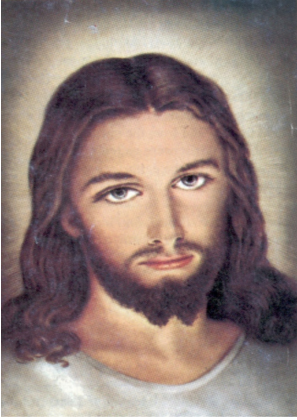




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## THE IMAGE OF THE MERCIFUL JESUS

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

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

Milan, April 20, 1968.

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*“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.

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Milan, May 4, 1972

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

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

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

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## TO THE YOUNG

April 1, 1973

Dear and beloved children, peace be to you. I am the Virgin of Revelation.

My encounter with your hearts and with your minds has to animate you with holy fervour, in order to bring to souls that salvation which God desires to communicate through his divine Son.

The Father has given you the Son as means of salvation. Jesus has sacrificed himself and has given himself to you. Your response must be understood in this way: to unite yourselves more and more intimately to my Son in his offering to the Father, so that all may enjoy the gift of the Redemption.

Your participation to that vivifying action which only God through Jesus Christ can accomplish, will consist in a deeper and deeper personal conversion, so that everyone of you can say with ever greater sincerity: It is not I who lives, but it is Christ who lives in me. If the first step therefore, shall be the turning back from sin, the second shall be the acquisition of those virtues which my Son has given you the example of.

I repeat to you what Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles, used to say to the early Christians: "*Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it in the name of Jesus crucified* (1 Cor 10:31; Col 3:17)."

See, children, how the right intention in all your actions is necessary in order to sanctify your life and so that it may bear fruit.

However, do not forget that you are working, praying and doing everything for a crucified God. Therefore, you cannot exclude suffering, mortification and sorrow, understood not only as a physical fact, but also moral and spiritual.

So do not be upset, therefore, if your work should encounter misunderstandings and difficulties. These are the marks that distinguish the life of the true Christian from those who scrape along with their faith.



Love to act in the presence of God and do not take the judgement of men, often fallacious and unjust, into account.

Be united in faith, in love and in mutual help.

I am constantly at your side in order to protect you and defend you.

I bless everybody, one by one.

## **THE TASK OF THE APOSTOLATE**

*April 1, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, here you are thirsting for prayer and the divine word. I am always here with you and I enjoy going along with your desires. And how can a Mother not want to accede to the just demands of her children? I therefore, wish to make you happy.

Everyone of you asks me questions, to which I answer with a response of a general nature, but which mirrors the many individual and family situations.

I am the Divine Shepherdess who knows and loves all her little sheep and you are just those that I myself have called here, even if I have used other people.

Sometimes, they are friends who take on my thought and my voice. Some other times they are simple priests who, faithful to the word of St. Paul, have understood that where there is good one can welcome it and they believe it useful to direct their penitents to this place. Other times it may seem pure chance. But chance does not exist, children. It is always God who directs the events and makes use of everything in order to realize his loving plans.

So you are here to enjoy these hours of paradise, and if sometimes like little sheep a little rebellious you have blackened your white fleece, I, as the Divine Shepherdess, clean you up again, I look after you and I draw you, so that not even the sweetness of my caresses is lacking to you.

You are here, you are mine, you are privileged souls who enjoy my tenderness. You have to be proud of this, and since many other souls I call to be a part of this marvellous flock, who are my devotees, you must make every effort to make my loving invitation reach everyone.

You are in the Lenten period, which for you has to be a great occupation, a great joy and above all a grace.

Every soul is a masterpiece of God, it cost the Blood of my Jesus and it is destined for eternal life. It has therefore, a priceless value. Souls are the reason for Jesus' thirst on the Cross. For me, children, they are like the drachma that the woman of the parable looks for anxiously, throwing everything in the house upside down till she finds it.

I sometimes leave the little sheep in safety, in order to go with my Jesus in search of the lost sheep. To go in search of souls is a divine mission.

There are some who have lost the right way almost unawares, attracted by novelty, perhaps from the desire to start a family and to live happily. There are others who, almost insensibly, have seen their faith fade away. Others still, finding themselves in desperate situations, have forgotten that God is Father of all and instead of turning to Him with prayer and entreaty, have repeated in a blasphemous way: I no longer believe in God, because He has so sorely tried me. Then there are those who, attracted by vice, did not learn to resist.

See all these souls as on the edge of an abyss. And who would not want to be indifferent to the ruin of one's own brethren? No Christian can call himself such if he does not take a living interest in the sorrowful situation of his fellow man, whoever he may be. The task which every follower of my Son takes on with the sacrament of Baptism is that of being an apostle.

*"He who is not an apostle, is an apostate"*, it has been rightly said. The Lenten apostolate is therefore, more of a command

rather than an invitation. Perhaps some could point out to me that they pray and suffer for many years in order to lead to good some family members who demonstrate themselves more and more indifferent and rebellious to any good suggestion. And I answer that no work of the apostolate is lost and even if no consolation can come to your heart through the lack of correspondence to your invitation, not for this does the heart of God rejoice, who considers as reality also what is a simple desire.

You sanctify yourselves and accumulate merits for eternity, even if the apparent results are not satisfactory.

This I stress also to tell you, my children. You point your gaze, very limited, upon a determined number of souls who are around you and you forget that the human race is the family of God. God acts like those good family mothers who know how to distribute to their children what they have, according to the needs of everyone and perhaps taking away from those who have too much in order to give to those who have the most need.

What you will do during this period, shall be so blessed by the Lord, who in every way has made known how important it is to pray for the conversion of sinners.

Do you need spiritual and material graces? This is the infallible means: bring some soul to Him by prayer, by sacrifice, by word and example. He shall be so grateful to you. It has been said to you that he who saves a soul has saved his own, and it is a reality, for he who reaches Paradise, and for this great gift he can thank someone, figure it out with what gratitude and with what love he will intercede before the Father the salvation of the person that has done good to him.

Courage therefore, children. Be tireless in doing good, for the demon and his satellites are audacious beyond every measure and do not rest neither day or night.

Be serene and look always at the destination and the end of things. The things that have a repercussion in Heaven, are always

worth the trouble to be done.

One last teaching. When you approach lapsed souls, do it with the same tenderness with which my Jesus and myself would do it. Remember the wounded sheep, which my Son places on his shoulders or in his arms and which He makes it more and more an object of his care. The sorrow for sins is the second moment of conversion. Before everything, love must be the bait.

Children, I bless you and I help you. Do not forget: the Mother of divine Love, who echoes the merciful Jesus, desires a constant and willing work from you in order to approach the lapsed and bring them to their heart.

See you again, children, more and more numerous, more and more good.

## **OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW**

*April 2, 1973*

Beloved children, I am with you, I am your immaculate Mother.

How much it pleases me that desire that animates you, of discovering the truth. I see your hearts and I bless them, so that no malice makes them less good and therefore, less dear to God.

Yes, express your opinions, especially when my minister is there, and accept those teachings that are given to you, for religious instruction has a very great importance for souls. In fact, how could you obey the Law, if you did not know it?

It is then indispensable to know, through the religious teachings, what God in his goodness has made for man, in order to be able at the very least pay Him back. How can one love someone one does not know? Know that if you were to make the effort to delve into those divine truths that are prepared for you like a wholesome bread, you would soon ask yourselves how you could have lived many years without loving the Lord, infinite goodness.

There is therefore, a Law, but it is a Law of love. And just as all

of creation has to obey its legislator, if perfect order is to reign, so man, by obeying the Law that superintends the human nature and the spiritual life of the soul, ensures to himself and to humanity that perfect order which is also happiness, joy and peace.

In fact, what is sin, if not a disorder and a rebellion against the Law?

Consider, children, how beautiful it would be to live also on earth, if every man would observe the Law, that is the Commandments; if he were aware of being a member of the Body of Christ and behaved as such, in the respect for his brother, in mutual esteem and help; if he did not transgress the Laws that guide him in his private and public life. The obedience of everyone to these Laws, would make the earth into a terrestrial Paradise, similar to the one which God had disposed for your progenitors and for all men.

To obey the Law is also to obey the divine institutions that were entrusted to the Church in order to help man to sanctify himself.

Perhaps you do not have a very clear idea of what the sacraments represent and the way in which they act in souls. They are the great instruments that confer the grace or the divine life. They are symbolized by the Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of my Jesus on the Cross.

Some say: "*Matrimony is the union of the man with the woman, what need is there of going to the altar and the presence of the priest?*" But matrimony is a sacrament and the Church, as Teacher and depositary of the divine truths, establishes its laws.

The matrimony-sacrament is not a simple physical union, that could be the fruit of passion and as such last briefly, but it is a pact of mutual and total giving expressed before God and the Church. God sanctions the love of the spouses giving them the sacramental grace that helps them to live holily together and to educate the children in a Christian way.

Called to collaborate with God in the work of creation, the

spouses become instruments of life. Life is a gift. No one can give to himself this gift which he has freely received.

Human life is in use for eternal life. Every creature conceived has the gift of a spiritual and eternal soul destined for Paradise. And who would want to prevent God from calling to life creatures who will praise Him for all eternity? Man is not permitted to kill, says the fifth Commandment, and the civil laws also prohibit and condemn homicide and suicide. And perhaps because a baby is living in the maternal womb is it lawful to take away from her, with the right to life, that of seeing and enjoying God?

Children, the Law is a Law of love; only by corresponding to the desires of God can one be in order and enjoy happiness and peace.

Moreover, do you not see how the least offences bring disorder and sorrow? If you mothers, in your loving desires towards your children impose or take away something from them, do you not see how much sorrow they fill your heart with when they do not want to listen and obey you?

Therefore, in your life try to go along with the will of God, in order to be how you would like your children to be with you.

The Law is love, but faith sustains it, for all that was taught to you since the world began is based on faith in the divine revelations, in the word of my Jesus and in the teaching of the Church. Behave so that your faith may be always so simple as to permit you to taste all its beauty. Behave so that like him who asked my Jesus for the healing of his daughter, you also may hear yourselves told: *“Do not fear, only have faith and she shall be saved.”*

Always put this sure faith in all your requests and you will have the reward that you deserve.

To have faith means to have recourse to one unique doctor, my Jesus, who can work miracles even in the most difficult cases.

Already my minister has blessed you in the name of God. To his blessing I add mine of Mother of the Church, as I urge you, with heartfelt tones, to pray intensely for the priests.

## LOVE EVERYONE

*April 3, 1973*

Beloved children, peace and every good to you. See, I am here and a burning desire seizes me. I would like to see you as lit lamps before the Tabernacle. I would like for you to be the little flame that fuels the fire in your home. I would like for you to be the little flame that produces fire in the world. This flame is nothing else than love. I would like for the divine fire of love to devour your heart, because only in this way can one call the wanderers and bring God everywhere.

Love, children! There is no other way to live well your Christian life. He who does not love is in death. Only he who loves, lives and gives life. Whom must you love? Everybody. You are mothers, you are fathers: love all the parents of the world who are like you and more than you, weighed down with your thoughts and afflicted by the same problems. Love those who do their duty and those who do not, the good and the bad, those who care for their own family and those who neglect it.

Love everyone, and regard the youth of the earth as an integral part of your family. A son ends up in jail? He is your son, he is your brother. A crime happens? Do not feel sorry only for those who suffer it. He who commits it and perhaps loses his life, is your son, your brother.

See how much my heart suffers for every sin that is committed in the world! It is He, my Jesus who is still and continuously tortured. But sinners also are my children and, as I invoke and work for their salvation, I see them suffering in the spirit; I see them plot against my Jesus and against themselves; I see them destroy in a conscious or unconscious way that divine life that had been given to them as the greatest and most precious gift.

Love them also, because love is light that illuminates. Love deeply. Don't stop at appearances, do not number the defects. You

perhaps could fool yourselves, because those who err could have many mitigating circumstances, and perhaps you have over them many responsibilities over and above those which you think you have.

Everyone must take care of his neighbour and salvation has no other way of being accomplished than with love. Love is not a simple feeling, though good; feeling can be the root, but love must grow and must become a tree that welcomes to its shade the souls exhausted and burnt by the heat of life.

Love is translated into works and if the works are miniscule, it is love that enlarges them. To sow love is a way of saying, but you, my children, translate it into reality. A smile, a word, a help, given overcoming yourselves, even by sacrifice in order to make others happy: that's what you can do. You must be attentive, you must always have your eyes open in order to see, to understand; that is your task.

Do not be slumberous and lazy. There is a sick man who waits for you, children who will greet you as if you were a ray of the sun, mothers aged in sadness because the affection of their children is lacking to them, who are waiting for you. Do not let anything be lacking to anyone. Keep your thought very high. Do everything for the sake of that God whom you can also call Love. A thought of faith will come easy to you and your work shall be truly worthy of eternal reward.

Love, children, and always put my beloved ones first. The ministers of God are called like servants to the service of the Master in order to distribute love. Pray for them that they may learn to accomplish this high ministry. Be mothers and brothers of priests. When one of them fails, it is an immense ruin in souls and in the Church; if he sanctifies himself, it is an immense good for all. May the fire of love pervade them right to their very depths, in order to destroy all that smells of earth and build divine works.

Children, I bless you embracing you and filling you with charity.



## TO THE SISTERS OF A CONGREGATION

*April 6, 1973*

My beloved daughters, spouses of my Jesus, how dear this encounter with you is for me!

I am the Mother of Divine Mercy and I would like to reveal to you the mystery of love and mercy that is the Heart of my Jesus.

In this Heart, He keeps you enclosed like precious gems, like doves that ravish Him. It's up to you to enter more and more into his intimacy and discover the treasures which He makes you depositaries, so that you may be able to use them also for others. It's up to you to discover the efficacy of your love for Him, in correspondence to his love for you and for all men.

Therefore, learn to love, because through the intensity of your love those joyful consequences will come which you wish for yourselves. You want plentiful and holy vocations? Love my Jesus, and He will call alongside you and alongside me other fervent and zealous souls.

I see your worries also for your family members and parents. Daughters, love, and love shall reach, like a ray of the sun, the minds clouded by error and by sin. If you open the windows, the light enters everywhere. Open the windows of your heart, love everyone and send waves of light over everyone.

You are my beloved ones, and your family must be the nest where my Jesus must find comfort. Do you not see how in a conscious or unconscious way He is chased from souls and from society? Where shall He go to find relief? When the Jews sought Him in order to kill Him, He hid himself from their eyes or He came home, where I welcomed Him with tenderness, with understanding and with joy. Do you want to stand in for me? Every now and then my Jesus will be chased out like an intruder, I will invite Him to come to you. It will be during the day or during the night. Jesus is hated, insulted, crucified. You are here, and I send Him beside

each one, so that in the measure of your generosity you have to console Him.

I am always among you. I look at you, I speak to you, I rebuke you, I bless you and I help you. Most often, I hide myself under the semblance of the spiritual mother who directs you. Do you want to form around her like a crown of souls, all striving to the one end, that of consoling the Lord? How great are the religious families, where one dwells truly all united like one heart alone and one soul alone. Here are the oases of peace where my Jesus and I take delight.

How many virtues flourish where there is this perfect union. Then only every virtue, seen in the sister, becomes a motive of thanksgiving to God and every defect, a motive of recourse to God.

In this way, chosen souls, walking behind my Jesus, you get to see Him in every soul who lives near you.

I wait for you in Paradise, daughters, and to you who have left everything for the sake of God, shall be given all in God.

Never think that you can be forgotten by those who have preceded you in Heaven, for even if the things of this world, seen through the eye of God, are considered trifles, they cannot be indifferent to your problems. They cannot be grieved for what makes you suffer, since in Paradise one suffers no more, but everyone prays and loves in order to collaborate with you. They do not ask for the good outcome of material matters, but of the only important matter: that of the salvation of your soul.

My daughters, I bless you and I embrace you one by one. Every evening, when you say goodnight to your mother, it shall be I who with her hand will repeat this blessing.

May love unite you amongst yourselves and in God, for ever.

## ASK FOR SALVATION IN THE NAME OF ALL

*April 10, 1973*

Beloved children, I am your sorrowful and immaculate Mother who speaks to you. Today I wish to give you important instructions which you need for your whole life.

It is passion week, which precedes Holy Week. It is the week in which the selling and capture of Jesus is plotted, accomplishing the most shady business that is ever committed since the world exists. Judas, one of the apostles, sells my Jesus for thirty denarii. Jesus feels on himself the weight of the betrayal and a tremendous anguish seizes his Heart. In spite of that, He ardently desires for the moment to come of immolating himself for men, because this is the most important business that is dear to his Heart: the salvation of all.

