of the month dedicated to me and you are preparing yourselves in the best way. Thank you, children, thank you all! I assure you that even for one only May spent with fervour many souls were saved, since I do not forget anything of what my children offer me. Every little thing that I receive is an obligation for me to repay in this life and in the next.

A month spent in the grace of God, praying and doing good, can be a guarantee that assures you sanctity, since grace can be doubled, multiplied to you, and it can be the start of that mysterious chain which, uniting you to God, incorporates you in his life in an inseparable way.

I enjoy being called the Queen of May, since the beautiful season augurs many fruits and if in your flowering life, like a beautiful May I introduce myself, I bring you the most delicious fruits.

There are in my month many recurrences tied to devotion and to apparitions. They are as if united to form a precious crown. I remind you of the feast of my best devotion, that is of the Rosary, that you celebrate at Pompeii, where I make continual appearances, obtaining graces and special conversions in that shrine risen on the ruins of places of sin and paganism. Popes and saints made their most dear visits to my Image and they adorned it with precious gifts.

Much higher up, beside the birthplace of Pope John, I am honoured as "Our Lady of the Woods", to recall the protection and the salvation that two children had by me, who defended them against ferocious wolves.

On the thirteenth day of May you will recall my appearance at Fatima to three little shepherds, fearful and lovers of God and prayer, who had many invitations from me to know my desire for prayer and penance. Their simplicity and their spirit of sacrifice made them holy and little martyrs, and in Paradise they are in the ranks of those who have given their life for the love of God.

For Lucy, who still lives in the world, offer up sometime your prayers since she suffers a lot, be it for those sufferings that are never lacking in life and are common to all, and more still in seeing how my

suggestions, invitations and commands are not listened to, and how one continues to make Jesus suffer.

Right from the first apparition, there had been foreseen a scandalous fashion that would have brought offence to modesty and made my Son weep; and now this scandalous fashion continues and becomes a school for the youngest, a continuous danger for young and adults, who are drawn into evil and who become a prey of the demon of impurity.

After all I've told you, do not wonder that obscene spectacles, newspapers and pornographic magazines are making more and more headway in the midst of the world. One starts from little and it is all a crescendo of malice and sin.

I would like for this May to mark for you a battle against all the forces of evil. I am ready to help you like I defended those children from the wolf. But I need also your intentions, your example and your help, above all in this field of morality. Be proud to go against the current and do not hesitate to admonish whoever is near to you and behaves in an unworthy way. It will be a holy crusade that will bring its benefits. It shall be your most longed-for competition that will arouse imitators also.

Children, if there will be a triumph of grace in your hearts, you shall have also on my part a triumph and an abundance of love, when at the end of this month you will celebrate me as Queen of all Hearts.

Oh, were I to reign in all the hearts of my children, to prevail over them with the force of my goodness and win them all over with my mercy!

Children, on these days your churches are filling up with children who for the first time have welcomed or will welcome my Jesus in their heart, or they will receive the abundance of the Holy Spirit who will make them soldiers of Christ.

I would like to stop time, children, so that day would remain and be prolonged into eternity. Unfortunately, a few years will pass and then how many sad spectacles we shall see! There will be those who will decisively distance themselves from us with sin. There will be those who will lose the faith and those who will combat it. Those who will be neglected by the family, those who will meet dangers even grave ones, whereupon some will become perhaps real delinquents.

When a child of mine ends up bad, everyone or most are ready to condemn him, and if he is not converted, he will have to finish mis-

erably his days in hell, forever. I would like however, to ask all those who were alongside him: what have you done to save him, what have you done to tear him away from the dangers and to prevent him from becoming bad?

Children, I would like to entrust to you, in this month of May, for your whole life, all those children of whom I have spoken to you about and who in these days have tasted the joy of living in the grace of God. I entrust them to your prayer and to your sacrifices of this night and of always. Perhaps one day they shall thank you and I shall thank you.

My children, I bless you again and always and I give you joy and consolation.

YOUR ABODE IS BEYOND THE STARS

May 2, 1972

My beloved children, who come from near and far with a heart full of holy desires and anguish, be blessed.

Come, come beside my heart! Never say that I am deaf to your invocations and that I do not want to realize your hopes. I see everything, I know everything and I love you with a mother's heart, whereby only one is my desire: to make you happy in this and in the next life.

To make you happy in this life, however, does not mean that I must take the cross that you have on your shoulders or on your heart away. If I were to do that, I would prevent you from attaining that life of beatitude which one reaches only by going up one's own Calvary. I intend to give you that faith and that love of God through which in the cross you may learn to see a means to sanctify yourselves.

Do you believe perhaps that the saints have arrived in Paradise without sufferings? And why would my Son have said: "Whoever wishes to come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me (Lk 9:23)."? And why would He himself have embraced the same cross, He who was holiness itself? And have I not myself suffered also like no mother in the world can suffer?

Come therefore, I repeat to you. Come beside my heart. Tell me also all that embitters you: is it your children, your relatives, your husbands? What can you do for them except pray? Commend them to

me, consecrate them to me every day. It's up to me to act, you will only have to pray and be good.

I am the Mother of all and I suffer for everyone, never forget it. Therefore, when you feel your eyes full of tears and your heart full of sorrow, think of me who suffers for you and your sufferings, and help me, console me, pray for everyone.

My beloved children, when you feel the desire to die in order to be freed from your sufferings, consider that Paradise shall be infinitely beautiful, but there you will no longer be able to gain merits, while here on earth every tear, every sigh, every pain has an immense value for the eternal life.

You are all destined for Paradise. My Jesus has told you so: "I go to prepare you a place, so that where I am you also may be (Jn 14:3)." No one can take that marvellous place which you must earn by corresponding to the grace of God away from you, unless you spontaneously want to renounce yourselves choosing to live separated from God forever.

What does it cost you therefore, now to do the will of God? God asks nothing from you above your strength. If He asks you for a sacrifice, He gives you also the strength to bear it and to offer it.

When my Jesus spoke with the apostles about the passion which He was going to have, Peter advised Him to flee from the suffering and the cross, but He rebuked him saying to him: "Get behind Me, Satan (Mt 16:23)."

You also must do the same when you feel discouraged, depressed and when you would like to throw away the cross. Remember that if you throw away the cross, you distance God from you and where shall you go to find salvation and peace?

With these clarifications I do not mean to tell you that you will come here and return empty handed. I grant many graces daily in this house. Material and spiritual graces, to whoever prays to me and to those for whom you pray. I desire to grant you and I grant you what I see useful and necessary for you, so that you may be able to reach that blessed place that the Father has prepared for you from all eternity.

Therefore, take this commitment, and when you are worried over many material things, keep present that your home, your abode is there beyond the stars, where my Jesus has gone up on the day of the ascension, that is forty days after his resurrection and where He waits

for you.

When you are anxious to see your children settle down and for your husbands to have a job and the capacity to rule their family, consider that I myself have these desires, that I help you bring to a completion by means of prayer. Amongst all the prayers there is the one most pleasing to me, which unites Paradise and Purgatory between them and with you .

I promise you help and graces, children, again and always through the Rosary. This prayer that smells of incense, of roses and of Heaven, is the precious means with which you can win the battles of life.

And now, children, I bless you. I cannot unveil to you a patch of Heaven to show everyone the glory which you shall be surrounded when you reach the homeland, but I can assure you that whoever reaches it no longer desires to live on earth, for in God every good is enjoyed.

Look at Heaven, I say to you again, and if you wish to sigh for it let it be not in order to free yourselves from suffering, but to reach God who loves you infinitely and your Mother who desires you.

Pray a lot on these days forgetting your worries, pray for your beautiful Italy, whose Queen I am and which I call my Italy, since my little house resides here. I call your homeland mine, for there resides the Pope who represents my Jesus on earth. To him, to Jesus and to me turn your thoughts. The former so that he may be helped, and us so that we may help you.

See you again, children, and many blessings to bring into your families, to the good and the bad, because I love everyone.

I AM HAPPY WITH LITTLE

May 3, 1972

My children, I cannot let you leave here without giving you my special blessing and my most encouraging word that may stimulate you to spend this month of May in the best way.