In this way, my children, before the behaviour of him who betrays the Christ selling his own soul, and to the behaviour of Jesus who accepts the sorrow in order to lift up your souls and buy them back to life, a promise and a decision you too must make. Either one is for the Lord and loves Him and serves Him with all one's heart, or one is against Him and betrays Him and denies Him, with great danger to one's soul.

Only one matter is important in your life: to save your soul. Health or sickness, poverty or wealth, matrimony or celibacy are of no importance. The only thing that matters is to arrive at death, towards which everyone is directed even without realizing it, in a state of grace whereby eternity may be the encounter with God, whom you already carry in your heart. It is a matter of eternal life or death.

There are those who for thirty denarii, for a trifle, for a fleeting satisfaction, abandon grace and prefer to make common cause with the Evil One. But you know how dangerous this business is.

There are people who live involving themselves with everything

outside of the most important thing. From morning to night their heads are planning profitable deals which could enrich their granaries, and because of these riches they think of building new ones. But you are not of and you must not be one of those. The thought of the most important business of your life must dominate all your thoughts, like the thought of the human businessmen which is all concentrated on the object to be reached.

If you think about saving your soul, you understand that every glad or sad event that happens did not come by chance.

Of this eternal salvation, the first one interested is my Son, with the Father, the Holy Spirit and all of Paradise.

It is not about a matter that you can bring to completion on your own, but only in collaboration with God and with all those who comprise the Church.

You are not alone, if you all collaborate helping one another. No one can say: "*I am thinking of saving my soul*", for he would run the risk of losing it through that egotism that would make him exclude others.

Like the requests that you make to the Father, you must make them in the name of everyone — this is how Jesus taught you in the prayer of the Our Father — in the same way also you must ask for the salvation of your soul in the name of everyone. "*We must save our souls*", you must say, and for yours and for that of the brethren you must carry out, with the same concern, your work.

True Christians cannot remain indifferent to the loss of souls. Either one climbs the mountain of salvation together, or one risks not being able to go up and to remain excluded forever from the Kingdom. That's why, children, your prayer must reach everyone.

I know that you have urgent needs that beset and torment you. But I beg you, look at the cross that you hold on your shoulders in view to eternal life, and you will see this cross become luminous and light. Do not see it as personal burden. The arms of this cross extend themselves for how wide the world is, if you want so.

Behold the missionaries, the lepers, the infidels, the atheists, the materialists, those devoted to evil; here they are covered by the shadow of this cross, receiving its help, taking on life again, divine life, life of love.

It is important to see the personal cross in view of eternal salvation and the salvation of the world. Everything changes: sorrow becomes joy and life more serene and more useful.

A little cross, if you burden it with the worry that it gives you, you make it unbearable. A big cross, carried out of love, becomes a twig that you use to guide souls to God, like docile little sheep.

So every day He gives you his cross, but always for that life which awaits you. All that which cannot mature up there in a glory without end, is a negligible thing and which is not worth the trouble to be lived and accepted. Keep this thought fixed in your mind and make it a programme of your life.

I bless you all, children, one by one and I give you peace and generosity of heart.

To all the sick present and to those whom you entrust to me, my affectionate blessing.

I wait for you in large numbers on Holy Thursday. I will prepare your heart and soul for the Easter Communion.

I kiss you, children. See you again!

## **IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK**

*April 13, 1973*

My dear children, I am your sorrowful Mother, here with you.

I know that you love me and that for the greater part you are aggregated to that Third Order that has the task of consoling me, keeping alive in Christians and especially in your heart the memory of my sorrows.

As I thank you for this great gift of consolation that you make me, I propose to you the means to sanctify your soul and your life

more and more, especially the next week, that is called Holy. Holy in fact, are the mysteries that are celebrated, but if you do not participate with the proper dispositions, they will not be able to lead you to that holiness and perfection that the Lord wants from you. On those days, the institution of the Eucharist will be recalled, the first Holy Mass celebrated by Jesus himself at the Last Supper.

You will assist in an exemplary way at those functions, if you will prepare yourselves in the way that I am now going to show you.

You must learn first of all, to keep quiet, to exercise silence. I know that the interior silence is understood above all, since the external silence is many times impossible to practice, having to live with family members and in the world. But I ask you just the same that you learn to keep quiet.

When your tongue is itching for the desire to expose your thoughts and your opinions not always charitable, keep quiet. When you would like to make your rights respected, which can find in others opposition and be a reason for conflicts, keep quiet. When a thought of vanity or the desire to keep others up to date of the good that you do gives you a particular ardour in talking, keep quiet.

Keep silent when speaking would destroy that precious gift which is charity towards the neighbour. Keep silent when your words cannot edify, build up, help, teach to love God, and when your word is not heard willingly. Keep silent also then, and if you have something holy and good to communicate, charge your good angels or God himself to speak for you.

Moreover, I ask you also for an interior silence, that can be called recollection, through which you will be able to converse with the Lord. If you make too much external noise with your words and internal with distraction, how will your God be able to make you know what your defects are and his desires in your regard, so that you are able to go along with Him?

The world is full of people who sin and who make mistakes because they lack reflection. How many actions would not be done if one thought more. How many words would never be said, if one reflected on the harm they do. Is it not true that imprudence and anger are defects that would disappear from human life, with all the consequences that they carry, if one reasoned, if one meditated, if one reflected?

Reflection, however, must revolve around these topics: I live, but for whom? Will I live always? If death is certain and it introduces me into eternity, how would I want to live?

To these questions you must answer: If I live for myself, I am selfish, therefore my life becomes useless. If I live for my children, for my husband, for my wife, it is too little; and besides I could meet up with disappointments or receive ingratitude. Only if I live for God, remaining in his grace, obeying his Law, my life deserves to be lived and it is a true life. Death then, no longer frightens me, because it is like the good sister who opens the door of eternity for me. The death of my loved ones does not frighten me and it does not even bring me to despair, as long as they also live a divine life.

Having made these thoughts your own, you draw out of them a practical consequence. If sin keeps me away from God like a branch fallen from the tree, I will have to recover the grace by means of a confession made well, which, being endowed with a perfect sorrow, has the power to give back the baptismal innocence, and the continual effort shall be understood in this sense: in distancing the evil more and more up to not only hating serious sin, but also the venial one.

And for the others let there be a persistent prayer and offered up, so that they too may understand the need to live a Christian life. It is not possible to do and obtain all that I have said to you, without a constant and sincere prayer, full of faith and love. Prayer is recourse to God with humility of heart in order to obtain help. And how can

He abandon those children who only desire to live with Him?

Remember well, children, all I've said to you and learn, in these days of reflection and prayer, to prepare your soul for that joyful encounter that is the resurrection.

I see and hear many mothers worried over their children who are distant from God. Well then, to these mothers my word goes: Jesus died and rose up again, and his resurrection was the pledge of yours. If you mothers will learn to die spiritually to yourselves, combating your defects, your resurrection will be the pledge of those of your children.

Their conversion therefore, is only in your hands, it depends on you. Learn to pray, to love and to suffer. Learn to keep silent, to reflect and to be prudent and wise. Your words and your counsels shall not only be listened to, but also welcomed.

I bless you, children, and I promise you a Holy Easter. I kiss you one by one and I clasp you to my heart.

## **TWO COUNSELS TO PUT INTO PRACTICE**

*April 15, 1973*

Beloved children, with Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, the most important of the liturgical life of the Church.

I want to give you two counsels, which you will meditate upon and which you will then put into practice.

The same men, women and boys who at the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem applauded Him, were those who cried out "crucify" in his passion.

Let this behaviour make you cautious and attentive. Do not give much importance to the judgements of men, who often are fickle and wicked. Learn to value them only if they let you see some defect, because only then can you consider them truthful. Praises and appreciations many times very easily conceal envy and criticism.

This is the second invitation and counsel: you are truly invited to



perfection and holiness. Therefore, try to exclude sin, the cause of many personal and social evils. Every sin, in fact, has a repercussion not only over families and over the Church, but also over all humanity, just as every good action has a vital importance also for others.

Be holy in your thoughts, in your words and in your works, if you wish to be living rocks of the Church and means of salvation for the lapsed.

Do not make hasty decisions in anything, but let prudence and wisdom be your guide.

I rejoice that you want to come and visit me in my shrines. They are the places of my official encounters with my children, but learn to give to every pilgrimage the constructive value of faith and of charity. I do not conceal from you that I am always here to listen to you as in the great shrines and therefore, without wasting much time and many distractions, you are able to linger with me.

And now, to all, my best Easter wishes. Be in peace with God, with your neighbour and with yourselves.

I bless you and I embrace you one by one, tenderly expressing all my affection for you.

## **GRATITUDE AND COMPUNCTION**

*April 15, 1973*

Beloved children, peace be to you. I am here to encourage you to spend holily these blessed days, in the memory of that gift of love of my Son. I am his Mother and how much I have understood the greatness of the gift! I am your Mother and how much I desire for you to appreciate it!

You usually admire and have gratitude for those who, being blood donors, give a little quantity of it that can be used for some sick people. You admire those fathers and those mothers who are ready to give an organ of their body in order to be able to make

their son live. And you admire also those who leave in a will at their death, for their eye or heart to be donated to a blind man or to one with heart disease.

Well then, my Jesus has given all his Blood, left his Body as inheritance, has given to all and to each one his divinity, all himself.

Few feel a real gratitude and the desire to repay, with the offering of their life, that infinite gift of love.

Many consider that the passion and death of Jesus are superseded things, to which one can think about for a moment on Good Friday in order to pop into the Church and see if there are lights and flowers before the Tabernacle.

There are also those who deny the greatest miracles performed by my Son and do not admit the need to show Him as crucified because, they say, there is more rejoicing in seeing Him as King.

Even the Real Presence in the Eucharist is put into doubt. The Communion, therefore, becomes the banquet that recalls the Last Supper, to which one can be admitted to without worrying the least about the state of one's conscience.

That's why as a good Mother I desire for you to have very clear ideas. I desire that your participation in the divine mysteries be rich with that compunction that makes you feel your unworthiness for gifts so great. I desire to fill your hearts with gratitude and to penetrate you with the sorrows of Him who only through a dreadful sorrow willed to buy back, regenerate, redeem his children, to whom eternal glory had been excluded forever.

I wish also to make you taste, in their sweetness, those sacraments that are like two edged blades and which can comfort and reinvigorate spiritually if received well, or be a cause of great responsibility and judgment if not received with the proper dispositions.

So today, tomorrow and forward until Easter, when you will meet up with the face of the Lord risen to immortal life, it shall all be a progression, a promise, a sanctification of yourselves.

Every day is one more step that gets you closer to the other encounter with the Lord. Let there be in you therefore, every day, the desire to cleanse yourselves, to become light, to be radiant, full of light.

To cleanse the soul is no harder than cleansing oneself daily from what dirties the clothes or body. Since every little sin dirties it and makes it less bright, my Jesus thought about giving to you the means to do that proper cleansing which I spoke to you about. An act of sorrow is enough, an act of love is enough to let you regain beauty and grace. Confession is the washing with blood, but love also has a divine power, provided it is a true love.

Then you must make yourselves lighter. How many things weigh down the life of man! The attachment to things, to creatures, to interests and to all those trifles and trivialities that are justly not worth having.

The more your heart goes on detaching itself from the world the more agile you will feel, so as to run attracted by the perfumes of Christ. The more you free yourselves from the things that smell of earth the more Heaven will appear limpid and attractive to you. By this I don't mean that you must dress up in sackcloth and retire into a convent, but that you must learn to love everyone in God, making use of things in the measure in which they are of help to you in order to ascend.

This is the way to go to encounter God, and as the days go by, you become more luminous because you get closer to Him more and more through the abundance of grace that dwells in your souls.

Then, children, it will be beautiful for you to live and to die, because death will only be a temporary and outward fact and the resurrection will mark the new life in God.

To this grace which I spoke to you about, which must make you luminous, I would like that external grace to be borne out which you call good upbringing or pleasant characteristic, that indicates

interior order and peace.

See, today also, the simple word of the heavenly Mother.

There are some who always ask themselves: “*What more will the Mother and Jesus say?*”. But you see that the fount is inexhaustible. Thank God and continue to believe and to practice what is suggested to you.

I bless you with a sign of the cross on the mind, on the mouth and on the heart and in the Lord I embrace you.

## **LOVE AND EVERYTHING WILL BECOME EASY**

*April 17, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, I am with you, I am your sorrowful Mother. I am here to prepare you for the celebration of Easter and I wish therefore, to fill your heart with love. Without love exactly nothing can be made, the most beautiful and greatest works remain deprived of the support of the soul. The flowers do not grow if the light of the sun does not fertilize them. Everything in the world languishes because love is missing. True love is God. Human love is true when it leads to God.

Having made this premise to you, I want to bring you in spirit into the house of Bethany, where my Jesus, accompanied by some disciples amongst whom also Judas, had been invited to go to a few days before his death. Martha and Mary had prepared a banquet for Him and Lazarus also was present, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

That was to have been an encounter of love, destined to give much comfort to the human Heart of Jesus which was already under the winepress of anguish, knowing what was awaiting Him. To bear witness to the immense affection that the three beloved friends nourished for my Son, it was left to Mary, who, breaking a vase of fragrant ointment, spread it on the feet of the Divine Teacher, as abundant tears fell from her eyes. They were tears of

love and of sorrow.

My children, I would like for this prayer meeting to be in this way. I would like with your gifts of love, represented by the candles and by the flowers, for you to bring the perfume of your virtues. I know, being good and virtuous for a whole life, is costly. Persevering in faith and in good for years and years in spite of the adversities and crosses, is very fatiguing and requires from you a not so ordinary strength. But who will give you this strength if not my Lord, through prayer, in these meetings with Him and with me, heart to heart?

Note that at that parting banquet there were represented different categories of persons. There were those called from the first hour, there were the converted ones, those who for years had lived far from Him, and there were those who, disregarding the graces received and forgetting about being in the number of the elect, with great ingratitude and wickedness persevered in their sins. I present to you the prototype of them: Judas.

Well then, also here, at this spiritual banquet in which the divine word is given to you as bread, there are the friends and the converted ones; but never let it be that anyone would want to persist perhaps in a life of sin or of betrayal.

See Him, my Jesus, who welcomes everyone. It does not matter what the past of each one may have been. The most necessary thing is that here, at my presence, at his feet, those vases of ointment that can be the dangerous occasions be broken; that here it can be said: if up to now vanity or fickleness have possessed my heart, now I want to direct my thoughts and affections to good. And it can be also here, with the help of my grace, that the most hard hearts are softened and that you are able to weep for your sins.

My Jesus possesses an infinite patience and knows how to wait, but woe to those who do not listen to his loving invitations.

There are some people who complain because for years they are

waiting to be freed from certain crosses and it seems to them that they must lose the faith and pray no more. But they forget how long my Son and I have waited for the return of souls to our heart. How many rejections we have received when we invited them to a life of faith, to a more perfect Christian way of life!

So, even if in suffering you were to spend some period of your life, do not forget, children, to what pains my Jesus had to subject himself in order to pay off your debts.

That's why therefore, you will place in these days, at the feet of the confessor, the many bad things which you have sown on your way, in order to begin a new life.

There are those who are convinced that only he who does evil enjoys the goods of the earth, while he who does good must only suffer. That is wrong, children! Suffering is a legacy common to all, for it is the consequence of sin. It is a road that everyone must travel on. There are those who travel on it first and those later. But can you tell me what consequences sorrow brings in those who are evil and in those who have no faith? Only one consequence: despair.

Have you not observed how, in those who have faith, suffering is welcomed with resignation and with joy? And does this not seem to you the best gift of Heaven? It is true, human nature does not support suffering well, and do you know? Because man has been created for happiness. But if suffering is necessary in order for eternal happiness, who would not want to accept the cross and be patient and bless the Lord?

Children, from this meeting of hearts may a joyful and delicate result be the outcome. Let everyone of you say: I want to be a help to the brethren, I want to accept an extra part of the cross in order to aid those who have a very heavy load.

Let everyone, however, see to it of not rendering their own cross too heavy with useless complaints. Sometimes you say: "*Let's continue on*". No, say: "*Let us continue on out of love*", because

that “*let’s continue on*” has all an air of a thing done by compulsion.

Love, children, and everything will become easy. It is too easy to say: It is better to die. If you were to think about the eternal life awaiting you, you would only desire to do moment by moment the divine will.

My children, I bless you all. I am always beside you.

## **I TEACH YOU TO CONFESS YOURSELVES WELL**

*April 19, 1973*

Beloved children, I am your immaculate Mother, the Virgin of the cenacle, the Lady of the most Blessed Sacrament.

This is how I present myself to you today in order to keep that promise that I made you some days ago, to prepare your mind and your heart, so that you may be able to receive with fervour and devotion the Easter Communion.

First of all, therefore, I will give you some teaching so that you will be able to confess yourselves well.

Confession is a sacrament that not only takes away mortal sin, but it increases the grace. I would not want to speak to you about serious sins. It is too painful to think that people who come to pray to me regularly, can arrive at crucifying Jesus in their heart and to transfix my maternal heart. But unfortunately, many daily venialities and imperfections disfigure your soul and diminish in you the desires of good and spiritual progress. That’s why therefore, Confession, which like a medicine that renews one’s strength, is given to you.

Jesus taught you, exactly on Holy Thursday, that you must let your feet be washed in order to have a part with Him at the Supper, even if the body is clean. You have to take away that is, even the little things, those that many times escape distracted people, but which are a hindrance to progress.

Now I will tell you the characteristics that your Confession must have in order to be done well. Three are the endowments which you must furnish it with: faith, sorrow, love.

Faith is indispensable to you so that you may be able to have that sincerity that makes no mystery on one's weakness. Jesus wanted this sacrament and it is He himself who listens, who sees, who absolves under the semblance and with the gesture of the priest. This faith must bring you to the confessional with the attitude of the prodigal son who, returning to his father, acknowledges his sin, and it must put on your lips the words of the leper: "*Lord, if you will, you can make me clean* (Mt 8:2)."

It is faith that makes you desire grace; it is faith that showing you the gravity of the offence made to God, will give you the sincere sorrow for sin. Rarely will it deal with a sensible sorrow that will shed tears from you, but it will be above all a strong desire to repair and not to fall again into sin that will make your sorrow valid.

If my children were to think what they lose by sin and what enters in their heart, how much more careful they would be and attentive in avoiding not only the proximate occasions, but also the remote ones, in order not fall in again.

I want to advise you, however, that this sorrow that must pervade your heart, has to be above all a return to love, it must bring you an increase of love. Every sin, in fact, is a renouncing to the love of God for the love of oneself or of creatures, or even a cooling down in the love of God in order to seek one's own satisfactions.

The true sorrow for sins is a return to God in a renewed love and in a renewed giving of love to your brethren. It is saying with all your soul, in resemblance to Zacchaeus: "*If I have taken away a part of what I owed you, look I return it double, triple to you. I want to love you, Lord, and to repair!*"

Sin is a harming of all humanity, for every sin weighs on the balance of the justice of God and the debt contracted for every sin is



paid not only by the individual, but by all men. True sorrow is a reparation. True virtue, the exercise of the Works of Mercy bring, with the personal help, spiritual benefits to the whole Church.

If you confess yourselves well, you will feel this duty of restitution and love and you will want to propose to yourselves a deeper devotion to your neighbour near and far. You will not be worried about discovering the number of your sins, but in what way the love of God and neighbour was harmed, in order to have recourse to remedies. You will not be worried over the choice of confessor, since everyone one of them is Jesus who absolves you.

Do you not see how great the goodness of God is in your regard?

When you confess yourselves, you always see Jesus, and if it should happen to you that, judging the priest with a human measure or verifying personally the facts, he would seem unworthy of such a name, know that his absolution is worth as much as that of the greatest saints, for the duty to forgive sins is not tied to his behaviour.

And now, children, as I wish you a good day and I help you to bring your desires to fulfilment, I invite you to keep in mind the reasons for which you have desired this day of prayer. First of all you want to honour the Most Blessed Eucharist, then you want to pray for the Pope. If you were able to see how many sacrileges wound the Eucharistic Heart of my Son, I assure you that you would be amazed, confused and very grieved. And for the Pope do all that your hearts tells you and what will be suggested to you by my minister.

I bless those ministers of mine who will work in collaboration in order to heal the most painful wound of the Church: the conversion of the clergy. I am happy that many priests are gathered here, dedicated to this beautiful mission. I am with them and I shall open up the roads. I shall call back to my heart the lapsed and we shall make a great feast just as for the return of the prodigal son. By prayer, by sacrifice and by word be a help to them, so that the

Kingdom of God may be realized through his Mother and the Rosary.

My children, I bless you all.

## **THE REQUISITES FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION WELL**

*April 19, 1973*

My dear children, I am still with you and I desire to continue your preparation for the Easter Communion.

I have told you what the requisites are that you must bring to Confession, so that it may be done well and be fruitful for your spiritual life. Now I will tell you what requisites the preparation for the encounter with my Jesus must have, who at the Eucharistic table makes himself food for your souls.

I tell you, first of all, that you must have a very lively desire to feed yourself with this delicious nourishment that forms the holy envy of the angels themselves.

When you wish to determine if a person is healthy or sick, you say first of all that he eats or he no longer eats. The lack of appetite itself is an indication of some latent sickness or however it is a bad sign that can lead to forms of a very serious breakdown.

Feeding oneself is so necessary that whoever would want to abstain from food for a long period would meet up with a certain death. To eat is so important that the Lord provided also by miracles to feed his beloved people, making manna rain down from the sky.

Jesus willed to indicate this necessity for food in the request contained in the Our Father: "*Give us the daily bread.*" Therefore, the nourishment and the daily food are a precious gift of Providence in order to maintain man in life.

All that I've said to you in relation to the body serves, and in an infinitely superior way, also for the soul. The soul must live, it

must grow, it must progress in grace which is the life of God in it. It has therefore, an urgent and continual need to be nourished. When nausea for this divine food, that is the Eucharist, makes you lose the taste for holy things, it is a bad sign. An insidious and dangerous sickness is coming on that will undermine little by little the Christian life.

Jesus wants to be desired, ardently desired, because in the desire for Him He realizes great things. God loves men who have great desires of good, but many times these desires remain a dead letter because one prefers to do the good without Him, for one's own satisfaction; or even one wants to do good works for themselves, which means that once done, they die in themselves as they were born.

It is in the Eucharist that the great marriage between the soul with its God comes about; a wedding so beautiful and complete whereby God, uniting himself to his creature, substitutes himself for it in order to work, to think, to love in its stead.

That's why it is indispensable to approach the Eucharistic banquet with great desire.

The second quality that must not be lacking is the sentiment of humility whereby you must feel the last before Him. He is King, you the subject; He is almighty, you are misery; He is rich, you are poor. If you approach in this way, be certain: the Heart of the Lord all mercy, all charity, will only be able to bend over towards you and make you a gift of all that is his. He will want to pour forth into your heart his graces and justify you like He justified the publican who, beating his breast at the back of the temple, went on asking for mercy.

Nobody is worthy to go to Communion. How will man be able to consider himself just when his weakness makes him fall numerous times a day? Let this sense of unworthiness lead you to review yourselves before communicating, so that by means of sorrow and love you may be able to purify your souls.

Jesus has said to you: "*Blessed the pure of heart for they shall see God (Mt 5:8).*" Many times you have desired to see the Lord with the eyes of your body. There is someone who, with so much desire, also asks to be able to see the face of Jesus, at least in a dream.

Children, if your encounter with Jesus in Holy Communion is to be treated in the littlest details and with that delicacy that He deserves, you will see God. You will have a special light that will illuminate your mind; you will have, not a vague idea but a clear one, of the attributes of God; you will have the joy of feeling his presence in you. But more than that, the crowning of the Communion made well, with purity of intention and affections, shall be your last Communion on earth, in which it will be I myself to give you the Mother's bread, the flesh of my Jesus. Consider, children, the infinite joy of that encounter with the Lord, in a communion without end!

I truly desire that in the light of these teachings for you to modify and take away what is not in conformity to all I desire. I would like also, realizing how much the Eucharist is despised and ill-treated, for every Communion of yours to be a reparation. Say so to Jesus: "*For all those who betray you, here is our heart ready to give you love and reparation.*"

I make you aware of one thing that must make you think, as it ought to make many men think in the world. When at the Last Supper my Jesus gave Communion to Judas, after he had eaten that dipped morsel, the devil entered into him. You ask yourselves sometimes why so many people are possessed by the devil. Well then, I say to you that at times a sacrilegious Communion is enough to give a lodging to the devil, who when he has set up an abode in a soul and in a body, he becomes like the master of the house and with great difficulty they succeed in getting him out.

Watch yourselves carefully therefore, and if you should happen to approach persons who suffer in this way, do not hesitate to

counsel a return to God with a sincere Confession.

And now I bless you all. From the day in which you with the Easter will celebrate the Resurrection, you begin a new life, fervent, devout, balanced and wise that is able to be a beacon of light to all.

I bless your sick and the people sick in the spirit whom you entrust to me. Have faith and trust.

Happy Easter and see you again to everyone.

### **HE IS RISEN, HE IS NOT HERE!**

*April 23, 1973*

Beloved children, I am with you. I am the Mother of Jesus and your Mother. I am here to rejoice with you, because our Jesus is truly risen. His Body was not able to decompose in the sepulchre. He was not able to lay dead, He who is God of life.

I always believed that my Son would have risen. It was not so with the apostles, the disciples and those who had condemned and crucified Him.

I saw Him. His wounds shone like precious stones. His face was luminous and beautiful; the three beloved ones had seen Him luminous in this way on Mount Tabor. Oh, the joy of that encounter! How many things we said to each other even with the gaze alone, with the tears! The suffering had finished, I wanted to say to Him, but it did not correspond to truth, because along the centuries the passion would be protracted. My Son, so worthy of love and gratitude, by how much evil would he have been rewarded!

And yet He saw along the centuries the martyrs also who would have given their life for Him; He saw you who with love and with joy would have listened to his words and with prayer would have called Him to be a part of your life, and He did not regret for having uselessly suffered so much for many souls.

Already his resurrection had been prophesized by David and

through his resurrection men were able to hope in theirs.

I saw Him first, because He loved me so much that Son. Then, Mary of Magdala saw Him. She did not think of seeing Him alive before her; she thought that the tomb was empty because someone had taken the Body of her Lord away. The pious women had gone very early to the sepulchre to anoint Jesus. But Jesus had risen! The apostles knew it and saw it, and Peter declared to thousands of people that the prophecy was fulfilled in Him.

He, my Jesus, had truly rebuilt his holy temple, his immaculate Body, three days after its destruction. The Father had given life, vigour, splendour and glory to Him who had come into the world to do his will.

Children, there are those who would like to deny the resurrection and consider it simply a product of general belief. But does it not seem to you that if Jesus had not risen, you would have no reason to believe in his doctrine? Everything would collapse like a house of cards without the resurrection. Everything instead, is accepted and affirmed with this truth.

Children, those who do not want to believe truly carry on like the leaders of the people and the high priests when they knew from the guards that Jesus had disappeared, leaving the bandages and the shroud in the sepulchre. They paid the guards so that they would say that, while they were sleeping, the disciples had taken away the Body of Jesus. But does it not seem to you that if they slept, they could not see who did that action? The same also happens now. Whoever does not want to believe, finds all the reasons to do so and the falsehoods are paid for on books and newspapers.

Why does one want to doubt the power of God? Because there is a whole practical consequence. The doctrine and the teachings of Jesus ought to be accepted and practiced. Perhaps you think that it is easier not to believe and to live without hope? No, it is not easier, but less demanding. If He is risen, everyone must commit himself day by day to pull himself out of those bad habits that are

like a tomb in which is lacking the breath of God, his light, his strength.

Your body will undergo the penalty of decomposition but then it will recompose itself and unite itself to the soul in order to participate in eternal glory. To this recomposition everyone must prepare, conceding to one's body only what is necessary for it to keep it at the service of God and the brethren. Courage, therefore, children!

The angels who on the rolled stone of the sepulchre announced to the disciples: "*He is risen, He is not here* (Mk 16:6)", are still the ones who must announce your resurrection.

When your friends, relatives, acquaintances, will come in the following days in search of you, your angels must be able to say: "*He is risen, he is not here!*". He is risen, therefore he has taken up again the way of the Church, the one of the Commandments, of goodness, of charity. If you seek he who is risen you cannot find him with the dead, you must seek him with those who live the divine life.

The angels who are near to you, are still the ones who will present you to the Father and I would like for them to say of you what Jesus was able to say of himself: "*I have always obeyed and in everything, I have accomplished my mission.*"

You all have a mission to accomplish. They accomplish their mission the sisters in the hospitals, the mothers in the families, the priest in the exercise of his ministry, the magistrate in the fulfillment of his duties and the worker in the execution of his work. All and each, in the daily exercise, in an act of obedience to God and in an act of love towards the brethren, realize a plan of salvation and collaborate at the resurrection of humanity.

To you the drawing of the conclusions. Know that your Mother never abandons you.

My children, I bless you all, clasping you to my heart. May everyone bring my blessing into their community, into the family,

into the workplace.

May the religious sisters know that when a small representation comes here to pray, I extend my help to the whole Congregation and to the works which they supervise. And when a member of a family is present, all the members feel an efficacious consequence of it.

## **GOD WANTS HOLINESS FROM YOU**

*April 25, 1973*

My beloved children, here I am again to address my word warm with affection and goodness to you.

Today I want to remind you what happened after the resurrection of my Son. Peter, the chief of the apostles, did not have any fear of preaching in the squares, in the streets and in the Temple. They brought to him the sick with their little beds so that he could bless them, and these hoped to be even only covered by the shadow of the person of Peter in order to obtain the cure: and so, in fact, it happened.

Now, children, I will make you do a brief reflection.

Peter, from perjurer, had become a strong man and his holiness was the means with which to call the lapsed back to the faith. God gave him the gift of miracles by his goodness, and this also was a means to convert and to baptize thousands of people.

Even to you God wants to give some special gifts and you will keep on noticing them more and more, but what He wants from you is holiness, that it may bring you to a continual improvement. Only in this way will your shadow also work those moral healings that exceed, in importance, the physical ones.

I help you, children, so that you may be able to lift yourselves up after every fall and overcome yourselves. Holiness does not exclude that you can fall and sin, rather, many times the Lord permits that you experience firsthand your weakness, so that you are able to maintain that fear of erring and those sentiments of humil-



ity which have a crucial importance in the spiritual life.

The desire to improve and to reach perfection, or better, to practice the Christian life in a perfect way, must never abandon you. Desires of goodness and of peace must be in agreement with that serenity that spreads trust and faith in hearts, and the recourse to God in prayer must be made more regular and more fervent, because without Him you can do nothing.

In this way, with joy in the heart and with the grace of God, you will get to be those courageous ones who know how to defend the truth, today still combated as in the times of the first apostles.

Learning to overcome human respect is not so easy for those who do not live in union with God and for those who, of the faith, have only superficial knowledge. It is right here that with the help of the Holy Spirit, soul of your soul and of the Church, you will discover the beauty of the faith, which will light you up with enthusiasm and with fervour.

Be holy, therefore, and may your own shadow serve to reawaken the dormant, to encourage the weak, to give light to those who are in darkness. And when I speak of shadow I mean that presence, even only spiritual, that puts your neighbour on his guard, because he has to know that evil and ambiguous talk is displeasing to you and to God, that evil actions disgust and destroy personal dignity.

I bless you all, my children, and I wait for you always.

In contrast to the worldly who make many sacrifices to do evil, that you subject yourselves to some sacrifices in order to honour me, gives you honour. That God who recompenses even one only glass of water given in his name, shall be your reward.

Every prayer made with love is like a delicious liqueur that gladdens my heart, it is a perfume of incense that rises to the heart of God.

Goodbye, children, see you again!

## TO THE YOUNG LADIES

*April 27, 1973 (at Bassano)*

My daughters, how dear this meeting is to me, and how much I enjoy when in your prayer gatherings you recite the Rosary which is so pleasing to me. It is like a fragrant wreath that you put in my hands, so that I can make use of it to grant and obtain for you graces and favours. Continue therefore, this beautiful devotion and try to maintain it for your whole life.

You will have difficulties and sacrifices in life, but you will also have joys, and the Rosary shall be the means to ask for my help in order to show your gratitude to me.

And now allow me to suggest to you a good thought, that you ought to hold precious and that must point out to you the road to travel on.

There are some great values in your life, which sometimes you do not learn to recognize and which you could waste and lose uselessly. I mean to talk to you about three very important things.