I give you only a few suggestions that will be precious to you. Offer me every day a handful of incense with a fervent prayer made in Church or in the home, where you want.

Offer me a rose that may consist in an act of goodness and charity

towards your neighbour, especially towards those whom you dislike most.

Offer me a glass of water, that is, make a sacrifice for my sake that may be of avail to save some soul.

This, children, is what I ask you. Whoever wishes to offer me a lot of incense, a lot of roses, a lot of glasses of water, shall be more deserving, but I am happy with little.

Pray for your priests and for those of the whole world, that they may feel love towards their heavenly Mother and make her loved by all. I am grateful to you and I love you. Pray for Italy and for the whole world.

I bless you one by one and I give you with largesse of heart all those graces which you need and which are useful for the salvation of your soul. I want to increase your faith, hope and charity.

I bless all the children present, whom I shall always keep under my protection.

I DESIRE THAT YOU BRING ME SOULS

May 3, 1972 (at Muggiò)

My beloved children, here I am with you. I am the Miraculous One. Look at me well: I stretch out my arms to you in order to welcome you. I desire to embrace you and to make you feel the aspirations of my heart.

You are good children, I can ask you for everything. You love me, I can give you everything in order to make you happy. I am a good Mother who understands the needs of her children, moreover I am a Mother of a very large family, who desires to save all her children.

That's why I stretch out my arms to you. I desire that you bring me souls, many souls, all souls. Don't you see children, that many do not know me and do not want me? Don't you see how many blaspheme me? Even in the name of liberty they want to ill-treat me, as if a son had the right to ill-treat his own mother. Children, remember well that one cannot love the Son if his Mother is not loved and whoever does not love is in death.

My children, were you to know how many souls are lost! They find themselves before God's tribunal, thus, without having loved; they have sought and defended during their life only their material inter-

ests, those that pass away with time; they have forgotten the interests of God and those of their soul.

Children, if with death a partition were to definitely close and it should no longer be opened again, perhaps little importance could be given to it. But it is an account that is closed in the hereafter, that which is opened on earth. How much responsibility, how much worry, how much desire for good ought to fill up the days of everyone.

My Jesus came on earth in order to make this great mystery of eternal life understood. But how many refuse to believe! Alone they build themselves a chasm made of fire and they throw themselves in for those few satisfactions that life gives or which at any price they wish to procure.

My Jesus, the Good Shepherd, went in search of the lost sheep; and I accompany Him and I go around the world beseeching everyone to come to their senses and to think about Heaven, where you are called to live.

Children, what is that mother who lets her children run after grave dangers without bothering about them? Am I perhaps an incapable or degenerate Mother? See my open arms. Come, bring other souls to me.

One day, on Calvary, I received in my arms my Son. He had been lacerated, flayed, spat upon; rendered truly repugnant like a worm of the earth, in order to save men degraded like worms. I received Him, I cleaned Him, I washed Him, I kissed Him and I wrapped Him in the white sheet that was to cover Him and which was put in the sepulchre. Now my Jesus has ascended to Heaven and from Heaven again He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

And I am always there at the foot of the cross to receive other sons: those which sin has rendered repugnant and so deformed as to disgust. What must you do, children? Bring to me those souls needing to be cleaned, washed, kissed by grace. If they encounter death, having found me in life shall be for them a pledge of their future resurrection.

You have a task: to sacrifice yourselves, to practise the virtue contrary to the vices of your brethren. They do not believe, you increase your faith. They do not have charity, you love also for them. Their impurities degrade them, your chastity invites them to rise up again.

In this way, children, I will repay you for these beautiful gifts that you will present to me in this May, all dedicated to me. You will bring

me souls, I will cover you with graces and I shall clothe you with glory. Remember: "You have saved a soul, you have predestined yours."

And now I bless you with great abundance of heart. I bless all those who in this month will pause before my image even reciting only one "Hail Mary."

I bless your parish and the whole Church.

I HAVE GIVEN YOU A PRECIOUS WEAPON

May 4, 1972

My dear and beloved children, here you are at my feet of the Sorrowful Virgin and Mother. You bring me your enthusiasm, your sorrows, your worries and your hopes. You are few here, but you represent all the classes and you represent the Church. I welcome you and I bless you and through you I wish to bless the whole world.

My children, how much evil, how much sorrow everywhere! You see families broken up, religious orders turned upside down by disputes and internal disorders. You see priests sold to Satan who work for him, lowering themselves up to degrading themselves and destroying their own dignity. You see young people aged in vice, preparing themselves for marriage with the impure sin. You see spouses betrayed, mothers in tears. And you see again the Sacred Hosts of the Holy Sacrifice dripping blood, for the sacrileges continue to butcher the Body of my Lord.

Having destroyed the true and simple faith in the minds of the good, having destroyed morality in the life of the faithful, what is left for you but to beseech the Father, to pray and to weep?

Children, I invite you to join together that in this union of good children you may find the strength to react to evil and to be the salt of the earth. I have given you a precious weapon, it is the net with which to snare whoever wants to dodge God's invitations: the Rosary. Children, spread it, love it and make it loved.

Are they not delightful moments those that I grant you, when at my feet you finger that Rosary bead which represents so well a wreath of roses? And have not many souls found in it the strength to overcome the greatest difficulties? Have not the saints fingered that Rosary bead

many, many times a day to speak to me about their love, their desire for the apostolate and sanctity? And have they not reached what they longed for?

In the dangers that surround you there is a shield, a bulwark behind which you must hide yourselves. Raise it towards Heaven, tie it around your hands so that they may remain chaste, keep it on your side or on your heart as a testimony of faith and love.

There will come a day, and it shall be beautiful for my devotees, in which I shall come to meet you in order to bring you to enjoy the prize that you have prepared for yourselves with a life rendered a living practice of the Rosary. I shall come to meet you and I shall say to you with great love: come daughter, come my son, come and you shall be crowned. And on the head of each one, I will place an imperishable crown and I will present you to my Son, I will present you to the Father that He may welcome you favourably.

How can your Mother be expected to let you go to Purgatory to purify yourselves? Cannot a Mother clean her own children and render them sparkling with light?

The devotees of my Rosary, the propagators of my Rosary, my beloved ones shall be introduced in glory and they shall enjoy special privileges immediately after their death. Know it, believe it, and if you want to withdraw souls from dangers and from eternal death, give to them my devotion, my Rosary.

I bless you all and I promise assistance and help, according to the mission and the task that everyone is called to carry out.

I DEFEND THE LITTLE AND THE BIG CASES

May 7, 1972

My dear and beloved children, here I am with you. I am your Queen. In these days you and your fellow countrymen are choosing the representatives who will stand in for you in government. But even before, you have elected and chosen me as your Queen and Advocate, so that I would direct your fate and take up your defence before the Father.

Men can fall short of their obligations, but I go about it proudly and I bring my mission to completion.

I must teach you your duties that are enclosed in me. Do you not

call me “the Ark of the Covenant”? And was it not the Holy Ark that enclosed the Laws given by God to my people?

In my heart therefore, I keep closed those teachings, those divine words which my Jesus communicated to men, and I go about showing them to you and explaining why you have to practise them like I did.

I gather therefore, the consecrations that you make, and when you put yourselves in my hands, I guard you and put you in safety. I represent you before the Father asking pardon for your shortcomings and I defend also your rights. I speak to you about rights which however are not real, since can man boast of something before God?

I create the rights for you. The right to be helped because you are little, needy of help, because you possess nothing of any value. Man is a whole of weaknesses and miseries. I also would have been like you if the Lord, in his infinite goodness, had not graciously turned his gaze towards me and had not enriched me with grace and merits.

That’s why I can present myself to God, exactly as Esther presented herself to her king so that he would have pity on her people. I defend your rights as the lawyer defends the case of his clients and I go about studying and finding the smallest reasons even, to which I can cling to in order to justify you. While towards you I adopt all the goodness of a Mother and sometimes the severity of the Teacher in order to make you understand your mistakes, and I constantly give you a hand in order to lift you up when you fall down, on the other hand I seek to present you covered by my cloak and with my merits, so that the Father — as you say —, may turn a blind eye and have mercy.