First of all, you must learn to appreciate the gift of life. It is that precious talent that you must make fruitful. It is the precious treasure through which you will be able to gain eternal life for yourselves.

There are those who do not appreciate that gift and, after having spent their days in sin and evil, find themselves loaded with responsibility and debts before God.

There are those who, not appreciating that gift, uselessly lose that time that has been put at their disposition. They are those people who, forgetful of having duties to perform, live in idleness, not rendering their lives full except with laziness and trivialities.

But there are those who learn to sanctify the present moment and, offering it up to God in the fulfilment of his will, also make a gift of it to their brethren, who have need of their activity and their love.

My daughters, you have to be of this last category and, using well the gift of life, you must prepare yourselves to live the eternal life in God.

Moreover, there is another great value, that many mistreat or do not appreciate. And I mean to talk to you about love.

True love is a ray of the divinity, it is a fount of life and is destined to unite the hearts, so that less heavy may be the bundle that each one has to carry. If you understand love like this, you will prepare yourselves to life with a great capacity of giving. Sacrifice will not be difficult to practice and also it shall be given to you to rejoice in it, because it will become a means in order to manifest love itself.

To prepare oneself for life is the same as to prepare oneself to love.

From love for one's own loved ones, to friendship, up to the love that blossoms like a flower in adolescence or in youth and prepares for the vocation, be it for the family as for the total consecration to God, is all a succession of harmonious and ordered moments, provided that love is seen in its right light.

Love, my daughters, is not passion, it is not enjoyment even if it leaves a great joy in the heart. Love is something divine that penetrates into the heart, which must be educated to welcome it. Never play around with this word therefore; do not interpret it as it is in the world, but make it the object of your care and concern. Cultivate and educate your heart to the love of God, of parents, of friends, and tomorrow, of the soul that the Lord will put beside you to be a companion for you in life. Live loving, because my Jesus wants it this way and life must be this way.

The other treasure that you must guard is the grace of God. I would like for you to be able to see with my eyes the ugliness of sin in order to be able to understand the value of grace. Destruction and death is the consequence of sin. Where grace is, life flourishes. God is the guest of the soul in grace and works in it. What happens to iron happens to a soul in grace, put in the fire, it

becomes so hot as to mix with the fire itself.

Daughters, I am the Mother of Divine Grace, and whoever wishes to continue in that life of holiness that is equivalent to the life of a true Christian, cannot neglect this precious gift that Jesus has acquired for us with his passion and death and which alone can assure you eternal salvation.

I want to encourage you therefore, to persevere, because by recourse to God in prayer and by frequency to the sacraments you may be able to obtain and to preserve the precious gift of grace.

And now, one by one, I squeeze you to my heart. You have renounced something in order to come to listen to me. It shall be my joy to speak to your heart and to bless you.

You will put yourselves in my hands, and I will help you to go up the mountain of God and to arrive up to Him where I also am. Never have lack of confidence in your life. Whoever turns to me is in good hands.

## **AN OFFERING OF ROSES**

*May 2, 1973 (at Muggiò)*

Dear and beloved children, I am the Queen of May, the divine Gardener and the Queen of Hearts. I am here to tell you how much I will do for you and what I desire from each one of you.

You say that May is the most beautiful month of the year, and just for this reason my devotees of many years past have consecrated this month to me.

In all gardens perfumed roses flourish that gladden hearts, and my altars ought to be adorned with them to indicate the fragrance of the virtues that you are committed to cultivate in your soul. The roses are also an expression of love, and I like to receive them as homage, just as every mother likes a floral homage by her own children.

But what good would the offering of roses to me be if they did

not have this double meaning? The roses however, which exceed in beauty and fragrance those which you cultivate in your gardens, are those spiritual roses which you give me through the recitation of the Rosary.

Now therefore, I express my desire to you, which you will seek to put into action. I desire from you everyday a bunch of white roses, a bunch of golden roses and a bunch of red roses. Someone perhaps objects, but I am making the offering easy for you.

When in the morning, as soon as you get up, turn your thought to God and also to me, offer and consecrate to me all the children of the world. Are not the innocent babies those perfumed roses that I desire? If it is possible for you and your duties permit it, accompany this offering with the recitation of the Rosary.

The Joyful Mysteries recall the deeds of the infancy of my Child, which in Paradise the saints see repeating themselves and which are for the living so rich with teaching. The memory of those deeds, put in relation with what happens now in the world, shall be a call to have for the innocents, for the children, all that necessary delicacy to safeguard them from dangers.

I would also like, in offering your children and those of all the world to me, for you to offer me the thoughts of your mind, with the intention of keeping them, for how much it is possible for you, turned to God, so that your intentions may mirror that whiteness of the roses that you offer me and the purity of the children.

When in the afternoon you would like to make the second offering, you will offer to me all the consecrated, so that, in the fulfilment of their vows and the commitments assumed with the Lord, their affections and their disposition at the service of God can truly be cemented.

Do you remember the Magi who, with the incense and the myrrh, brought gold to the Child Jesus? This meant to signify love and also that they recognized Him as King. Well then, the offering of the souls consecrated to me, will renew in me the task of guard-

ing them and of calling them back should they deviate from the right path.

Golden roses you will give me with the Glorious Mysteries, and you will do your best to give to those children that the Lord has chosen and who must be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that spiritual help that is possible for you.

In the course of your day, your heart is just about a stranger to the problems of the spirit, because the rhythm of life draws you and brings you to communicate with the world and with many people. Well then, that offering which I spoke to you about, golden roses and the consecrated, shall be a continual call to make acts of love and to offer, for priests and religious, your activity.

Perhaps your offering will serve to hold back from evil a minister of God. Perhaps the devil will interrupt his work, wearied by the good that you do and will not be able to harm other souls. When you put an address on a letter, when on a bunch of flowers that you send to a dear person, you join your note, you know that the letter and the bunch of flowers arrive at the destination. Your floral gifts, accompanied by your intention to honour your Mother, arrive at my heart, children.

And the third bunch, the red roses? You will offer them to me in the evening together with the sins of all men, which I, invoking mercy, shall cover with the Blood of my Jesus. To this Blood of infinite value, I will unite my suffering and your sacrifices.

To those people who are victims of calumny, I say: give me your sorrows and stay calm. Even when the sea is stormy, if my Jesus is at the helm there is nothing to fear, because He can calm the tempest in an instant.

You all have crosses. They are your wealth, children. God, in his infinite goodness, willed for all men to contribute towards the salvation of the neighbour. The first neighbour is the children, the husbands, all the family members. When a mother suffers for her own family, she has a cross on her shoulder: a sign of sanctity for

herself, a pledge of salvation for the others.

Utilize your cross, children! Even if the sorrow is procured to you by others, receive it from the hand of God and offer it to me with those red roses of the Sorrowful Mysteries that you will recite in the evening, perhaps when, exhausted by tiredness and adversities, it will be just for you a sorrowful gift that you will give me. In this way your sacrifice becomes blood, it becomes sanctity, it becomes salvation for many.

I have indicated to you how to spend the month dedicated to me. I leave to everyone the freedom of acting and of offering according to one's generosity.

When the month comes to an end, what will your Mother do? Have I not told you that I am Queen? And what will I not be able to do for you? I am Queen and you are not subjects, but children. You ask and I will listen to you. You ask and I will hear you. You have tribulations and I will console you. If I do not take away the cross from your shoulders, I will teach you how to make it lighter. I will free you from your enemies. I will hide you under my mantle and I will not permit anyone to harm you.

I see, children, your faith: I bless it and increase it. Do not be afraid! Life is an arduous battle, but you who lodge me in your homes and in your hearts, shall be victorious.

Goodbye, my children. Have a good month of May and many affectionate kisses.

### **IT'S NECESSARY TO PUT THE WORD INTO PRACTICE**

*May 6, 1973*

My beloved children, peace be to you!

I am your Mother, I am the Immaculate. I rejoice in seeing the enthusiasm with which you take part in the initiatives which, time after time, are proposed to you for the good of your soul and for a certain relaxation of your life.

Withdrawing oneself from all those occupations that daily concern you, gives to your body and to your spirit that relief which helps you to continue on more briskly. Therefore, may your enthusiasm be blessed for the good.

I see also the desire that you have for my word and that consoles me. I would like however, to remind you a few things that must make you reflect.

When my Jesus spoke to the crowds, they all followed Him, even for entire days. Do you recall when Jesus did the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowd had followed Him for three days, forgetful of rest and food. And yet, children, when Jesus was condemned to death, amongst that crowd that cried “crucify” there were also those who had previously listened to Him and who had enjoyed his benefits. Evidently they had not profited by the word of God or even they had not understood the language of my Son.

But observe again. The apostles had followed the divine Teacher for three years. They had seen his miracles and admired the sanctity of his life. But what was happening during the passion and after his death? Like sheep without a shepherd they had become dispersed, and their faith was so little strong that they thought they had to return to their old trade of fishermen, because everything that they had seen and heard was only an illusion.

They had understood nothing of Jesus’ teachings, even while He was with them, so much so that they thought about who would have had the first place in the Kingdom of the heavens, and who would have been at his right and who at his left.

Not even the apostles had welcomed the word in order to translate into practice. They had admired, looked, observed as one observes a beautiful work of art, a beautiful statue. So, if the Holy Spirit had not worked those profound transformations that made humble fishermen into apostles and martyrs, everything would have been in vain.

And now I refer myself to you. With Baptism you have had the call to faith. And here, for some years, you keep on receiving special



graces. The abundance of the word of God renders you extremely happy, just like the crowd that followed Jesus. But what profit have you got out of it? You have heard, you have tasted, but how have you assimilated this precious food?

The word of God is the Word, it is Jesus himself. How have you tried to imitate and resemble Jesus in the practice of this word?

Jesus has lived, had worked, has taught and still lives amongst you, He still works and teaches.

How must you therefore, receive these teachings? First of all you must desire them ardently. Food taken without an appetite brings no advantage. Even if between one meeting and the other time passes, desire must bring the days and the hours closer.

I like this eagerness for God. It is for me, who am Mother, like an invitation to give, to dedicate myself, to nourish these hungry and thirsty ones, these children who love and who seek the Lord.

Then, you have to welcome the word with great love. Love is like the sun that renders the seed fertile. The word blossoms and becomes an ear and a fruit, when it is welcomed with gratitude and with love.

Remember, children: *“Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God (Mt 4:4).”* When, in the Liturgy of the Word, you listen to those passages of life of my Son or those passages of the Old Testament, receive them and listen to them with love. They will be your daily or weekly meditation and they will serve you to put into practice those teachings that were given to you that they may be life for you.

After having welcomed the word with desire and with love, there’s nothing left but to practise it. If after years of listening you find yourselves still at the same point, perhaps a practical revision will be necessary, a deeper reflection will be needed.

It happens, sometimes, that listening to the word of God and hearing it as a reproach, one prefers to accredit it to others and to think that the reproach or warning will do good to this and that

person. That is not pleasing to your Mother, who speaks for all and wants everyone to take the word for himself and to correct his own defects.

In this way, with much good will and serenity everyone can make themselves, with the help of God, less imperfect, up to mirroring in themselves the divine Teacher.

I help you and I bless you, children, and I will accompany you in your pilgrimage. Whoever goes to the feet of the Vicar of Jesus Christ, let him go with faith and bring a witness of love to that beloved son. You shall all be blessed with your desires and intentions.

I bless those who come from afar, so that, filled with charity, they may bring the fire of the love of God into their families and cities.

To all my embrace. May God be with you now and always.

## **THE ROSARY, THE MEANS OF SALVATION**

*May 8, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, peace be to you and grace and every good. I am here to bless you and to speak to you again once more about my affection. I am the heavenly Lady of the Castle of Italy, and why should I not have had to address to you my greeting today, in which my power and my glory is celebrated in one of the most important castles of Italy?

My castles are my shrines and today at Pompeii I am honoured. In my shrines I receive my children and I communicate my desires to them. There, in that holy place visited by the mercy and by the goodness of God, I asked for the Rosary.

Oh, children, what a blessed prayer that of the Rosary! Here also, repeatedly, I invite to love and to propagate the Rosary as a means of salvation. The Rosary, I've told you many times, is like a summary of the life of Jesus and mine, in its mysteries, and in

the vocal prayer is the recourse to the Most Holy Trinity, to the Father and to me, so that you may be able to practise the teachings of the Gospel.

Love, recite the Rosary and offer it as a fragrant wreath. If it is possible for you, perhaps also with sacrifice, recite it entirely. If your occupation or your health does not permit it, recite a part of it. You can recite it alone or with others, or even with your guardian angel and inviting all those who pray in the Church triumphant, suffering and militant. But do not let one single day pass by without having made your precious offering.

Greet me with the Rosary as Daughter of the Eternal Father, Mother of the Divine Son, Spouse of the Holy Spirit and I, through this triple crown with which you will surround my forehead, will honour you in Heaven. It will be I myself who surround my devotees with glory.

Ask me with the Rosary for the virtues that are indispensable to you.

With the Joyful Mysteries, ask for humility, children. It is too necessary for you to neglect it. Self-love is a derivative of pride and it is so subtle, so slight in its manifestations, that it knows how to conceal itself so well as to make it impossible to see it. We see what is concealed even in the most hidden folds; that's why I invite you to ask every day for the virtue of humility.

How much peace the humble possess, how much charity, how dear they are to my heart! Ask, yes, ask for humility, which is nothing else but truth and which puts you in the right light before God, neighbour and yourselves.

In the Sorrowful Mysteries, ask for the spirit of sacrifice. How necessary it is to know how to suffer, how to put up with, how to look life in the face in its reality.

A life all roses you will not be able to find even going around the world. The sicknesses, the adversities, the misunderstandings, are the daily bread. How many unhappy people because they do not

have the spirit of patience! How many families ruined by that lack of spirit of sacrifice, whereby a spouse loads his own duty and his own cross on the other!

Do you want to know if a family will be happy? Observe if in the preparation for it the young persons, with mortification and with recourse to God, learn to train themselves to the lengthy sacrifice of matrimonial life.

A father, a mother who refuse sacrifice will be selfish parents. A son or a daughter who does not accept sacrifice will be listless, selfish, good for nothing.

Ask for this virtue for yourselves, for all your family and for all the men of earth. Everyone can find joy even in the ordinary sufferings and in the sorrows from which they are surrounded.

The Sorrowful Mysteries speak to you about suffering, accepted out of love. Did not my Jesus go out to meet the cross and did He not accept to suffer out of love? We have had an incomparable model. It's up to you to imitate Him, as I also have done my best.

The third virtue that you must persistently ask for is the hope for Paradise. When a sailor glimpses the port, he rejoices because it is his point of arrival. When the exile learns he is able to go back to his homeland, he rejoices because in there he will find his family and his affections. So you, children, are the sailors who have to reach the port; you are the exiles who have to reach the heavenly homeland.

Don't stay behind, worrying excessively over the things that pass. Look at the purpose of life. Look at life like a trial which you very quickly will have to see the end. Bring your heart often close to mine and you will feel the taste of eternal things, which in their beauty and immensity will speak to you about God.

What an awful thing to think that with death everything finishes! What's the point of living, what's the point of suffering, if in two metres of earth and a fistful of dust everything runs out.

Never let hope abandon you, for it is life. Whoever loses this vir-

tue is already dead morally and cannot rejoice anymore.

Children, in the Glorious Mysteries, in which Jesus who ascends to Heaven flashes before your gaze, and your Mother, who is carried by the angels, let it be a guarantee to you that the same spot has been predestined for you so that you may occupy it.

I bless you, children. Do not be afflicted if your family duties keep you at home. I am with you as with those who leave. I am here and I am there, always.

Pray for the new communicants so that they may preserve their grace.

### **BE ALL MOTHERS LIKE ME**

*May 13, 1973*

Beloved daughters, I am here with you. I am your Mother, I am the Mother of mothers. How much I would like to tell you concerning your mission and mine! I would like however, to summarize everything in a very brief phrase: be all mothers like me, be instruments of life and of salvation.

How dear it is to me that today you do celebrate your motherhood, as you remember also my apparition at Fatima and while the Church recalls to you that this Sunday is the one of the Good Shepherd. See how in all of these three anniversaries there is a thought, a reality, a mystery of salvation.

Why in fact did I appear to the little shepherds of Fatima? Why did I show hell to them? Why did I warn them of the great evil that would have come into the world and of the chastisement reserved to men, if not because desirous of the eternal salvation of all my children? I invited men to prayer and to penance. How many have listened to this invitation that had the force of a command and have put it into practice?

Now, therefore, tell me: what will this Mother do in order to attract, to convert, to heal again these children sick in the soul?

I go, like the Good Shepherd, in search of the lost sheep. I know my sheep by name and I put into action all that God permits me to use in order to call them back.

I desire for all to have life, an abundant and flourishing life. I walk along the streets of the world, I sow tears, blood, flowers. I call back with the boundless tenderness of those who love deeply, of those who love sincerely.

The gift of love that I offer my creatures is life, it is happiness, it is salvation. But is there a mother more desolate than me? The gift is refused, life is rejected. What must I do? I hold back with my hands raised towards Heaven, the justice of God. If you support me with your prayers, with your tears, with your love, I interpose myself again and always between God and sinners.

If you help me, you and others will be saved. Never let the desire for salvation lessen in you. You are mothers like me, I have said to you. You also weep over your sons and mine. Do not despair, but pray.

There is a mother who says: "*My son has lost the faith.*" Mother, pray. Increase your faith and pray for all of my children who are like yours. Sacrifice yourself for them. You shall be life for yours and for the others. Life is a gift and eternal life is the greatest of gifts. Losing the life of the body is nothing, provided that the one of the soul is saved.

Mother, you who weep over the death of a son, you who beseech so that your son may be cured, do you learn to weep over the grave sins that your sons commit, for which they walk as corpses before God?

Be like me, my sisters. Do not love your children for what they are, but for that soul that they possess and which is destined for eternal glory. Yes, health is a talent, intelligence is a talent, strength is a talent. But what are these talents worth, if they are not put at the service of God?

Look at the world for an instant. You must believe in the mercy

of God and in his goodness. But sin willed, accepted and propagated, offends God.

The Law of God is not known or it is combated or his commands are forgotten. But do you not remember the fourth commandment: Honour thy father and thy mother? And how can these children have love, respect and devotion for you mothers, if you forget to inculcate in their mind and in their heart the divine desires and commands?

Be mothers like me, I repeat to you. Mothers modelled on the heart of God. Let it not happen that your sons be orphans even though having a living mother, because you have not learnt to teach to them the way of salvation, you have not learnt to communicate the true life.

I have addressed myself to the mothers so that in the reciprocal wishes they were to understand and to receive what I have in my heart. But you are all children to me and I love you so much. Act so that I may be able to dedicate my cares to you. Do not slip out of my arms like those rebellious children who run after butterflies and run into dangers.

Be faithful to your commitments of authentic Christians. In each son, a mother would like to see the resemblance with herself. In each one of you, I would like to see the resemblance with my first-born Son, the most good of my children. The model is Him. Follow his steps, walk in his retinue. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

When in moments of discouragement you feel the need for a good word and you would like to have a heart to open up to, come here. I always wait for you with open arms. When weakness, temptation, the world makes you fall, do not remain in your position. If you were to fall onto the mud of the street, you would try to get yourself up and to clean yourself promptly. Do the same when you fall: seek my arms and my heart.

When, disappointed by the wickedness of men, the desire to not

believe anymore in the goodness of God comes to you, come here. I am a mother faithful to the end. I shall speak sweetly to your heart, I will give you back hope and joy.

When in the loss of some relative desolation and fear overtakes you, rekindle your faith and believe that your prayers and your trust must be the means to speed up their encounter with God and that from the other life they do not let assistance and help lack to you.

Here, children, at the Mother's feet, between my arms, on my heart, weep, love, believe, hope. You are mine, you are my possession and my inheritance. I do not rejoice except in seeing you happy and good.

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

## THE VIRTUE OF TEMPERANCE

*May 15, 1973*

Beloved children, I am with you and I remain in your company in order to be of support and help to you in all your necessities.

I am Mother and Queen and I can obtain everything for you, for God has made me mistress of his heart; and I would like to be the absolute mistress of your heart, in order to be able to direct your affections and desires solely to God.

Everything in me was balanced, during my mortal life. Well then, of this balance I desire to make you a gift, so that in disposing of every good, of every virtue and every capability, you may be able in everything to have that moderation that lets a serenity and a peace hover around you which cannot exist where there is worry, too much concern over human things and restlessness which generates disorder.

The four cardinal virtues are spoken about often, but perhaps the one which many people lack is the virtue of temperance. I want to speak to you about it, so that my words may serve as a thermome-



ter to you and moderate you in everything.

To be temperate does not mean only to be mortified in food, so as not to take any except in the quantity that can do good to the body so that it is kept and agile and strong in the service of God, but it means to mortify also every other sense, which must be guided with parsimony in order to bring benefit to the soul.

To be temperate in speaking, in looking, in listening, in dressing, is all a harmony that makes your body an instrument of peace and of salvation.

Moderation in speaking will make you reflect greatly on what you say, so that offensive words, calumnies and murmurs may not come out of your mouth. How many family discords caused by an excessive loquacity! How they would be more friends, mother-in-laws and daughter-in-laws, if temperance in speaking were to let one use more charity one towards the other! How much less evil would be divulged if one were more silent! At times, a bad news spread, is magnified; from one mouth it passes to the other and everyone adds his bit, so that in the end it becomes a catastrophe.

Be optimists, children. If you see evil, repair it if it is possible. Take measures, turning to the authorities when you cannot do it alone, but be moderate, be temperate. In referring the facts, be careful not to spread the evil; be temperate, that is, do not add a word extra. If however, you foresee that in referring the evil no moral or spiritual benefit is to be had for anyone, keep quiet.

In the Gospel a phrase is referred to Jesus that expresses a whole behaviour. "*Jesus kept quiet*", it says. He withdrew himself, He slipped away from those who wanted to exalt Him and kept quiet when He could have defended himself from the evil tongues, from the calumnies and from all that pile of offences that were an insult to his divinity and to his humanity.

You also be temperate in speaking, always. When your word is not accepted, turn to God, but do not insist in wanting to impose your way of thinking and your theories.

Pray, yes this counts a lot; and just as Jesus told you, you must pray without interruption. I do not mean however, that you must recite continuously the formulas of the prayer, but that you must keep your heart constantly united to God.

There are those who complain of not having the desire or of knowing how to pray anymore. No children, it is not the lip moving that counts, also for which moderation is needed. That desire that you have to do the will of God and to help your neighbour is already prayer and the most valuable one.

Temperance is meekness, it is equilibrium, it is grace. Not making trouble for your fellow man, not overwhelming him with your will, not pretending from others what you are not capable of giving them, is charity and moderation.

Being temperate also means knowing how to chastise your own body, not permitting it to have an exaggerated rest, just as castigating too one's eyes so that they do not insinuate into the heart those temptations that are like thieves that enter through the window. To chastise is to mortify, it is to reduce, it is to moderate, and if you learn to apply these verbs in every action that you do regarding your body, you will arrive at the full dominion of yourselves. Whoever learns to govern himself succeeds in governing. There is no other way.

Do you want to be mothers who have an influence over your children and who succeed in making themselves loved and obeyed? Give the example of a strength of an unbeatable will and at the same time of dominion over yourselves all proof. I can say the same to all the fathers and I would be able to say to all my children of the earth. The respect of freedom, of personality, of principles and thought of others would lead to general order, if to direct it there was the virtue of temperance.

So, children, when you are outside of here and you find yourselves in difficulties and in uncertainty on how to act and the desire to lash out, make a loud voice or perhaps to curse comes to

you, remember your Mother and see her beside you as she whispers to you: my daughter, my soul, be temperate! Order will return, peace will return if you learn to obey me.

Be good, children! Continue outside here to make me known and loved. I bless your prayer groups, and your meetings are means of holiness and cause of joy for you and for the saints in Heaven.

## **YOUR RESEMBLANCE WITH JESUS**

*May 20, 1973*

Beloved children, so dear to my heart, whom I call here to comfort and illuminate, peace be to you. I am the Virgin of Revelation and I enjoy revealing to you all that my heart contains, which is the golden casket of God.

Today I reveal a truth to you, tomorrow another, then another still, until you become the true wise ones who know how to instruct others if need be.

I now want to stop your thought on a phrase uttered by my Jesus during his mortal life. He said one day: "*He who sees me, sees my Father.*" At these words those present were scandalized. Well then, I would like for each one of you to be able to use the same expression with sincerity. I would like for everyone to be able to say of himself and to others: he who sees me, sees Jesus, my first-born brother.

Certainly I am not referring to the exterior features, but to that spiritual resemblance that derives from the grace present in your soul, to that resemblance with Jesus that derives from the continual desire to know the will of the Father, in order to fulfil it, which is equivalent to the desire for sanctity that urges you to walk always in the search for virtue.

It is the resemblance with the Son of God that also merits you my affection and my tenderness, since I can better and in continuation feel myself your Mother. The resemblance must concern

the thoughts of the mind. To what did my Son think of if not of the souls, for whom He had descended from Heaven to earth? And what should your nagging thought be, if not that of saving besides your soul also that of many others, of all the men of earth, if that was possible?

The resemblance must regard the way of loving. How many wasted sentiments also by you, my children, who attach yourselves like ivy to everyone! At times a word or a smile is enough for you to get lost. There are some people who are not moved before their mother, who gave them life and who would be disposed to sacrifice it in order to save them, but who sell themselves for a kindness, for a kiss, for a trifle.

You must learn to love, to guard and to sanctify your affections. That love which, blessed, is sanctified in matrimony must not lessen between the spouses and the bond of affection that unites the blood relatives must be cultivated and sanctified in the exercise of that charity that is harmony, that is peace, that is mutual gift.

In this way one resembles Jesus in the heart and one contributes to form the great family of the people of God.

Then there is the visible part: the behaviour. I would like to see you perfect Christians through that kindness, through that goodness, through that facility to forgive, through that attentive concern that must unite each one to the other; and above all through that patience in suffering that must distinguish you from those who do not have faith and through that serenity that must come from your heart rich with grace.

It is a whole complex of virtues, that serves as a good example and makes me say every time that I look at you: Truly, seeing these children, I see Jesus. And it will be the same thing when, appearing before the Supreme Judge, you will be able to say with certainty: Jesus, I am you. My earthly life is spent imitating you. I have been your follower, I have walked in your footsteps.

If there have been some falls, you will be able to remind Him that He, He himself has fallen on the way of Calvary so that you would have the strength to get up again. Moreover, you ought to be able to say to Him that you have never lacked the desire to be like Him and to perfect yourself more and more.

It is a very important thing to be constantly united like branches to the vine, for alone you can do nothing. Therefore, it is necessary to put yourself docilely back to the action of perfectionment of the Son of God.

What does the artist do when he must bring a masterpiece to an end? Have you seen what meticulous and precise work of attention the artists had to do who repaired that effigy of mine, disfigured by a sick mind?

Well then, many sick minds disfigure the image of my Son impressed in their souls, and who will be the admirable artist if not the Son of God himself who will correct, perfect and take care of the restoration of these souls?

Moreover, also your souls so defective will be made perfect by Him, if you learn with docility to entrust yourselves to his care and to his goodness. I too collaborate, retouch and correct. Be docile, I don't ask you for more, even if sometimes I am compelled to make you suffer.

Be good, my children. Revenge, obstinacy, vendettas and grudges do not serve anything. Be in peace with everyone and be happy. This is my wish and my hope.

And now I bless you all, one by one. Goodbye, children. I mark you on the heart with the sign of the cross.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

*May 22, 1973*

I am the Spouse of the Holy Spirit. I am amongst you and I invite my Heavenly Spouse to make a visit to your souls.

I would like to speak to you about Him, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, about Him who is the soul of the Church and life of your souls, in this time in which your children get ready to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, so that you may learn to appreciate and make this great gift of the Lord appreciated and so that the devotion to the Holy Spirit may increase more and more in you.

You happen to name Him often, but it is an artificial or superficial invocation; it is not the persistent call for Him to come and to act in your souls. That's why He remains many times like that unknown God whom the ancients had dedicated a temple.

The divine works are carried out in the world, in the Church and in souls, in conjunction with the Three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity, but it is good that to this Holy Spirit you entrust with faith and with love your children. They have to reach that spiritual maturity that will render them strong in the struggles of life.

It is true that in receiving Baptism and becoming sons of God and brethren of Jesus Christ, the Spirit of the Lord has taken possession of their souls, like the sap takes possession of the branch, to which it gives life. It is true that in receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, his Spirit also is received who nourishes the soul. But the fullness of the gift is communicated through this great sacrament of Confirmation, which gives to the Holy Spirit full powers to act and to operate.

When a child receives Confirmation, he becomes an adult and his intellectual faculties, helped by grace, arrive at understanding the truth up to then unknown to him. Not rarely holy ideals are lit in his heart, that will lead him to the realisation of that mission that the Lord has assigned to him.

When the Holy Spirit descends into a soul, He brings along those gifts that are indispensable to be true Christians: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of God. And He also brings other gifts, such as goodness, affability, for-

bearance, trust, patience, tolerance, hope. All these gifts transform human life into a life truly of grace. If there were in souls that much desire to possess to the highest degree the Spirit of the Lord and his gifts, how much more sanctity there would be, how much more search for the truth, how much more love would reign in the world!

The ministers of the sacrament of Confirmation are the Bishops and in case of necessity also the simple priests delegated to this task. But with what care ought the parents also go out of their way so that the preparation to welcome the sweet Guest of souls be made well! It is necessary to receive Confirmation in the grace of God, therefore it is preceded by Confession.

Moreover, Confirmation is not a thing that must last one day, even if, as a sacrament that impresses an indelible character in the soul, that of soldiers of Jesus Christ, it is received only once. Every time that you want to, the Holy Spirit descends over you provided you invite Him with a lively desire.

When a soldier receives a uniform he becomes a subject of the king, but also when the time of exercise and trial is finished, he continues to love his king and is ready to defend him in case of need.

Your King, who is the Lord of the rulers, must be served and loved always by you; his Spirit must hover always in you and around you, so that you are able to be ready at his service.

If your children, on your example, learn to apply themselves to these teachings, they will have so much joy in their heart and they will feel so much strength in life to combat the devil with his artifices.

There are persons whom you call particularly enlightened, and they are. But you all can have so much light to guide your life and your family and to be of help to society.

The Holy Spirit is always with you provided that you want Him. If you attach yourselves to the things of the world in such a way

that your thought and your heart are continuously distracted by them, or even concentrate on them, you do things that pass as idols and you will not be able to understand the things of the Spirit. But if you immerse yourself in the search for what is light and grace, even if you by force have to attend on human things, your life will assume a value so great to your eyes and those of God's that not even the most bitter adversities will know how to take away your peace.

There is someone who asks me: Is it better to get confirmed in the adult age rather than in childhood?

I answer: If the different contingencies of life or the distance from the Church or from the Bishop, as in the far off missions, compel one to let the years go by, this must not become a rule; but the same solicitude the parents have to see their children grow, must urge them to make them receive on time the sacrament of Confirmation.

This same solicitude has to be brought into your spiritual field. If you want to grow in sanctity, invoke often its Author, and I as his Spouse shall be close to you to encourage you.

I bless you one by one and I present you to Him, my beloved Spouse, so that He may fill you with love.

## **ENTRUST YOURSELVES TO ME**

*May 24, 1973*

Beloved children, I am with you. I am the Woman of Paradise, the Help of the Christian people.

I would like to show myself to you in the way as John saw me in his vision described in the Apocalypse: clothed with the sun, with the moon under my feet and on my head a crown of twelve stars. But I content myself to present myself as Mother and Queen, with the Rosary that is hanging from my side and the sceptre in my hands. Children, I show you the sceptre of power not to tell you



about my greatness whereupon all peoples call me and will call me blessed, but in order to invite you and all the children of earth to turn to me so that I may be able to save you.

Not rarely you exclaim, at the conclusion of a statement of fact: "*We can no longer go on like this!*". And I also say it to you and confirm it to you. You cannot continue like this! You will not be able to pull through, with the evil that surrounds you.

Men, incredulous and unfaithful want to resolve everything by themselves. They deny God, they blaspheme Him, they outrage Him and they degrade Him up to treating Him as one of them. The demons act in the world harming individuals, families, society and even the Church.

Will souls, at this juncture, want to acknowledge themselves weak, miserable and incapable? Who will save the rebellious men, if God abandons them and the demons subjugate them?

This is why I show you my power. I command the heart of God, who loves me with a love of predilection. I have power over the Heart of the Son, whose Mother I was. And the love that unites me to the Holy Spirit renders me mistress of his heart, of this divine heart that, all goodness and mercy, wants the salvation of men.