See how useful it is even in life to elect your protectors, who do what your MP’s will do in government. Here however, prudence is not needed, there is no fixed number, there is no distinction of colour. Together with me, who enjoys being your Queen, you can put a series of innumerable souls who will all work in your favour.

I defend the little and the big cases, but the most important one is the last one, when to combat and to contend for the soul there shall be two: the angel and the devil. I shall defend the soul, I shall help it and I shall save it from eternal condemnation, provided that in it there be the least disposition to receive my defence.

How many times you invoke me as your Queen and Advocate even without realizing it. From now on do it knowingly and invite me seri-

ously to take up your defence.

Even in your material needs you can invoke me, especially when you are even involved unjustly in a lawsuit. I defend the weak, even if sometimes it may seem that I neglect them and let them suffer. I guide the just cases, which at the opportune time give good results: that is to say, truth and justice is revealed and error and iniquity is uncovered.

The Last Judgement will see me at your side, and for my devotees my Jesus will allow me to say the last word in their favour: mercy, these are my souls!

To you all, children, and to each one my affectionate embrace. Live in this way, on the brink as one who has to depart from one moment to the other, with his suitcase of good works always ready.

Many, many find themselves empty handed before God in spite of their good thoughts and their good intentions.

Be rich before God, that is what counts.

LIFE MUST BE A CONTINUAL ASCENT

May 9, 1972

My beloved children, I am here with you. Have faith, trust and love. I am your Mother, desirous only of your good.

Today I want to suggest to you a good thought so that you may be able to prepare yourselves for the great feast of the Ascension.

To tell you what my heart felt when I saw my Son lift himself up from the earth towards Heaven is an impossible thing. The most conflicting thoughts followed each other, and while I rejoiced in seeing his glory, my heart was filled with a deep sadness in seeing myself deprived of my only treasure. On the other hand the thought of the nascent Church gave me so much desire to go out of my way and to help those children that had remained like sheep without a shepherd. I felt joy, sorrow, worry and an infinite desire of reaching Heaven in order to see and embrace again He who had filled my life.

I looked above like the apostles and the disciples and even though I knew that my Jesus would no longer descend, I stayed to observe as

if to discover his divine image between one cloud and another. Then we returned to our homes and I understood that for everyone life had to be a continual ascent.

That desire for lifting up and for perfection commenced, or better it continued for me, that sharp ascent towards the top where I would have encountered my God and my Saviour.

You also are called to make this ascent and little by little as the days pass by, you must feel much lighter for what you leave and more agile and much freer through the new conquests. I know that it is a bit difficult to detach oneself from men and things while you are on earth, because the passing of the years renders you more and more needy of everything, but it is nevertheless a job to be done.

When, having reached a certain age or struck by an illness, you feel the duty to make a will, one only is the word that leads: "I leave." But what value do you want that word to have when, if you do not leave out of love, you have to leave all by force? And is it not better to start straight away to detach your heart from everything? To detach your heart means not to be slaves to what has to serve you only for your good, but to make use of everything for the benefit of the soul and for the common good.

If you detach yourselves everyday, everyday you lift yourselves up more in virtue. You do as those who, ascending a mountain, breathe in with full lungs the oxygen that gives them strength. Detachment from things presupposes an emptying of oneself. What a marvellous thing, my children, knowing how to empty oneself from all those thoughts of self-love, of those worries which are nothing else but lack of trust in providence, in order to fill oneself with God, with his love, with the desire of his glory.

Thus you see in me how much you also can have. One lives better thinking about Heaven rather than letting oneself be weighed down by the earth.

The thought of the Church was a great worry for me and it must be so also for you. The Church, children, is the great mother where children are continually born to grace because they are called to glory. How much the interests of this holy mother ought to be dear to your heart! From Pope Paul VI who directs it, to the last member that comprises it, how much have they to be the motive of your prayer, of your love and the offering of your suffering!

There are many at present who make the Vicar of Christ suffer;

there are other children who declare themselves my devotees and in my name combat the Pope and follow a false one; there are others who deny the continuous assistance of the Holy Spirit who renders the Pope infallible.

But does it not seem to you that the Gospel is also denied at this rate? Did not Jesus speak clearly when He said to Peter and the apostles, and therefore to all his successors: "I will be with you until the end of the world (Mt 28:20)."?

Children, love the Pope, defend him and obey him with filial love, with devotion, as for one who from God himself has received a universal paternity and an assignment of great responsibility and trust.

Let it never happen that anyone of you, enticed by the different rapacious wolves and by the many "antichrists" that appear here or there, leave the barque of Peter where the helmsman is Jesus himself.

Even when the Church is ruined in its members so imperfect, remember that she is the Spouse of Christ and shall never go to ruin.

Children, you must always glory in this Church the Spouse of Christ; defend her, I repeat to you, and love her.

And now, as I invite you to put into practice what I have said, I give you another suggestion.

After the Ascension, the apostles withdrew with me into the Cenacle to prepare themselves for the coming of the Holy Spirit, who would have consolidated the Church and made these children of mine strong so as to give their life in order to bear witness to their faith.

Also to you who come to this Cenacle of the Divine Mercy, I ask for a special preparation, made out of prayer and recollection, that the feast of Pentecost may renew you in good intentions and in love. Also for you the miracle of the tongues must be realized. You must have the ideas so clear in your mind that you are able to talk to everyone with serenity about the truths of the faith. I as of now bless you and I pray with you.

MOTHER'S DAY

May 14, 1972

My beloved children, joy and grace be to you!

How beautiful is today's festivity, even if it does not have a purely

religious character! You celebrate the mother and you have united the thought of my motherhood to that spiritual one of my instrument, to that natural one of every woman of this world, and to yours in particular. Good! I unite and exchange my wishes to yours and I say to you with great enthusiasm: long live the mother, long live the mothers!

What a great gift of Heaven motherhood! When a mother lives united to God and practises her faith, she becomes like a gushing fountain that gives life to the little fish that move and feed in it; she becomes like that marvellous olive tree to which the children can approach and fill themselves with its fruits; she becomes like the mighty oak tree, at whose shade the children can rest and have protection.

Were you to know children, how this delicate task should be appreciated and understood, this divine mission which in simplicity and in silence expresses itself, is carried out and is brought to completion.

The mother is the symbol of goodness and love; she is the generous heart that always finds something to give, who always finds the reason to justify, to cover, to help, to forget and to remember according to the moment and the need. The heart of the mother ought to be modelled on the heart of God. That's why I invite all the mothers to draw from the spring of prayer: in order to be able to insert in their own heart those attributes that render it similar to God.

There are mothers who do not love, but they are exceptions and the exception confirms the rule. There are mothers who hate their own offspring, but they are perverted mothers who have given life to them in sin. But today no, I don't want to speak to you about it, I want to show you that love poem that is the mother according to nature, the Christian mother who desires or has desired to see the fruit of her love. Blessed are the mothers as the Lord wants them!

The children, when they are little, see the mother as a ray of the sun. Little by little as they grow up, they discover her defects and many times they condemn her, they rebuke her sharply, they despise her judging her. When these children get old, or at least settle down, they begin to appreciate her and to see her defects as not so great.

Today I would like to cheer up all of Paradise through that sentiment of gratitude that, coming out of your hearts, may reach the mothers of everyone of you in whatever place they may find them-

selves.

A few perhaps, are still waiting for some sip of the Blood of Christ, in Purgatory; perhaps the excessive love for their offspring has rendered them too indulgent and now they suffer. Others are far away from the family and suffer from your absence; affection is lacking to them and they must make also many renunciations for the lack of means. Sometimes the children would like to be freed from them, because the infirmities of old age or their unbearable character makes the cross heavy.

To these mothers who suffer, send all the homage of your affection. If you are unable to be of help, lift them up by intensifying your prayers for them.

But to you mothers here present, what can I say, what can I give?