I await everyone and I desire to give my help to all.

Let sinners recognize themselves as such and come to me. I will free them from their evil inclinations, but let them come to me and humble themselves. If they ask for pardon, they are already saved.

There are the sick in body and in spirit, the sick morally and physically. But am I not the celestial Nurse and your Mother? I command and destroy the evil at the root and I make use of everything in order to heal souls.

You, mother, spouse, daughter who suffers for years, you have always loved and prayed to me. Yes, I could say a word and destroy the evil that makes you suffer. But do you know what is reserved for you in Heaven? I command the devil so that he keeps

away that discouragement from you which is the worst of suffering. I teach you to look up above. Today I open to you a bit of Heaven. See up there how many souls have preceded you in loving the Lord, persevering in suffering and entrusting themselves to me? If they were able to have a regret, they would regret not having suffered more.

When mothers weep over their children, they do what I do for everyone. But why do you want to lose trust and hope? If you consecrate your children to me, I have repeated it to you many times, I will save them for you.

Subject your action to mine. I enter into your homes as mistress, if you want so. Try to keep your serenity, your patience. Pray, stay in the grace of God and then let me act. I know how to command the hearts and, when I call them back to good, I give them strength and perseverance. What can you do, with your words? Many times they resonate in the air like an annoying and useless echo. Let me speak. You will see that with a bit of patience things will change quickly.

I am the Auxiliatrix. No one is unworthy of my help. Even the most wicked are my children. What mothers do with the very sick child I do. Entrust yourselves to me.

One wants to change the world. Here is the means willed by the Lord. Just as He rehabilitated the woman entrusting to me that precious and delicate task of giving the Saviour to the world, so still He wants to rehabilitate the men of earth by making use of his humble handmaid, by means of which He accomplished, accomplishes and will accomplish great things.

Yes, we will sing the Magnificat together, but let them return to me! Let them return and come to me the young seminarians. How much I would like for my Rosary to be brought amongst them! A whole Rosary, like a triple crown, that would prepare them to accomplish those vows that turn the priestly life into a real holocaust.

The foundations of a vocation must be solid. But how will they be if prayer is lacking, which puts God on your side? And the families? What a ruin, children, how many infidelities and how many woes.

I am the Auxiliatrix. Let the young who are preparing for matrimony come to me. In vain does one build the house if God is not put in charge of it.

And those children who are the delight of the heart of God? Oh, children, bring them to me! Don't you see how they lose their innocence even before they know its value?

And why do the oldies who are living out their last days, do not entrust themselves to She who loves them and who can save them and make them happy?

Consecrate to me all the men of earth everyday. Perhaps it will come about that that mantle made of sun that clothes my glorious body, I may be able to stretch it out over the whole earth for the salvation of all.

Pray, children! Do not get tired of suffering, of loving and of interceding for everyone. The times are grave and demand the contribution of you all. Spread the cenacle wherever it is possible for you and be of help to the Church.

I bless you one by one and I embrace you.

## **LOVE YOUR GOD**

*May 25, 1973 (towards Ghiaie di Bonate)*

Beloved children, I am travelling with you, but I am also waiting for you in that blessed place, sanctified by my presence. You will arrive there and add prayers to prayers; your invocations will be more and more fervent and your faith will show you also what your eyes cannot see.

Let this encounter with Heaven be dear to you in these last days of the month dedicated to me, just as it is dear to me to stay with you.

It is not so easy to make men understand the importance of thinking about God and to what concerns Him, but when God lowers himself down to you, then the matter is made easier. In a few days you will celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Jesus to Heaven, and of what I have told you it will be easier for you to understand the meaning.

Now I come to you. Then you will come to us, at first in the study of the truths, then in the possession of the truth who is God himself.

Children, know that what God wants is always realized, even when it seems the demons and their satellites hurl themselves against the will of God and exceed Him in power. Always and in everything seek to please God and learn to wait in the little and great things.

God is matchless in power and strength. Every attribute of his is at the infinite degree. Whoever combats Him, bangs against an invincible rock.

Trust in God, trust in me who brings you to Him; and love your God, who only desires to be loved, and served with love and for love.

The purpose of my apparitions on earth is nothing but this: to make you practice love and to lead you, step by step, to detach yourselves from the earth in order to reach the place of eternal happiness that awaits you.

Courage and come on! Ask, I am the Mother. I want you all happy and good.

### **PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES**

*May 25, 1973 (at Ghiaie di Bonate)*

Beloved children, thank you I say to you and I promise you graces. Perhaps you think that it is difficult for me to make the sun rotate swirling in order to grant you graces? It is very easy for

the Queen of Heaven and earth; but the sun moves through your faith and in order to approve your devotion, just as the heavenly favours are granted to you as a reward for your faith.

*“If you have faith the size of a grain of mustard seed, you will move mountains (Mt 17:19).”* This is what my Son said to you.

Well then, see me also in this moment with the eyes of faith. I am still here with a mantle and a royal crown. I enclose in my palms, joined like a nest, two turtle doves and I invite everyone to draw from this magnificent picture the considerations and the consequences that are derived from it.

I want to bless the spouses, I want to bless the families, in which I desire that love be preserved. Those families that choose me as their Queen, shall be constant in fidelity and love.

But today I am here in order to invite you to pray for the families that start up without a thought for God and which, therefore, are like houses built on sand, and for those families that through vice have preferred to create ruin, to destroy that love that is sacred before God and men.

Oh, children, what desolation! One does not feel the responsibility of the duties regarding the marriage. The indissolubility that Jesus proclaimed, condemning whoever would have only looked at a third person outside marriage, in order to desire her, is held as nothing. And the children, as if they were objects, are entrusted by the law to one or the other spouse with ease and without love.

Children, the family is the cell of society and the devil, aiming at its ruin, has no other aim than the general ruin of men. Pray therefore, and above all in this place, I desire that one prays for family peace, harmony and affection. Nothing happens by chance, know that. But when in your families you notice that fidelity and love is lacking, remember that other families, hundreds and thousands of families are in this situation and even worse.

Act so that truly all may understand that divorce is the legalisation of infidelity and that from it the greatest catastrophes proceed by de-

grees. From the ruin of the family to that of society, and to the great chastisements that immorality draws onto the world, is all a chain that only you, with much prayer and with your sacrifice, can interrupt.

Come, children, beside my heart! May the divine sun of grace surround you and pervade you completely, so as to make you see clearly in all the events of the world.

I bless the children and the young that have consecrated themselves to me. Not one of them will be lost, and if they will correspond to the grace of God, we shall get some saints out of them.

I bless the mothers who, together with the prayers, have offered me their hearts and a tribute of tears. Do not be afraid, my daughters. On your part do what is possible for you and be good, I will do the rest. To be good, however, does not mean to support evil, but to combat it with goodness, for in a different way you will obtain nothing. Were you to know, mothers, how I understand you! Sometimes it has been the bad upbringing given that makes you cry, but I know that you have not lacked in good will. If there has been some fault with you, all that you suffer let it serve to repair.

Be serene, my children. Flee sin which is the worst of evils, and for all that torments you, entrust yourselves to those who can truly help you.

I bless you all and I say to you: save your children, teaching them, by example more than by word, how the Lord is served. Evil makes headway everywhere, heresy penetrates everywhere and destroys truth. Doubt, uncertainty and atheism destroy the sanctity of marriage, which becomes only a means of amusement. Learn to say, learn to teach and may immorality and concubinage cease.

I am the Virgin of the Ghiaie, but my mantle reaches up to Rome, where the Pontiff gives you the infallible Word, and I spread out this mantle of mine for the protection of the families which in this moment you commend to me.

See you again, children, and much holiness.

## IMITATE MY VIRTUES

*May 26, 1973*

My beloved children, how much I enjoy seeing you here at my feet, full of faith, desirous of telling me your love and of asking me for my graces. I want to help you in everything. I am the Virgin of all the apparitions and here also as everywhere else I want to express to you my desires and go along with yours.

You come from the land which gave birth to the Head of Christianity, the Supreme Pontiff. I desire that you be on the front line in witnessing your fidelity to him.

Unfortunately many put the boot in, without realizing that those stones that they throw above, against the Roman Pontiff, fall back on to them, with great harm to their souls.

It is for this reason that I invite you to rekindle more and more that affection that has to unite you to the Pope, which will be repaid with so many blessings of Heaven. Do not let yourselves be won by human respect and know that that son who insults and despises his own father is very unlucky.

But today, if you remember well, is also the anniversary of my apparition at Caravaggio to a poor bride, who had consoling words from me and special gifts. In work she turned to me, that good Giannetta, and I rewarded her great faith.

Your life also is made up of work, and I would like for it to become an invocation and prayer. How precious sanctified work is, for the fathers, for the mothers, for all, especially for the young who are preparing for life.

Without the help of God it is not possible to live the Christian life. Help is obtained with prayer and also work can be such, if done in the grace of God and offered up as a tribute of love. Do like so, children. Life will be less burdensome for you, and also in the thousand vicissitudes that accompany it, you will have the strength to react to the evil, to overcome the obstacles and to be victorious.

I do not insist for you to be my devotees, because by the fact alone that you have come here you show me your fidelity. I give you simply an explanation: to be my devotees means to imitate my virtues, to behave like I behaved myself during my earthly life. When, therefore, the desire comes to you to lose your patience and to rebel against God because He gives you a cross perhaps a little heavy and from which you would like to be liberated, think of me. My cross was very heavy. Ask yourselves what I would do in your place.

When the young, urged on by the exuberance of their character, lash out against the mother and the brothers insulting them, let them try to think what I would do in their place.

When brides feel unhappy for having close a man who does not understand them, let them ask themselves how I would act in their situation.

Perhaps it will happen that you changing your conduct, that is, imitating me, you will notice that others also will become more good and you will be so content.

And now I bless you one by one. You will consecrate yourselves to me and I will take care of you. I will direct your soul, your family and your work.

Love the Pope and love me; in these two loves guard the truth and grace.

I kiss you on the forehead and I shall be your companion forever.

## **FAITH AND GOOD WORKS**

*May 27, 1973*

Beloved children, peace be to you and grace now and always. I am your Mother, the Mother of all mothers. I am with you now and I am always, but this is the place of my reception. I offer you my cordiality, my affection; you offer me all that you can, but above all your hearts.



I illuminate you with divine light and through my teachings darkness and error dissipate and truth makes headway.

How much I enjoy these encounters! I would like for this house to be enlarged up to welcoming all men of earth. Already many souls put themselves in a safe place entrusting themselves to me, but I would like for a great crowd to come here always with confidence to pray and to consecrate themselves.

Now I'll touch on a holy action done by myself, so that you too can imitate me. One reads in the Gospel that, when I had the angel's announcement, I came to know that my cousin Elisabeth was to give birth to a child. I ran in great haste to give her my help.

I would like that on every Sunday or on other days of gathering, when you have the possibility because free from family commitments, for you to come here with joy and solicitude, exactly as I went to that relative. Here you will find a new Elizabeth who will welcome you with love and tell you with great affection what she has in her heart.

Moreover, I would like for you to get another teaching out of my behaviour. The solicitude that makes you assiduous here, you must bring it in all your actions as mothers, as sisters, as fathers, as brothers. Make everyone feel the anxiety that you have to serve them in everything, notwithstanding that the trip and the prayer may keep you sometimes far from home more than usual.

I would like also for you to be solicitous in bringing help to those who live in conditions of poor health. The sick, children, are the sorrowful members of my Jesus and you, going out of your way for them, give relief to my heart. With the hot season the suffering increases for those who lie in a bed of pain. A good word, a little gift can give to these souls comfort and help.

You complain about the heat, but how much suffering you could spare the sick, offering the little sacrifice of not complaining in order to give them relief!

You know that through the communion of saints, everyone of

you can offer up for the others. Be generous up to the point of renouncing some relief even lawful, in order to come to the help of those who suffer.

If it is possible for you, have some prayer said and bring holy water to these children of mine. If it is not possible for you, let yours be a courtesy visit. It is necessary to bring serenity and to make the sick understand the value of their suffering.

Commend yourselves to their prayers, which are much more precious than yours when you are in perfect health. Make the sick understand that not only are they not useless beings to society, but they are indispensable.

It has been said to you that he who suffers out of love becomes a pillar of the Church. It is truly so, children! And blessed are those persons who learn to accept and to offer, besides the moral and spiritual pains, also the physical pains, which sometimes seem unbearable.

I will come alongside you in the visits to the sick, I will count your steps, I will suggest your words. Know that I too was assiduous in visiting those who suffered and I was happy to communicate to all the joy that God, present in me, was able to give. You also, if you bring the Most Holy Trinity by means of grace, will obtain unhopd for things.

I send you as precursor angels also to those who are lapsed, so that you may be able to open the door of their heart and make way for the priest who, after you, will bring the sacraments. Unfortunately, through negligence and through a false love, persons are left to die without putting them in peace with the Lord. Even if the mercy of God is infinite and knows how to pick up even every little awakening of faith like every little act of repentance, how much responsibility and how much more Purgatory is reserved to many souls, from one side and the other.

Children, may the solicitude that you demonstrate in listening to my word, be always accompanied by the solicitude in doing good

works, for the words of my Jesus always remain true: “*Faith without works is dead (Jas 2:20)*”, and “*Not he who says Lord, Lord, shall be saved, but he who will have done the will of the heavenly Father (Mt 7:21).*”

Faith and good works are like two tracks that lead to Heaven. Faith is manifested above all with prayer, and the good works are the application of those works of mercy that are the exercise of charity, without which it is impossible to be saved.

Children, I bless you and I love you. Your intentions are dear to my heart as the dearest things.

Continue to love one another and to be serene. Joy comes from God, fount of every happiness. Pray for those who make mistakes.

Goodbye, children. Your miraculous Mother says goodbye to you deep from the heart.

## **THE DUTY OF JUSTICE**

*May 29, 1973*

Beloved children, peace and grace be to your hearts, to your families and to your communities and parishes.

I am happy that you have put for a day or so the statue of my Child at my feet and that you have welcomed his divine image in your homes. Perhaps the reason may have eluded you for why we desire for this beautiful devotion to be renewed also outside the liturgical period, and in this meeting I will explain it to you.

Our Saviour came into the world in order to repair sin, to show with his example how men should have behaved themselves and to tell everyone that a Supreme Judge, at the end of time, would have rewarded the good and punished the wicked.

But what does actually happen? It is not necessary for me to enumerate to you the enormities that are committed. I do not conceal from you that the world, though being submerged by evil and by sin, does not know how to lift itself up and even the good are as if

darkened, whereby they mistake for virtue what is a defect. Crime is even justified and they want to legalize it; the voice of God is not listened to and not heard, who asks for an explanation for the blood of one's brother.

That's why it is necessary to rekindle the thought that God has established a Law and that the Son of God made himself Man in order to repair the infractions to this Law. It is a Law of love the one established by God; it is a Law of love the one perfected by Jesus, and not observing it generates sin.

There are the betrayals made directly to God, in denying his existence, blaspheming his name, creating other divinities in his place that can be called with the most diverse names: flesh, money, ambition, glory. Moreover, there are also the indirect betrayals, those that reach God by means of the betrayal to the creature. And here you can comprehend all those actions and those sentiments that, created by hatred, bring discords and arguments into families. Disagreements in the way of seeing and hearing can be useful when they are created by the desire for a mutual good and when, the ideas being sifted, a real good can gush forth out of it. But that incurable malice that can lead to being harsh in judging and strong in criticizing, is but only a small seed of all that great evil hidden or visible in the world that generates other evil.

It is necessary that the presence of my Child in families, makes that family affection live again, that desire to spread love that took off from the hut of Bethlehem and which accompanied the public life of my Jesus. This must be renewed through the call of the family around the cradle of a defenceless Child who only inspires and speaks about love.

My Jesus came into the world in order to teach how one must live. He said in fact: "*Your justice must not be like that of the Pharisees* (Mt 5:20)." He called them whitened sepulchres because, while they externally showed themselves as men observant of the Law and assiduous at the ceremonies and the offerings, they

concealed in their heart thoughts of vainglory and pride.

Jesus returns to your homes in order to remind everyone the duty of justice. You must be just before God, acknowledging yourselves miserable and capable only of infidelity and sin; just before men, but deep down, in doing to others what you would like to be done to you; just not in learning to blab out the defects of others, but in learning to see them in the light of the grace of God, comparing them with the few virtues that you perhaps have, after having received so many gifts.

One needs to give to everyone what is due to him, above all love, which is also the means in order to bring souls back to God. A severe judgement awaits men at the end of the world: a judgement based on the total sacrifice of the Man-God and on the use made of his life, of his death, of his teachings, of his Word.

May the Lord, infinite love, teach you to practise charity with that generosity that renders you truly heroic with this virtue.

Be good and learn to forgive everything always. The same joy that God tastes in forgiving the repentant sinners, will enter into your heart when you respond to the offences of your neighbour with a lot of love.

There is someone who does not forget the offences received not even after the death of the persons that have made him suffer. Let it never be, for it is a very dangerous thing. Forgive and love. If you joyfully exchange some words and you notice that others suffer over it, change game, for not all characters are the same.

I bless you all. See you again, children.

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS WORK**

*June 3, 1973*

Beloved children, so dear to the Heart of my Jesus and to mine through that simplicity and through that desire for truth that fills your mind, be blessed.

I am the immaculate Spouse of the Holy Spirit and today, more persistently than usual, I invite you to have recourse to my divine Spouse so that the darkness may dissipate which darkens also many Christians and envelops a great part of humanity.

The sun that shines in the sky and illuminates, fertilizes and heats the earth, is a symbol of God the Holy Spirit, who with this triple gift fills the soul that invokes Him and that has recourse to Him.

The Holy Spirit illuminates minds and, showing to them the eternal truths, gives sufficient light so that they may be able to be understood. The joy of understanding is like a consequence of this light that comes from above. It is not easy to penetrate the mysteries of God, from the moment which even in human life there are things and secrets incomprehensible to man. But when the Spirit of the Lord makes himself Teacher, what you take in satisfies you like he who has received a full measure and desires no more.

The Holy Spirit, invoked, fertilizes your life and makes you blossom with good works that will be rewarded in Paradise in a divine way and with eternal glory.

Nobody can give life to himself, even in the order of nature. Universal fertility is like a vital breath that hovers over the world, a divine breath that establishes laws and activates them in the most perfect order. Moreover, the souls that entrusts itself to the Holy Spirit generates, with the divine actions, God himself. Do you want to bring life? Receive it in you through the Spirit of the Lord. He will make you fertile and you will be like gems in flower or like the offshoots of that tree which is the Church, that in you and for you will lift itself up and renew itself.

The Spirit warms up. Children, may the fire that must devour your hearts so that you may be apostles, be the consequence of an ardent desire and of a continual invocation. Your love will have the strength to overturn the world, to call back to good, to work miracles. If you will write this love down with the capital letter, so

that it will be a ray of that infinite Love which is God himself, you will be true apostles, sons and heirs of the Holy Spirit.

I bless you, children. Love, serve and help the Church. I am with you now and always.

## **YOU HAVE TO BE IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD**

*June 5, 1973*

Beloved children, I am with you. I am the Mother of divine grace. I give you grace and peace.

Children, be good and be happy. This is my wish. Everyone desires happiness and peace, few possess it because they do not know how to look for it where it is found. The world also promises happiness, but it does not know it and it cannot give it. My Son said that the prince of this world is the devil. And is not the devil, the father of hatred? And how can there be happiness where there is hatred?

Jesus said: "*I am in the world (Jn 9:5), but I am not of the world (Jn 8:23)*"; and also to the apostles He used to say: "*You have to be in the world, but not of the world.*" The world in fact has its laws, its problems, its aspirations. The world says: crown yourselves with roses while you have life, because afterwards nothing more exists. The world invites to pleasure, it makes money its mirage and glory its aspiration.

Whoever follows these laws, whoever thinks as the world does, will not be disturbed if he will have to make his way in life destroying by force what others hold dearly.

The greed for money, the interest and all that complex of goods that makes one dominate over others, is the conquest of whoever follows the world. But how will one be able to be in tune with the beatitudes which is the code for perfection?

The law of the world is a law of violence, of arrogance. How

will it be able to go hand in hand with the divine Law which is the law of humility, of submission, of goodness and forgiveness?

The world rejects and rebels against authority. And you see children who do not want to recognize the authority of the parents and who through a sense of self-sufficiency reject every advice and collaboration on the part of them. Even in circles and in religious orders obedience is belittled and reasoning and discussion is wanted, which often produce, as a consequence, rebellion.

The religious authority, the civil authority, the superiors in the workplace, superiors by right and by capacity, are combated.

And how will one be able to imitate Him who not only made himself obedient unto death, but willed to obey, even if not obliged to, to that constituted authority that was said to represent God? Has it not been said to you that every authority comes from God?

So, children, nothing is left for the Christian but to choose. One cannot keep the foot in two shoes. Either one loves God and obeys his Laws, or one keeps to the world and follow its falsehoods.

If the poor in spirit are blessed and they will be forever, you ought to form for yourselves that interior spirit detached from all that passes and you ought to get used to enjoying what the Lord gives you without greed and without that search for goods that makes you rich, that is, reproachable before God.

If the world says to you: enjoy and amuse yourselves, and you instead want to follow the Law of my Lord who says to you: "*Blessed those who weep* (Lk 6:21)", you ought to look at the cross of every day with serenity and bless the Lord who, through tears, makes you foresee that consolation that comes from He himself.

If the world wants to make its followers swim in the muck of lustful and carnal pleasures and my Jesus says to you: "*Blessed the pure of heart for they shall see God* (Mt 5:8)", you, if you wish to follow Him, ought to fight your battle against your body



inclined to evil, against the devil and against the way of the world, in order to be Christians according to the Law.

If the world teaches you to practise injustice, and to overwhelm the poor, the miserable, the needy, you, if you wish to follow the divine Teacher, ought to have hunger and thirst for justice and start to exercise it first of all yourselves, in imitation of Zacchaeus who, being converted, said to Jesus: *“If I have robbed anyone, I will give back to him four times as much (Lk 19:8).”*

In this way you can compare the behaviour of those who follow the world with that of those who follow the divine models, and also of you it can be said that you live in the world, but do not belong to it. And how could you be of the world, while you are personally consecrated to me? Do I not by example and by word have to direct you, guide you, warn you, just so that you may be able to be happy even in this world? Unfortunately this word is twisted and it is thought that it may amount to the absence of every physical, moral and spiritual evil. No, children, to be happy means to possess God, perfect happiness; to possess Him in your heart through grace and to spread Him through charity, for in the measure in which you give and render others happy, you also are happy.

Children, may the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, that you are going through, bring you to get closer to Him more and more in copying his virtues, in order to be able to welcome in your heart that happiness that has its source in Him, delight of all the saints.

I bless you all, one by one. Learn to go against the current, if you do not want to be dragged by the forces of evil.

See you again, children, and become saints!

## TO THE SISTERS

*June 7, 1973 (at Pallanza)*

Beloved brides of my Jesus, you have desired my word and I am here to make you happy.

I am your sorrowful and immaculate Mother. I am She who gave to Jesus that most precious Blood that He shed up to the last drop, whom you honour and who is the reason for your vocation.

Well then, this Blood of infinite value, which one drop alone would have sufficed to redeem and to save all men, is today trampled on, despised and wasted, when it is not profaned with the numerous sacrileges that are committed against the Eucharist; and the lack of trust in Confession with the bad use that is made of this sacrament of mercy, make the shedding of blood of my Son for the Christians themselves null.

Then there are those who reject this Blood and do not want to welcome the light of faith, those who reject grace, and those who prefer to die hating God and his Law, rather than to accept humbling themselves.

This is the way the men of earth go, ungrateful towards a Father who gave to the world his Son, ungrateful towards the Son who for them immolated himself, ungrateful towards the Holy Spirit who loves them and who wants them all holy and happy.

Because of this ingratitude my heart is embittered and I go around through the world asking for the collaboration of the good.

Today I am here and to you I ask for help and comfort. I ask to be helped to make the Blood of my Jesus valued. I ask to be comforted by your generosity and by your compassion.

What shall you do? I only ask you to correspond to the work of the Holy Spirit. He has a double field of work: one on the inside of your heart, which is the seat of his love; the other amongst you sisters and with the other brethren.

To cultivate your interior life, learning to make grow in you,

with grace that is the fruit of love, that spirit of prayer that manifests it and which is the means to maintain it: this is what I desire. Then, that union that has to make all of you as one beautiful unity, one heart only and one soul only; all intent on giving to the most sweet Spouse those consolations that unfortunately He receives from few.

What do you think, daughters? Would it not be a Paradise in advance, if it were truly like this as I have told you?

My Jesus used to say: *“Be united, as I am one with my Father.”* Love one another therefore, and make allowances, help, counsel and support each other. Let each one think that God loves everyone with an infinite love. He loves you so the way you are, with all your imperfections and your defects. He loves you for the soul that you possess, made to his image and likeness. He loves you up to being ready to die again for each one of you.

In this way, sure of the love of God for you, you have only to show Him yours, by loving all the brethren of this poor world. Love this neighbour to whom you give your services. Serve Him in the brethren, whatever may be the job you have.

Only in this way will you become holy: growing on the inside in grace, growing on the outside in the exercise of charity.

Daughters, I bless you! Continue well, continue to love each other. Behave so that your loved ones, who have preceded you into Heaven, may rejoice in seeing your beautiful community united with them and amongst yourselves. Act so that all those who surround you may portray that precious teaching that made the pagans exclaim: *“Truly they are followers of Christ. Do you not see how they love one another?”*.

## BE LIVING ROCKS OF THE CHURCH

June 10, 1973

Dear and beloved children, I am with you. I am the Virgin of the Cenacle. I am with you as the Holy Spirit renews the pouring out of his gifts upon this assembly.

You do not see the tongues of fire, but it is still the same fire that, invisibly to your eyes, takes possession of your minds, so that the truths of the faith may appear to you in all their beauty. It is again the same fire that flares up in your heart, so as to render it capable of loving and above all of forgiving. It is again the same fire that, spreading over you, gives you those charismata through which, in imitating the behaviour of my Jesus, you give to the community that help which everyone needs.

Remember, children, that solemn moment. A loud roar revealed to the apostles and to the disciples, gathered with me in the cenacle, the presence of the Holy Spirit. He appeared under the form of a globe of fire which divided itself into many little flames, which rested above each one.

When they were invaded by the Spirit of the Lord, no more fear disturbed their souls and they started to use the charismata received. There were those who spoke languages, those who cured, those who preached, those who baptized.

The strength of the Holy Spirit made that fear of confronting death disappear from their minds and from their hearts, which had made them flee during the passion of Jesus. The human respect, that had made Peter lie before a humble servant girl, was transmuted into courage, whereby in the squares he was not ashamed to speak about Jesus Christ as Son of God and about his resurrection. So great was the gift with which the apostles were enriched, that they would not have hesitated to give their life and to undergo the same penalties suffered by my Jesus in order to bear witness to

their faith.

So the day of Pentecost was able to be considered as the day of the Church's birth, of that Church of which you are a part of in a way so real as to be considered as living rocks of the one same building or as members of the one same body.

Every rock has its value, and every part of the body has its importance. You cannot all be the eye of the body, but the eye as much as the smallest finger are important, so that, if only one of them suffers, the whole body suffers.

This truth must also make you believe and meditate that everyone has his task to carry out, each one his irreplaceable mission, whereby if someone falls short of his duty, no one will do it anymore.

You are the Church and I, as in the Cenacle, am the Mother and Teacher. Many things changed after Pentecost and many things change, coming here. I've said it to you at other times: I cannot take away the crosses from you, but the Spirit of the Lord who acts in souls, gives you that strength and that serenity whereby you can carry them and they do not seem so heavy to you as before. Change in the light of the Spirit your way of conceiving life and the strength of combating your enemies comes to you. Combating however, does not mean to overwhelm, but to overcome with love.

How many times, children, do I see you here anguished at my feet because diabolical forces are acting around you. Sometimes they are truly brothers against brothers. And you undergo tyrannies, nasty things and devilments of wicked people. Well then, come here! This is the lesson of the Holy Spirit: those people are children of God and you, with prayer and with sacrifice offered in their favour, break the chains. Peace enters into your heart and you no longer feel desires for vengeance, but for charity.

Many times you spouses come here with an anguished heart because you no longer understand each other or because your chil-

dren rebel. Behold the Spirit of the Lord who speaks to your heart and you understand the necessity to have trust in God, to persevere in prayer and to entrust to his omnipotence what you cannot obtain with your meanness. And behold that serenity and that goodness enters inside you, whereby you are able to try to understand more than to be understood, and you have that facility to communicate which is like the gift of tongues. I know, children, that you would like to see everything clearly and all resolved in the shortest time. But how will you be able to aspire to Heaven, if everything went off smoothly in this world?

I open my heart to you, children. It is a true furnace of love. Throw away all those trifles that make you suffer and with which you make others suffer, and become apostles. Let the zeal for the glory of God devour you and make you see life as a beautiful gift of God.

It is a battle, I know, but if you entrust yourselves to the celestial Captain of souls, you will be victorious. Everyone at his place, with his own charism, with the desire to glorify your King and to be of help to all. Let no one desert the ranks. One does not reach Heaven by refusing to do one's duty.

Children, I bless you all. May the fire of the Holy Spirit devour you and, making you holy, render you living rocks of the Church.

I bless all those who in their own city and house organize ce-  
nacles. I promise to all, with my assistance, that divine light that comes from above.

## TO THE YOUNG

June 17, 1973

Beloved children, here you at the meeting of prayer and mutual charity. How can I not remind to you of the great mystery of love that the Church invites you to celebrate, the Most Holy Trinity? Is it not love that forms the substance and which unites the three di-

vine Persons in one only God? And it is in the name of this one and triune God that my Jesus gave the go-ahead to the Church when He said to the apostles: “*Go, preach the Gospel to every creature (Mk 16:15)*”, *baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19)*.

The Church was born in this way. But you also, in the name of the Trinity, received that spiritual life that started with Baptism. As you were growing up, still in the name of the Trinity you have received the pardon for sins, Confirmation and every spiritual good that accompanies you. It will again be in the name of the one and triune God that the priest, giving you the sacrament of the sick, will invite you to enter into eternal life.

To this life, willing or not you have to meet up with, but meanwhile before your eyes are opened the roads that you must travel on in this world. I, in this moment, want to give you the go-ahead and repeat to you the command that my Son gave to the apostles: go and preach by word, by example and by prayer.

Act so that your days may be a continual rebirth through that commitment that must fill your souls with fervour and with zeal for the salvation of souls, and that the Most Holy Trinity, dwelling in your hearts, may render you suitable instruments to do the works of God.

Be fervent, be holy! May the brethren, whom you approach with faith and with love, feel the presence of God in you and after feeling attracted towards you, towards Him.

I bless you, children, and I love you. Trust in the goodness of the Father, hope in the wisdom of the Son, fill yourselves with the love of the Holy Spirit and with his sanctity. May the divine life that awaits you, be prepared in this way in the joy of the faith that you practise.

Goodbye, children! When you go near the sick or the suffering, bless them and let them be comforted.

## RECOGNIZE YOUR DIGNITY AND GREATNESS

*June 17, 1973*

Beloved children, here I am at this convention of love. I am the Daughter of the Eternal Father, the Mother of the Divine Son, the Spouse of the Holy Spirit, and while I wish to make you rejoice with this kinship of mine with the Most Holy Trinity, I wish to show you too your greatness that derives from your divine adoption.

I am the Daughter of the Eternal Father. Though recognizing my infinite littleness compared to Him, I rejoiced with the love that He showed me and that He would have shown me throughout all the centuries. It was a very pure joy that of feeling myself understood, protected, defended and benefited by Him. I knew that the Father thought about me from eternity and that not even for an instant did He distance his gaze away from his creature. He had enriched me with grace in view of the merits of his Son made man and He watched over me in a perfect way.

I knew that his providence supported the world and that my life was in his hands. He loved me with an infinite love and I returned this love choosing it above myself and above all created things. I trusted Him and I abandoned myself into his loving arms, because I knew that his goodness and his mercy, being infinite, exceeded by far the human miseries and that He, exactly because infinitely good, would have been also just.

I would like for this sentiment of trust, which made me hope for everything from the Father, to direct your thoughts too, so as to make you weep and rejoice with gratitude for the Father having chosen men predestining them to be his adoptive sons. This reality made the hearts of many saints jump and amazed the angels themselves.