Mothers, to a heart full of love add a charge of patience, be forbearing in enduring. Learn always to win in goodness, even if you should have to say the truth to your children. Learn to meet them half-way, learn to understand them, even if they have to know what your thoughts and desires are. Let your patience be enormous in learning to wait for them to understand you and accept your principles; you must learn to wait, learn to be patient.

There are graces that mothers obtain only after their death, when, brought into the sight of God, they beseech Him saying: "Lord, have I not offered to you my suffering and my life for my children? Do not delay any longer in hearing me!" When a mother prays in life and in death she obtains always, but when she prays in Heaven her prayer is all powerful because what she asks for she asks in God.

My daughters, mothers like me, therefore sisters: love for these common children unites us. Never doubt. If you however, wish to obtain greater understanding and more conversions, learn to be joyful even when you are in suffering.

I have said to you that your little children see you as a ray of light. Moreover, the sun where it enters brings warmth, light, joy. Let this serenity be the gift that I communicate to you and which you may be able to communicate to all your family.

Tears are a precious gift that you must guard and present secretly to the Father. If you learn to smile even when your heart is weeping, your smile shall be like that glimmer of light that will permit everyone to see clearly.

And now to everyone, mothers and children, the comfort of my blessing! Do not forget that above the natural and physical motherhood there is the spiritual motherhood, which every woman can exercise with great profit even with prayer alone.

Be all delightful mothers of my Jesus in the fulfilment of his will. Be mothers of priests, who many times have a real need of it. Be my mothers who, imitating me in love, in patience and in joy are worthy of enjoying a reward equal to mine in Heaven.

I bless you again.

SPREAD PEACE

May 16, 1972

My dear and beloved children, peace be to you. Again and always I wish to enrich you with that spiritual gift that is peace, so that you may be able to spread it.

There are some people who very simply say that, finding themselves here at my feet, in this place, enjoy a certain physical relaxation and a moral tranquillity so as to think about Paradise with ease. But when these same persons go back to their homes, it is as if they had entered in a place not only of suffering but also of temptation, so as to lose easily every benefit acquired.

To these dear children I wish to say a word of encouragement. When a person comes to pray, he provides himself with a charge of spirituality that not only helps him to do his duty, but also to do it in such a way whereby he may be pleasing to God.

That is not pleasing to the devil, who, making use many times also of your family and unfortunately also of good persons, puts in motion all his skills in order to demolish that good which you have provided to yourself. You must not therefore, be frightened and not even be disheartened, as one must not dishearten the sick man who does not immediately see the effect of the medicines.

“The acting against” which is a rule of perfection, the acting, that is, against one’s own inclinations, against the common habits and especially against the devil, it is logical that it brings battle, that it unleashes hostile forces.

It is also for this that I give you peace. It is like a force that teaches you to dominate any bad instinct in you and in those who are around

you, with that serenity and with that grace that renders you superior in everything. It is the true domination of the soul over the body which allows to enjoy tranquillity.

You have placed two doves at my feet: they are very pleasing to me, because they speak precisely of peace to you. Already when the universal flood had destroyed men and things, from the ark that he had built for himself, his family and for every pair of each animal, Noah sent out a dove to inspect the land. And the dove came back to the ark with a little olive branch, the symbol of peace.

I give you an invitation, children. In this world where evil goes about transforming everything into a putrid mire, behold I send you, as the dove, bearers of peace. You will pass by indifferent to evil not because you don't suffer from it, but because it must not touch you, it must not offend and hurt you, and in the midst of all you may be able to sow goodness, trust and love for the things of Heaven, the things of God.

Invite the Holy Spirit with true ardour so that He may descend upon you and give you simplicity, candour, a right intention with all those gifts that are indispensable to you. You have to invoke the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit from Him, who is the life of your soul, and you must supplicate them for the whole Church, be it her teaching or learning. You must invoke them for the rulers, so that their intentions and desires be directed to maintaining that peace which it alone can give prosperity to the nations.

So see to it, children, in your family and social relationships, of removing those reasons for disagreement that can cause great evil. Even if it is licit for you to defend your rights and to make present to whoever takes advantage of your goodness that justice is to be respected, I say to you too: children, remember always that your abode is very much more beautiful than the present one and it is not worth the while, for a metre of earth or personal revenge, to give rise to discords that will never end.

I would like for you to prepare yourselves for the feast of Pentecost with that desire of universal peace which, emerging from your heart, would spread among relatives, friends and acquaintances, so as to create a little world around you on which the Lord may be able to turn his gaze full of satisfaction.

To everyone, therefore, with the peace of hearts, of minds, of soul, that you shall bring to your families, I give my embrace and my good-

bye.

I count and bless your intentions. Entrust to me every day and consecrate to the Holy Spirit your loved ones who move away from home, and do not fear: they shall be soon led back on the straight road.

LOVE, GUIDED BY LOVE
May 17, 1972 (at St. Fidenzio)

My beloved children, who want to follow in my footsteps in order to be pleasing to my Jesus and to me, may you be blessed.

My encounter with you must mark a starting point for that renewed fervour with which I will keep filling your heart.

My Jesus loves you with an infinite, most tender love and you very well know it. Moreover, I love you also as no mother in the world would be able to love you.

You have consecrated to me your heart, your body, your activities and your souls. I therefore, make use of you according to my pleasure, and in the measure of your docility in following my teachings and the divine inspirations which in different ways I let come to you, I shall act in you and I will do marvellous works through you.

Not everything that seems great is truly so in the eyes of God, but when your works carry my mark, that is the imprint of my possession, be also certain that they become very important up to reaching an infinite value. If you wish to do good to all, don't worry about anything except of giving yourselves completely to me. I shall bring you to Him, to my Son, and the flame of love will revivify you, it will give you new life, it will render you his instruments of grace and forgiveness.

Love, children, and do what you want, always guided by love.

There are some who lament because their health seems to be failing. But don't you know that I have more need of your sufferings than your works?

There are some who lament because the years are going by and with them the fresh energies of a time. But the heart does not age, is that not so? There are some who feel a bit disappointed because exactly those who ought to support good, combat it. But it has always been so, doesn't it seem to you? Who were the first enemies of my

Jesus? Were they not the priests? But what does it matter? From the struggle, truth emerges and the glory of God is not lessened.

Continue therefore, your apostolate of good, some in the parish, some in their own school, some in the home, in the hospital and others going around the world. Let those who cannot do anything else, accompany their children, the priests and whoever actively works, with prayer. It has been said to you that whoever works with the apostle shall have the apostle's reward.

You shall all be with me, beside my throne one day, though having carried out a different task. You have all loved my Rosary, you have sown my roses a little everywhere: it is just that you be still united around me.

The roses are the symbol of charity. What else can I want from you, if not that of having you unite to those delightful Hail Mary's which you recite with so much fervour, the perfume of those works of charity that are indispensable in order to give value to the faith itself?

So of everything you will receive an abundant reward and an infinite joy, whose prelude will fill your heart as from here below.

And now I bless you all. You shall be centres of irradiation, therefore this blessing shall have an extension up to the incredible.

I bless this house that ought never be lacking of pilgrims, who will come here to receive that strength and that wisdom that will make them continue on this land of exile until they reach the homeland.

I bless all your intentions, your desires and your hopes.

I bless all my ministers who, having found and followed me, have found the sure way in their initiatives and works.

TO THE YOUNG

May 21, 1972

My children, peace be to you, love and grace. I am the Spouse of the Holy Spirit and I desire to communicate to you with what He has filled my heart, so that you may be able to be better and better living members of that Church of which the Holy Spirit is the soul.

Children, how will you be able to do some good in the world? How will you be able to act to give life to others? One only is the secret: to vivify your soul by immersing it in the life of Christ. I am the Mother of the Word, He took human flesh in me; you, by uniting yourselves to me, will absorb his divine life, you shall make it bear fruit and spread it in the Church.

Many Christians, especially the young, delude themselves of being able to do good, of doing much by excluding the life of grace which is sanctity. Children, sanctity is something that blossoms and grows inside you. It is like a bud of that divine plant who is God made man. That is why I desire that this Pentecost may lead you to a deeper reflection in order to see at what point you have reached in the possession of grace.

If your sanctity were to be only apparent, you would only be lifeless young plant stems of that gigantic tree that is the Church. If your sanctity is made of an interior life, of the exercise of love, it shall be like the sap that vivifies you and you will be able to give life to other buds, to other young plant stems. You will be the Church on a journey, the Church that propagates itself, the Church that works.

In the first Pentecost the apostles had the gift of tongues. The Holy Spirit, light of minds, permitted them to express themselves in a way that all could understand what they were teaching. But what would this gift be worth, if their hearts had not been pervaded with love and above all if their souls had not possessed the grace and if they had not been strangers to any voluntary sin? Probably their word would have remained a dead letter.

When you set up any good work, be it material or spiritual, that is good to console whoever suffers and help whoever is in desperation and in sorrow, remember to reflect: your action will be meritorious for you and efficacious for others in the measure in which you possess the Holy Spirit, who is the grace of God and infinite love.

Children, I embrace you and I bless you, as I beg you to make the invocation to the Holy Spirit a precious habit so that He, being the sweet Guest of the soul in grace, can realize in you that sanctity to which you are all called without distinction, each one according to the degree established by God.

DO NOT NEGLECT THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT

May 21, 1972

My beloved children, children of predilection, who, called by the Spirit of the Lord, have rushed here to my feet in order to draw strength, capacity and grace, in order to walk in the ways of the Com-

mandments and the Evangelical Counsels, in order to reach eternal life through holiness, may your prayers be granted.

See, I beseech my celestial Spouse for you so that He may give you the abundance of his gifts and I pray to Him to fill your souls with that burning fire of charity which not only the first apostles experienced, but also the early Christians.

To you also has been given the abundance of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Baptism; and also in Confirmation you have received Him, so that, fortified by his strength, you can overcome the evil one and combat like good soldiers of Christ your long battle. Moreover, the Holy Spirit never remains inactive. He communicates himself and works continuously in souls who invoke Him and who lodge Him with a desire for sanctity.

He manifested himself to the apostles with a rumble from Heaven like an impetuous wind, to whose clatter all men were to be shaken. Moreover, He still comes into souls and uproots all that is defective and evil; He also comes as a salutary and fruitful breath to bring those inspirations which are like seeds that give origin to the most divine works, and therefore greater.

Already the Spirit of the Lord had hovered above the waters and, filling the universe, had made it fruitful, because the world is God's and life depends on Him.

To Moses the Spirit had spoken through a burning bush to signify his power, his strength, his love and, at the same time, the fear and the respect that man must maintain in his presence. And to the apostles, gathered in prayer with me, He manifested himself with the apparition of many tongues of fire that separated themselves and rested above each one. The Spirit again came to attest his same qualities: his strength, his power and his love.

At the baptism of my Jesus a dove, appearing above his head, stood to represent the Holy Spirit and to indicate the promptness with which everyone must respond to the calls of the Spirit, while of Him, of Jesus, He expressed his candour and simplicity.

Children, I have reminded you what the symbols are which you have to make your own. Be careful of the Lord, who passes by like the wind! Do not let the time nor the invitations to good pass by that come to you from every side.

If the impetuous wind has to help you to shake yourselves and the world so that evil may be eliminated, you must not neglect that light

breeze which caresses your soul when you are in Church or in your home in moments of greater recollection. The fire that you feel sometimes and which burns your heart and pricks you with the desire to do more and to do better, you must not neglect it: it is the voice of the Holy Spirit who communicates himself to you.

When it seems that you must pray better, love more, act with more disinterest and more rectitude, do not neglect this desire: it is the invitation of the Holy Spirit to lift you up like a dove towards the heights and to look at life in relation to eternity.

I, children, was covered with the shadow of the Holy Spirit and He joined me to himself in a fusion of perfect love, so as to be able to give life to the Man-God.

You also have to realize in yourselves this divine motherhood; you also have to serve as instruments of life. The Kingdom of God is waiting to be restored, renewed. You must give a true, real Christ to the world.

From your deep and intimate union with the Holy Spirit, your sanctity will gush forth and from it that witness of Christ in the world that will make Him known and loved, and above all a constant and filial working service will come out of it.

I bless you, my children, because you have wanted to come here to draw light, strength and love at this spring. Whoever draws let him be concerned about having a very big receptacle. It is an invitation as Mother that I cannot omit. If you have a mean heart that thinks only of its own miseries, insufficiencies and own needs, how will you be able to be replenished with the abundance of the gifts which the Holy Spirit wishes to fill you with?

Enlarge your heart, I repeat to you, behave so that the necessities of all may be yours. Let the sufferings and the needs of every man who lives on the face of the earth find a resonance in you. Only in this way will you resemble me. Am I not the Queen of the universe? And are not the good and the bad, the whites and the blacks all my children? Had not my Jesus died for everyone? What would have happened if I had not gone along with the desires of the Holy Spirit and had not accepted the death of my Son for the salvation of all?

Therefore, take away from your hearts all that makes them selfish, bad and also only interested in your things.

Love to enlarge more and more the receptacle, so that your heart may be capable of lodging the whole world as it is, with its woes and

with its necessities.

My little children, children of my heart, love each other, and with this fire of love behave so that the whole world may flare up.

PRAYER, SACRIFICE AND LOVE

May 22, 1972

My beloved children, how much I enjoy seeing you gathered here on this octave of Pentecost and on this day in which the liturgy commemorates a saint, whose life has been and is greatly an example above all for mothers and for those who have particular problems with their husband and children.

I would like to speak extensively to you about her in order to show you how great her faith was. I limit myself to say to you that St. Rita was constantly in prayer, in sacrifice and in love and that this constancy of hers was rewarded and crowned by the conversion of her husband and with the salvation of her offspring, whom she preferred to see dead rather than stained with homicidal blood.

Faith, my children, is the greatest gift that God has granted to his children, because by means of faith you can discover the divine truths and enjoy the presence of that supernatural world which brings so much help and joy to souls. Fortunate those who, having received this marvellous gift in Baptism, not only guard it, but seek to make it flourish and increase it so as to live by it.

Fortunate those who keep the faith and defend and propagate it like true apostles, because great shall be their recompense in the heavens. Unfortunately, many out of neglect more than wickedness, lose this virtue and forget the principles of Christian living.

Then there are others who, introduced into the life of sin, keep on accustoming themselves to it up to holding in hatred everything that smells of the beautiful, the wholesome and the spiritual. There is in these people at first a struggle, then an understanding with the evil one who subjugates them, bosses them around, beats them, so as to render them true slaves.

When a soul has lost the way of good and is dominated by the superior power of evil, it is evident that he must feel uncomfortable with whoever is faithful and with whoever practises virtue. From here the

fighting in the family, fights between children against their own mothers, who become victims.

Then there are some Christians who have a completely wrong concept of the faith. They think that faith is only a social question, to be defended with human means and in the measure in which they can obtain material help to all.

Children, I would like to tell you first of all that faith is something that comes down from above and which must lead above. From God alone can one have the means to help the neighbour, and only in the true love of God the strength is found to practise justice, so as to give to everyone what is deserved and what is right to give.

In the faith practised and in the love of God, every faithful can find the strength to reach heroism in sacrificing oneself for the neighbour. The faith therefore, is not to be confused with what man can have need of in order to maintain his natural life, but it shall be what will make one capable of practising charity, fidelity to one's duty and the goodness that encloses every virtue, it being of divine origin.

These things should be known to all my children who, rebelling against God, against the authorities and the family, create disorders and malice.

Faith is the search for God, it is the study to conform one's life to his laws of charity, it is a continuous ascending towards Him, in order to fill oneself up with Him and to be able then to give Him to everyone. What can you give to your brethren if you do not give God to them, the gift of faith and trust in providence? Even if you were to give to men all the material goods possible, you would never make people happy because the heart of man, made for the Lord, is torn restless until it rests in Him.

Here, my daughters, I have made you know the reasons for which many of your husbands and children have buried the faith like a fire under the ash in their heart.

What should you do in order to help them find the lost flame again? What St. Rita did, you do it also. Be constant in prayer. Never say of having prayed a lot or perhaps too much, and uselessly. Your prayer is not lost and of everyone of these petitions which you raise to Heaven, if you do it with love, you will see its fruits and you shall have the merit. Do not say that you will no longer pray, but be persevering. My Jesus has said to you: "Knock and it shall be opened to

you (Mt 7:7)", and your prayer has to be so insistent as to compel the Lord to hear you.

Persevere also in offering up your tears, your sufferings, your sorrows. If the prayer avails, when it is accompanied by sacrifice it redoubles its value and truly touches the heart of God. Unite to the pains that derive from poor health and from the discomforts of life, also some voluntary mortification, because it will be the best means to show your love.

And last of all what must your heavenly Mother tell you?

Daughters, love the souls of those whom you want to save. Love your husbands even when they make you suffer. Continue to love your children even when they think it differently from you, if they treat you badly, if they make you weep. Continue to love them as I love everyone and desire the salvation of all. Be persevering in going out of your way for them, even when you would like to rebel and you would like to return evil with evil. Persevering in love means to remain in God who loves you and bringing to whoever is close to you a life-giving breath.

Pray, suffer, love: this is the memory of what I leave you for this beautiful visit of yours and to it I add my blessing as a pledge of the one with which I welcome you at the gates of Paradise.

I bless your priests, your sick and all the people whom you commend to me. I bless your children, whom I will keep good if you will make them pray. Every night before going to bed, I beg you, mothers, to bless your family in my name as I now bless you. In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

FAITH AND THE SACRAMENTS

May 23, 1972

My beloved children, I sit amongst you as Teacher and I want to help you in everything.

I have spoken to you about the faith and I have counselled you how you must behave with your loved ones should they have lost it. Today I wish to point out to you the principal reasons why this great gift is lost.

Many times it is the pride of mind, which would like to be able to delve into all the truths to the point of discovering the most profound

mysteries, which makes many young people move away from God. Before the mystery that ought to make everyone's head bow in adoration, — since mystery is only a confirmation of the infinite distance that exists between man and God —, man is disturbed and renounces believing, as if all human knowledge was in his possession and God were compelled to communicate himself to his children with all his infinite attributes.

From the moving away from God with the mind all the rest follows, which comprises that rebellion to his Laws which is called sin.

There are other children who are little interested in knowing the mysteries with which the Divinity is surrounded, but who, attracted by the pleasures of the flesh, degrade themselves to the point of no longer understanding the joys of an honest life and a pure soul. They demean themselves and alone cover themselves with darkness renouncing to see the sun.

The pleasures of the flesh are not only the impure sins, but also that wanting to satisfy completely the demands of the senses, that is, of the sight, the hearing, the taste and the touch.

When a young man puts himself on this road, he becomes a listless man incapable of controlling himself, and faith becomes for him a burden which he many times blames the parents for, especially the mother and which he prefers to be freed from.

Then there are the timid and the weak who are ashamed to live as Christians, to have a faith and to practise morality and, in order not to become an object of criticism on the part of friends and companions, they end up following the common course.

This is for most people the false road on which to walk and through which, if they do not amend, shall arrive at perdition.

Sometimes the parents are the cause of this moral ruin, who do not bother to educate their children and help them to grow in those virtues that were placed like seeds in the sacrament of Baptism.

The sacraments, children, are the means which God has placed at your disposal so that you may be able to keep the faith.

They are the seven mysterious channels of grace which, gushed forth from the heart of Christ, have been entrusted to the Church.

The sacraments which the faithful should particularly make great use of, are those of Confession and Communion, because they are designed to give and to increase that grace that shall be the criterion for eternal glory. Whoever possesses more grace shall have a

greater glory.

The little children should be prepared for these sacraments in a special way by their mothers, because those blessed words that they could utter, if they in their turn were well prepared, would no longer be forgotten.

Moreover, the whole life of the Christian ought to be a continuous Communion. Whoever savours the spiritual contact with his God, and even physical with my Jesus in Communion, seeks no other nourishments, other joys. Jesus is enough for him.

If the return to the sacraments is useful for all, it is so in a special way for those who have lost the faith. It is hard, you will say, to bring back onto the straight road those who have abandoned it, but to God nothing is impossible. One needs to beseech, one needs sometimes to pay with sufferings and tears.

If you have to remember that no one can be saved without merits, you must not forget however, that the greatest offence that you could do to my Jesus is that of doubting his infinite mercy.

If you were to know how useful prayer for sinners is and how important it is for you, with the exercise of your faith and trying to increase it more and more, you can be of help to whoever has lost it.

Courage, therefore, my children. Continue to give proof of constancy in believing and I will give you proof of my power in convincing and converting the most hardened hearts.

Your thoroughness in working and your joy in living out this faith serves to shake the indifferent, the lazy, the cold and all those who neglect the greatest values because they do not bother to seek them and to value them.

I bless you, passing to all and to each one a hand on their head and asking the Holy Spirit an abundant light for everyone.

SANCTIFYING THE FAMILY

May 26, 1972

My beloved children, health and grace to you. I am happy with this

meeting which in spite of the difficulties proceeds well. With it you show me your love and I go on showing you my gratitude and my affection.

Today many people recall my apparition at Caravaggio to an unhappy bride, poor and ill-treated, and many faithful who have gone to that place will receive graces. The shrines, spread in all the places of earth and which in your Italy there is a special flowering, are like my little castles, my royal palaces, where I call my children in order to give to them an increase of faith and special graces.

But you have realized that in this last period of history, I go around making my apparitions not only in deserted places where I desire for basilicas to rise, but also in families. I speak to you by means of my instruments and I give important signs in many of them which stand to indicate the necessity to rebuild, to consolidate and to sanctify the domestic shrine, the first base of society.

You know that the family is sacred. The spouses are the ministers of the sacrament of Matrimony and to them, as responsible ones, is entrusted the task of preserving the faith, that virtue which is like the anchor of salvation that helps all the family to be lifted up. The parents must in mutual affection help one another and give to their children that good education and those principles that will turn them into good citizens and holy Christians.

Children, how will the spouses be able to discharge these precious duties without the help of God? Religion in all times has considered the family the greatest gift of God for humanity, and the families of the patriarchs and the ancient peoples have considered the head of the family as the best person responsible for the good success of the nation itself.

The Church holds in great consideration the human family, to which it gives as model the divine family, the most Holy Trinity, and the family of Nazareth, my family, where mutual respect reigned in mutual help and in the practice of the religious duties.

That's why today more than ever, it is necessary that I come down among you, that I bring my word of Mother and that I advise you what is good for you to do.

Behold the prayer of the Rosary, that many times seems monotonous and boring, become the means to unite the hearts and to remind

parents and children their duties, and above all to huddle all around me, like a golden chain. From these union of souls you will depart strengthened therefore, and everyone shall bring to their own home that perfume of goodness that the rose signifies. Do you not call it Rosary, which means a wreath of roses?

I know that for many it is a real sacrifice to recite a prayer so long. But I explain the reason to you: perhaps you do not add the meditation to your word or even only a little reflection on the mystery touched upon, which reproduces for you a scene of the Gospel or of the life of my Jesus.

Try to think about it more. Many times my children spend long hours at the cinemas, they sacrifice sleep and submit themselves to many sacrifices in order to see things not always edifying. Try to equal them and you also give the best of yourselves.

Pray, children, also for those who do not pray and who have great need to be helped. Pray for your children, many of whom live in sin and do not think of the eternal life that awaits them. Pray for those who, and they are many, pass daily from this to the other life. Before their eyes, as before a scene that closes, the curtain drops. Children, a scene is closed and a judgment is opened.

Behave so as to be able to say at every setting of the sun: "Today I have carried out my duty well." Every priest has his duties to do regarding God, himself and his neighbour. Every parent, as priest of his own family, has his duties which regard God, himself, the other spouse and the children. Let the joy of the duty done, even if the results are not satisfactory for you, be the sign of God's approval to your doings.

Sanctifying the family is God's work, but your cooperation cannot be lacking, and I promise you also mine. Treasure my word, guard it in your heart in order to be able to make it bear fruit and communicate it with charity and with sweetness to all your loved ones.

You mothers, be like the queen bee that gives life to all the beehive. May the flame of the faith that sometimes seems to want to extinguish itself, be fostered by you with so much amiability at the opportune time, so that you do not provoke rebellion or clashes, and may the love and tenderness of your heart be manifested in those delicacies that only mothers know how to practise in the most exquisite way.

Often times the Lord permits for a physical, spiritual or moral illness to strike one of the members of the family. They are calls to love. Receive these sufferings as a gift from Heaven and learn to give comfort and help, so that in this period your faith is strengthened and the thought of God returns to refresh the memory of your sick ones, in the recollection of serene days spent perhaps in childhood united with God.

I bless you, children. You shall bring to your loved ones, especially to the children, a tender caress. You will say to them: "Our Lady loves you."

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 28, 1972

My beloved children, joy be to your hearts. Here I am on this solemn day in which the Church celebrates the glories of the most Holy Trinity. I am here to pour out into your heart indefectible love, true love for God and for your neighbour.

I am the Daughter of the Eternal Father, I am the Mother of the Divine Son, I am the Spouse of the Holy Spirit, I am the Mother of God.

Oh, how I would love to show you the honour with which God is surrounded in Heaven! In his throne of glory, He shines in all his splendour and his essence which is solely love, is communicated incessantly to numberless hosts of angels, subdivided into nine choirs, who sing praises to his greatness and infinite goodness; and it is communicated to the throngs of saints, martyrs, virgins, confessors, apostles.

All the blessed of Heaven enjoy the sight of the most Holy Trinity in a satisfying way, whereby nobody desires to have not even one iota of joy more than that which he possesses, but everyone has a measure of happiness in conformity to the merits that he has gained living in the grace of God and seeking to increase it with that pure love of God which is the only means.

How will I be able to describe Paradise to you, when you are so little in your intelligence that you do not know how to distinguish many times good from evil, the beautiful from the ugly, the useful from the useless?

Know this, my beloved children: that God is the Creator and Au-

thor of every good and of every beauty and that an act of his will would be enough to draw all men to himself.

The desire to give love, of which the Father is the origin, generates the Son who is also love, eternal and infinite; and the love that unites the Father to the Son is so great as to make a third person proceed, in everything equal to the others. This is the Divine Family, the one and triune God who lives from always in the immensity of space.

But love tends to give itself, to communicate: from this creation comes. I do not want to speak to you however, about the fall of man, I want to continue to speak to you about love. The Father out of love sends the Son to earth to heal humanity, to bring again the flame of love. And the Son, having accomplished his mission, returns to Heaven in order to send the Holy Spirit, substantial love, on men.

It is all a gift and an exchange of love, in which the three divine Persons work in conjunction in order to accomplish that kingdom of love on earth that is completed in Heaven. Say with real enthusiasm and with much gratitude: "Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, in whose name creation had its beginning."

In the name of the Trinity the Church had its beginning. Did not my Jesus say: "Go, baptize, forgive all men in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."? This is the mission of the Church: to go, to baptize, to instruct, to forgive, to love and to spread love: God.

You yourselves on one distant day have received the sacrament which has made you children of God the Father, members of the Church, that is the mystical body, brethren of my Jesus and temples of the Holy Spirit through grace. And every time that you want it, the hand of the priest is raised over you to absolve you of your sins in the name of God. Matrimony has been conferred on you in the name of the Trinity, and when you shall depart from this world, it shall be still in the name of the Trinity that you will be blessed.

Every liturgical act of the Church starts and ends with the invocation and in the name of the most Holy Trinity. In the name of the one and triune God miracles are accomplished in the Church; in the name of the one and triune God, Purgatory is emptied and Heaven is filled; in the name of God missionaries depart for the most distant regions; in his name the most portentous works are accomplished for the advantage of humanity; in the name of God every battle is won, and of the devil, who like a treacherous worm grovels on the earth, his audacity is annihilated.

O blessed name of God! With how much love and fear should it be uttered! With how much respect invoked, since God, after having given life to his creatures, does not abandon them to themselves, but watches over them, He sustains them, guides them, enlightens them and renders them similar to himself, inviting them to practise sanctity.

Well did my Jesus say when He asserted that “the hairs of your head are numbered (Mt 10:30).” God, the most Holy Trinity works around each soul as if it were the only one in the world.

Do not fear, my children, of being abandoned by God. He does not abandon anyone, not even those who blaspheme Him, insult Him, deny Him or betray Him.

He loves everyone infinitely, whereby everyone of you could say to yourself: God would not be able to love me more. He loves you always, children, even when you for the sake of a creature forget his Law. He loves you even when you go against his will and you yourselves want to control the events. He loves you even when you choose his enemies as your friends. He loves you, and if He permits things contrary to your desires, it is only because He sees in them an impediment to the realization of that plan of salvation by which you will be able to be happy through all the centuries.

My children, may the love of God, of which my heart is full, be spread over you. Bring it into your families that they may mirror the unity, the giving and the perfection of the family of God.

Only love is missing in the world in order to transform it, that love which descends, which transcends and which lifts up; that love that takes one only name, even if the faces are different: God. In God, with God and for God, let us love one another, children! In the kingdom of love may this encounter be fulfilled and last forever.

I bless you, children, in the name of the Trinity. You do likewise in your homes: bless your children and family members. Mark your works with the sign of the cross so that they carry a divine imprint.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

May 30, 1972

My sons, daughters, young people whom I would like in large numbers in my presence, come! I am your Mother, Queen of Heaven

and earth.

Come, come close to my heart, whose beatings I wish to make you understand. Come, you who love me, to enjoy my tenderness and celestial joys which I communicate to those who understand me.

Come, you who have heard speak about me and have had the desire to hear me. Come! Even if curiosity has pushed you, do not fear and persevere, since whoever stays close to me enjoys my favours, he comes into the possession of the peace that I give and, if he lets himself be drawn by the perfumes that emanate from my altars, I enrich him with virtue.

It is by now the end of the month dedicated to me, it is the moment to gather up the fruits. Some have been generous with me, have kept faith to their intention and have offered me prayers and numerous sacrifices, and made well. Others have been lazy, some have remained indifferent and the month of Mary has said nothing to their heart. It does not matter, today you are here, some to offer, some to be forgiven, and I welcome you all with infinite tenderness and I help you to repair.

At the beginning of the month, my Jesus has invited you to celebrate me and honour me. Now it's my turn to prepare your hearts to spend this month of June which you will begin shortly, with all that fervour that becomes the Son of God.

The solemnities that await you speak so much about Him that it is enough for you to raise your spirit in order to understand them.

I just want to say to you about Him what every mother who had a son so clever, so beautiful and so good would like to say.

Is it not true, mothers, that if you do not see virtues in your sons, you invent them, so great is the good that you want for them?

Well then, know that my Son is truly the fount of every virtue. The goodness that enriches his Heart is not a human sentiment that accommodates itself to the necessities of the moment, but it is a quality that ensues to Him from his divinity. He is God, therefore He is perfection, He is mercy, He is wisdom, He is beauty and infinite love.

Do you want to let yourselves be dominated by his gaze? Do you want to feel the warmth and strength of his words? Do you want to live his life? Come, let us go to meet Him. He desires you, He has chosen you from amongst thousands of people and He has given you some special gifts. He waits for you, because He always has something new to tell you.

Your encounter with Him must consolidate your faith, it must be a free act of your will, it must be desired.

If you are in the grace of God, if you have that detachment from sin, not only mortal but also venial, your encounter with Him can happen anywhere and at any moment.

He, my Jesus, is there in your heart and He waits only for you to offer Him your acts of love in order to lead you to perfection.

If you do not enjoy these intimate spiritual joys, Jesus calls you to his Churches and there from the Tabernacle looks at you, waits for you. He would like to hold a real dialogue with you and He is happy many times of hearing you accuse yourselves of many sins. You are in that moment like the publican who at the back of the Church beat his breast. And Jesus is happy, because from this act of humility your resolution emerges and from it derives the change of life.

They are two happy encounters to which you are all invited. But I would like to remind you that my Jesus, as He is true and living in the Holy Tabernacle, in Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, thus glorious and triumphant is He in Heaven.

Children, do not wait to meet up with Him only after death! Raise your eyes often to Heaven. He is waiting for you, and they will have a special prize those who will have directed their thoughts and desires to Heaven. Look at Heaven often, which will be your home, and distance yourselves more and more, gradually but decisively, from all the pettinesses that pass by and which divert you from the destination.

This month which you are preparing to celebrate, must dispose your heart to these happy encounters which I have spoken to you about.

But if by a bad venture you were to forget the desire that the Heart of Jesus has of being united with yours, come to me who, with my tears, with my sorrows, will pay for your return before the Father.

The Heart of Jesus living in the Eucharist and his Sacred Heart surrounded by thorns surmounted by a cross and by a flame, stand to invite you to come near Him, and to tell you at what price He has won you back.

My beloved children, a final invitation. Love my Jesus, love Him and make Him loved, and if you want to see Him before you in order to be able to know and serve Him better, seek Him in the sick, in the

poor and in the suffering of every category. Let no day of the month dedicated to Him pass by in which you are unable to say of having willingly met Him in order to give Him honour and glory.

May the Heart of Jesus bless you and give you his love and his grace.

PURIFY YOUR SOULS

May 31, 1972 (in a Church)

My beloved children, children of the Church, children of my Jesus, won back to the divine life by his Precious Blood, peace and grace be to your hearts.

I have come to you as on a visit of love. I am the Queen of Heaven and of the universe. But I have not come to you clothed with the sun, with the moon at my feet and my head crowned by twelve stars, as John saw me in his visions. I present myself clothed with candour and humility, with my hands joined in the act of prayer and supplication. I pray to my Jesus for you. I beseech the Father for you and to you too I address a warm prayer.

On this vigil of the feast of the Eucharist, which is presented to you as pure bread, I ask you to purify your souls from any sin. I beseech you to purify your families, through your word, your example and your prayer.

Have no fear, children, of declaring yourselves my devotees and therefore lovers of purity in all the manifestations of life. Only if you will love me will you be able to call yourselves my devotees, combat evil and bring into the world that candour which glows in my dress as in the Eucharistic veils. If you love me, if you will love me, you will have the courage to show your faith and to practise it with humility and with resolve.

Children, love wants conversation, and I wait for you everyday to speak to you about my Jesus and myself in the Rosary and to listen to your supplications again in the Rosary. It shall be a daily understanding. It shall be an encounter of souls with you all in your homes, where the festive encounter had in this Church will repeat itself. In this way you will prepare yourselves for the marvellous encounter that will come about at the end of your earthly pilgrimage.

My children, I give you peace, fruit of humility and innocence, which in the petition to God and with my help you will make habitual.

My Jesus blesses you, I also bless you and I remain with you.

I bless the ministers of God, who in this Church so dear to me work sanctifying themselves in order to sanctify.

May the example of a holy life and a ministry carried out with the greatest perfection and with the greatest commitment possible, be to all my beloved ones an encouragement to correct their own defects and to walk along the ways of the Lord.

To all those present and to whoever is united with faith and love to this celebration, be granted graces and special virtues according to the desires of the Father and their right intentions.

MAMMA CARMELA'S PUBLISHED WRITINGS

Titles in the original Italian editions:

1. **Pensieri e Riflessioni** — published in 6 volumes
2. **Gesù nostro Maestro** — published in 10 volumes
3. **Maria, Madre e Maestra** — 22 volumes published so far

English Titles:

1. THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS

Twelve small volumes in the series covering the period from March 14, 1968 to June 1, 1970 with 14 entries up to December 28, 1973. English translation from the French edition by Fidelitas, Canada.

2. JESUS OUR TEACHER

Ten volumes in the series starting from May 1, 1970 to October 26, 1978. English translation and publication undertaken by Divine Mercy Apostolate, Melbourne, Australia.

- Volume I — 1 May 1970 to 30 September 1971, published 2004.
Seventy two topics.
- Volume II — 6 October 1971 to 25 May 1972, published 2005.
Sixty topics.
- Volume III — 29 May 1972 to 23 March 1973, published 2005.
Fifty seven topics.
- Volume IV — 29 March 1973 to 17 January 1974, published 2006.
Fifty five topics.
- Volume V — 29 March 1973 to 17 January 1974, published 2006.
Fifty eight topics.
- Volume VI — 1 December 1974 to 9 October 1975, published 2006.
Sixty two topics.
- Volume VII — 12 October 1975 to 25 June 1976, published 2006.
Fifty six topics.
- Volume VIII — 29 June 1976 to 16 June 1977, published 2007.
Fifty eight topics.
- Volume IX — 17 June 1977 to 13 April 1978, published 2007.
Fifty eight topics.
- Volume X — 14 April 1978 to 26 October 1978, published 2007.
Forty one topics.

3. MARY, MOTHER AND TEACHER

Starting from June 15, 1969. English translation and publication undertaken by Divine Mercy Apostolate, Melbourne, Australia. Progress so far:

- Volume I — 15 June 1969 to 28 July 1970, published 2007.
One hundred and two topics.
- Volume II — 1 August 1970 to 30 March 1971, published 2008.
Eighty topics.
- Volume III — 2 April 1971 to 12 September 1971, published 2008.
Seventy four topics.
- Volume IV — 12 September 1971 to 30 January 1972, published 2008.
Seventy three topics.
- Volume V — 1 February 1972 to 31 May 1972.
- Volume VI — 4 June 1972 to 12 November 1972.
- Volume VII — 14 November 1972 to 28 March 1973.
- Volume VIII — 1 April 1973 to 4 September 1973
- Volume IX — 5 September 1973 to 31 December 1973
- Volume X — 1 January 1974 to 19 April 1974
- Volume XI — 23 April 1974 to 26 September 1974
- Volume XII — 27 September 1974 to 28 January 1975
- Volume XIII — 29 January 1975 to 16 May 1975
- Volume XIV — 18 May 1975 to 15 September 1975
- Volume XV — 16 September 1975 to 11 January 1976
- Volume XVI — 18 January 1976 to 30 April 1976
- Volume XVII — 1 May 1976 to 3 October 1976
- Volume XVIII — 3 October 1976 to 12 January 1977
- Volume XIX — 14 January 1977 to 10 April 1977
- Volume XX — 12 April 1977 to 6 July 1977
- Volume XXI — 7 July 1977 to 27 October 1977
- Volume XXII — 28 October 1977 to 22 January 1978

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MAMMA CARMELA



The Message of Merciful Love was received by Mamma Carmela during a period which lasted some ten years, from 1968 to 1978. It ended in the year that Rome had at last lifted the suspension on the Divine Mercy revelations to Sister Faustina, who was subsequently canonised by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000 in St. Peter's, Rome.

In 1968, in the city of Milan, a widow with a large family, who had given her whole life to works of Mercy in her city, was praying one evening when she heard a voice that said: *"You will be another witness to my Divine Mercy. I will bless you and give you special graces. I ask your help as a beggar asks alms. Will you help Me? I want you to find new apostles, and once again spread my message of Merciful Love to the ends of this earth."*

On March 22, 1970 Sister Faustina herself gave a message to Carmela and her Mother of Divine Love Prayer Group, she said: *"It is not the first time that I come among you, but it is the first time that I wish to speak. I am Sister Faustina and I ask you to make with particular devotion the Novena of Mercy, so that all men will begin to believe in the mystery of salvation, which is contained in the devotion to the Divine Mercy."*

Carmela Carabelli was born in Melegnano, Italy on May 9, 1910. She died in the peace of Christ on November 25, 1978. Since 1968 she received, almost daily, messages from Jesus Christ as the Merciful Jesus, and from the Blessed Virgin as the Mother of Divine Love. She transcribed straight away into notebooks all that was said, without hesitation or correction afterwards, in the form of conversations with Jesus, who spoke about His Father, the Father of all men, and of His Mother, very tenderly; and so lovingly of his foster father St. Joseph, and about many other saintly people, and through this privileged person to all the world, for these writings are meant for all wish to seek and find God.

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