We are children of God, this is my and your greatness. There are no human greatnesses that can equal it. If a king of the earth were



to choose amongst the poorest children, the most poorest in health in order to adopt him as son everyone would be astonished. With this divine adoption that comes about through Baptism, no one thinks about appreciating its value. If a king's son were not to live in a way worthy of his father, he would be severely criticized. The children of God live heedless of their Father, without trying to execute his commands, without observing his Laws and moreover, cursing against Him or denying his existence.

I would like to repeat to all the Christians of earth: children, recognize your dignity and greatness! You have been elevated to a degree superior to your same nature; what better could you have been able to desire and hope for? Your human life has taken on a divine imprint. You are sons of God.

I have said to you that my greatness is also that of being the Mother of the Son of God incarnate, Jesus. I knew that this maternity would not have taken away anything of that value of the virginity so dear to my heart and I knew all the sorrow that this divine maternity would have brought with it. Accepting to be the Mother of Jesus meant accepting to be Co-Redemptrix of the human race. But what is there greater in the world than doing the will of God? This is my joy mixed with sorrow. Infinite joy, infinite sorrow.

Also to you my Jesus addressed some words ever so grandiose and meaningful. Do you want to be mothers of Jesus? Here is your task: to do the will of God. *“Who is my mother, my brothers and my sisters if not those who do the will of my Father?”*.

I want to insist on this will, which is a fount of joy. It manifests itself to you in the fulfilment of those duties that are a part of your life and which you can summarize in the word love. How necessary it is to love, children! The works, even the most marvellous ones are useless and sometimes bad, if they lack this flow of love that comes from God. This is the will of the Father: that you love one another and that you sanctify yourselves.

In this way you can be children of the Eternal Father and mothers of the Divine Son.

And how will you be also spouses of the Holy Spirit? When inside of you, in your soul, you make a place for the heavenly Guest who is the Spirit of the Lord by means of grace, like a marriage of Heaven comes about. It is the wedding of the soul with its God, who gives indescribable meaning, ideal, strength and joy to your life.

This children, is how the Most Holy Trinity whom the Church today invites you to honour, must become related also with you.

Your incorporation into the Church has been uttered in the name of the Most Holy Trinity. In his name you have many times had the pardon of your sins and the other sacraments. May the Lord will that when the priest will impart the last blessing over you, the Most Holy Trinity may come to meet you in order to introduce you into glory.

Now however, just as to the young people who this morning had gathered here, I give an invitation and a command that I will accompany with my graces.

Jesus said to his apostles: *“Go throughout the world, preach the Gospel and baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19).”* Well then, I say to you: go into your little world, the one of your family, relatives and acquaintances and in the name of the Most Holy Trinity bring our word.

The apostles worked miracles in the name of Jesus, in the name of God, and you will touch by hand marvellous things and you will see how many things the Lord knows how to do by your means.

Children, whoever leaves let him bring me with him. I am the Mediatrix of every grace. Bring my blessing to the sick.

## TRUE FRIENDSHIP

June 19, 1973

Beloved children, peace be to your hearts, now and always. This is the most beautiful wish that departs in this moment from my heart for you.

This peace is so necessary that reigns inside and is manifested on the outside with that serenity that edifies and conquers, that I cannot wish you any better. In the heart in peace God reigns who is like the Helmsman of your spiritual boat, that is, of your soul.

Justly my Jesus has said to you: "*Blessed the peaceful, because they shall possess the earth.*" The promised land, Paradise, is the inheritance of those who learn to keep peace in their heart: peace with God, peace with neighbour and peace with themselves.

But he who is peaceful in this sense, truly possesses also the earth, for it is easy that around these persons a spiritual family, made up of friends, can be built. And what is there more valuable, humanly speaking, than this true friendship which the Holy Spirit says that he who finds it, finds a treasure?

Generally human friendship presents three defects ever so hard to take away. Human friendship is fragile! A simple word, a little offence is enough at times to destroy it. There are persons who seemed unable to live separated one from the other; a small altercation has inexorably separated them and even more, in the place of that affection that seemed so deep, arose hatred or at least ill will.

Human friendship is fragile, because it is not based on true love. It is always an interest more or less hidden, that unites. Men of earth remain therefore united and friends as long as there is the mirage of a good to be captured. That's why many boast about knowing, seeing and being friends of highly placed persons.

Interest many times excludes sincerity and you will find that many, who though they gravely make mistakes, are adulated and

appreciated, even if the conscience of those who adulate tells them all the contrary. Interest ruins love. The moral and spiritual goods are destroyed for those material benefits that are like a smoke that blinds.

Human friendship, so fragile and so interested, is also very limited. That affection arouses jealousy which, if it were true, would not rejoice except in seeing that it expands.

Now take the reverse side of the medal and in place of those three words that are to be condemned, put the divine talents. True friendship therefore, shall be lasting, disinterested and open to all.

The human family is the family of the people of God, and if the love that unites the individuals among them is true, it is God himself who unites. Justly it is said that love overcomes death, for it does not end with it but resists time and will last forever. Oh, how beautiful is the generation of the peaceful, who cultivate in their own hearts that true friendship that nothing in the world will be able to destroy!

Moreover, another characteristic of true friendship is disinterest. One needs to love the neighbour because he is a son of God; to love him in order to be able to help him without expecting any reward, without requiring anything in return. This is the way to love God. How many more benefits in every field, individual and general, if one were to cultivate in one's heart this true friendship. No one would be excluded from this reciprocal giving. The world would live happy hours, paradisaical hours. All would be on the search for hearts to console, the poor to help, the simple to instruct, and in this reciprocal giving, how much peace and how much joy!

Selfishness destroys charity, the familiar good becomes reserved property for a few. When in society one seeks consolation, one finds only unhappiness because everyone thinks for themselves and want to enjoy what they possess, without going in search of hearts anguished and needy of comfort.

My children, perhaps this lesson of mine may have seemed strange to you, but it is not for me, for of every word I desire to make you derive a profit.

You have remained shaken and grieved for the departure of your friend. Well then, know that she has been truly a soul to whom the beatitude is well suited: "*Blessed the peaceful, because they shall possess the earth.*" The Most Holy Trinity lived in her heart. She loved God and her neighbour with a true love, and in silence and in humility has gathered your affection and your friendship, giving hers to you very sincerely. She has gained the earth, that is, your hearts, and shortly she will reach the Homeland and will be in the upper spheres. There's nothing for you but to imitate her, children, and pray to her. When a soul behaves like her, in the world, it gives me great consolation.

I am the Virgin of Consolation; I give consolation and I receive it. To those who desire my comfort and my graces, I give them even if I let them wait a little, because I want to exercise their faith and because I am anxious to receive continual prayers, which I use for many souls. My greatest consolation is when a soul who has served me in its mortal life, is introduced into Paradise, but I am also consoled when I see the love that unites you and the desire that you have to please me.

I bless you, children.

## **YOU HAVE TO FORGIVE AND LOVE EVERYONE**

*June 22, 1973 (at Carouge—Geneva)*

Beloved children, how dear this meeting with you is to me and how much I rejoice in addressing my word to you by means of this instrument of mine. I would like to tell you about many holy things and give you many graces. Above all, I desire to prepare your heart to the celebration of the jubilee, so that your soul, purified from whatever little stain, is able to appear before God as it

appeared the day on which the lustral water of holy Baptism descended on your head.

Yes, children, you must prepare yourselves to receive this great gift. First of all, you must arouse your mind to a great sorrow for the sins committed. Every man sows his own existence with evil, little and grave evils that wound the heart of God, not just because He can get some harm out of it, but for the harm that comes to man himself, whom He has created so that he would be happy in this life and in the next.

Of these sins that stain the soul and render it less pleasing to God, even if He in his infinite goodness continues to love men and to conduct them to salvation, one needs to repent, humble oneself and ask for pardon.

But, children, there is an indispensable condition for obtaining God's pardon, and it is that in your turn you have to pardon all those who in the course of your life have in some way offended and harmed you.

It has been said to you in the Old Testament that you must love your friends and hate your enemies. But my Jesus spoke very clearly to you. He said to you: *"If you love only those who love you, what merit will you have (Lk 6:33)? Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you and pray for those who persecute you (Mt 5:44)."* I desire this from you, children so dear to my heart. You must forgive and love everyone.

The world goes badly because it has forgotten about the Law of God, based above all, on the precept of charity. See now I send you into your families, into society and into the Church with a spark of that fire that parts from my heart and I say to you: Bring love! Be bearers of love, of a love that is manifested in works and is accomplished in the gift of peace to all those who live beside you.

You have some relatives who perhaps forget you and do not intend to strike up relationships of goodness and love with you. You

be the ones to go seek them out. Take the first step, but let peace return between you and your families. Did not my Jesus say: *“If you are bringing your offering to the altar and you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go and make peace with your brother; then return and present your offering (Mt 5:23-24).”*?

So be it for all those whom you consider your enemies. A true Christian cannot have enemies. They are people who probably do not know what they are doing, just as those who at the cross crucified my Jesus did not know what they were doing.

Children, bring love everywhere; cultivate it in your heart like a flame that must never go out. Love God above everything, for He loved you first and only desires from you to be loved. Let your love of God be not a love made up only of sentiment, but be the submission of your will to his, because only in this way will you be sanctified.

Beloved children, while I promise you to be present in your homes every time that you invoke me with prayer, I bless this cennacle so dear to my heart.

The spreading of the Word of God, that of the Face of my Jesus and with it the trust in the mercy of God, are a task so great and so precious that a special blessing that can be also an encouragement cannot be lacking.

I bless the children and the youth present. I bless in particular each one of you, resting your head on my heart. You do not see me, but your faith is more deserving and precious. Come, I call you by name.

Bring my blessing to your sick and to your loved ones. You will see how much joy you will procure for them!

Goodbye, children. Every time that you gather here I am with you in order to give you help and consolation.

## I AM THE VIRGIN OF THE MAGNIFICAT

June 24, 1973

Dear and beloved children, here I am again and always here with you. I am the Virgin of the Visitation, the Virgin of the Magnificat.

Today with you I wish to give my thanks to God not only for the great things that He did in me, but also for those beautiful transformations that He keeps doing in your souls whereby, progressing in virtue, you are so pleasing to Him. Doesn't it seem to you that since you have started to come here to pray, you have learned to appreciate prayer, to see it in its reality, to feel its need? Doesn't it seem to you that if you learn to communicate with God, you will learn to communicate also with your brethren in the world in the way willed by God himself?

I was absorbed in prayer, when an angel announced the divine maternity to me, and at the same time announced to me the nativity of John the Baptist. This is the consequence of prayer made well. I went in great haste to Elizabeth to bring to her the help which in that moment she needed.

Children, you also must do it this way. To those who say that you pray too much, you must show your works not out of pride, but so that they may praise the Lord, just as my Son used to say: "*Let your works shine before men, so that they may praise your Father who is in the heavens* (Mt 5:16)."

If someone therefore, wants to know if his relationship with God is good, he must examine whether his prayer, that is, the elevation of his soul to the Creator, brings as a consequence the practice of charity towards creatures.

Today I want also with you to say thanks to God because in your works you seek his glory, just as John the Baptist used to say: "*It is necessary for Him to increase and for me to diminish* (Jn 3:30)." He was referring to Jesus, whose precursor he was. It is



exactly this humility that must make you act. It is humility which, keeping you little, will allow the grace of God to grow in you.

How many times do you come here at my feet in tears and speak to me about sons, brothers, lapsed persons. You come here and I send you as precursor angels. You are still those who must prepare the entrance for my Jesus.

How do you do it? What will you do for the future? Now let us observe what John did. Sanctified in the maternal womb by the presence of Jesus, enclosed in my womb, his birth had been an occasion of great joy. Of him, Jesus was able to say that amongst the born of women he was the greatest. And yet what did he do? Arrived at adolescence, he retired into the desert and lived of prayer and penance. It was right there, in the desert, that he started to prepare the way for the Lord Jesus. It was there that, showing the example of his innocent life and detached from the things of the world, he was able to call his people back to charity, to prayer and to penance.

Children, you also do the same! Not for nothing, in the many apparitions in all the nations of the worlds, I go about saying to men: "*Pray and do penance!*".

After the sin of our progenitors —moreover, the world continues to bury itself under the rot of multiple iniquities— these are always and the only means that save. The voice of the prophets is merged with the precursor's one and John's one is merged with mine: prayer and penance.

This is how already many mothers who come here to pray have obtained the conversion of their children and how many have obtained unhoped for graces.

When penance is translated into works, it becomes charity and when the prayer is true, it becomes a force that touches the heart of God. Before these two realities the lapsed cannot remain indifferent. There are also the cold ones who come to this place, but they are not able to remain so for long. I possess a mysterious fire

that I communicate to whoever asks me for it, and I transmute coldness into fervour. In this way one carries on in virtue and sanctity and, after having announced the Lord, one becomes capable of bearing witness to Him even with the sacrifice of one's life.

I hear many times, mothers, fathers and children, say with a heartfelt cry: What life is this? Better to die rather than to live like this. No, you must not say this, because to live doing minute by minute the will of God, is a divine thing and highly meritorious. Every instant of suffering is worth an eternity of glory.

Moreover, there are other people who in order to gain souls for God are ready to accept death. This is that heroism which Jesus exercised towards us and which made Him say: "*Who has a love greater than him who gives his life for his brother (Jn 15:13)?*".

Oh, if everyone of you were able to leave here with this desire of immolation for the salvation of souls! If you do not go so far, at least behave so that your loved ones may feel you ready to encounter any sacrifice for their salvation; at least act so that through your goodness, they may understand the goodness of God.

And now I bless you all. At the hymn of the Magnificat I will join in also and I will give joy to your heart. Goodbye, children, and much charity.

## **THE HOLY FEAR OF GOD**

*June 26, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, come here, beside my heart! I am your Mother and I come from Heaven, but through the goodness of God, if you want me, I am always with you. Come, today I say to you, and I will teach you the holy fear of God. The fear of God is a gift of the Holy Spirit, but I can get it for you. It is so necessary, children, that I speak to you about it today, while the world has no longer the sense of God.

Men have built a divinity for themselves on their own. They

make fun of God. They lower Him down to their own misery or they relegate Him to the highest heaven; too old, they say, for Him to be able to take a part in the needs of men. In this way, denying God or making fun of Him, sin is admitted, blasphemy is justified, the Commandments are ignored and the Church, depository of truth, is despised.

I could repeat a proverb to you that was easy on the lips of your ancestors. They used to say: With God you don't muck around; God does not pay on Saturday.

But do you realize, children, that the entire world which was created by Him, is in his hands like a toy in the hands of a child? Does it not seem to you that just as He created the universe with an act of his will, again with a simple "I will" He could bring it back to its primitive chaos? And the life of man, which is a mystery in all its manifestations, from birth to death, does it not seem to you that it is more in the hands of God than in yours? Are you not aware that you are attached to the earth by a slender thread, that a mere nothing can break?

In this way, children, senseless and proud men think that they are self made and can create their own luck and their own future. They think that the world created itself and go on dreaming up from what source the stars, the light, the sun, the air and the water could have come from.

In this way, materializing everything, they do not go back to the supernatural, with which the world is surrounded and in which it is immersed.

In this way it is lawful to rebel. Against whom? Against someone whom they consider too insufficient and incapable of directing them. Their intelligence, which they do not make the most of, makes them vegetate on the human, and the search for God becomes impossible.

Not even the perfect order that reigns in the mineral, vegetable and animal world says anything to the heart of men, and the

course of the stars serves only to indicate to them the propitious or adverse luck.

What wonder if God is blasphemed? He is a being who does not react, it is said. And they are millions and millions of blasphemies that are raised up from every part, in every tongue. To draw God's curses on an individual one blasphemy would be enough, and yet one blasphemes continuously. One blasphemy is enough to ruin a family. Nations and societies could find themselves under continual threat for the insults that are raised towards Heaven.

God keeps quiet and men curse. Sometimes some people ask themselves: Why suffer the whole life? Oh, if there was the fear of God, how easy it would be to come to oneself! There are families tormented by the cross. But why is the past not revised and one does not promise for the future? Blasphemy, sin, especially the impure one, cry to Heaven for vengeance.

I would like, children, for you to make yourselves spokespersons for everyone. That God to whom the angels and the saints continually sing declaring Him thrice holy, is the same God that men ought to adore and love and before whom they all ought to humble themselves.

If an offence given to a personage of this world is paid for harshly by way of justice, what will God not do to those who insult Him?

Children, the fear of God that must fill your spirit, must not be however, a servile fear or the terror of his chastisements. The love that must guide your life, must inspire a holy fear in you. It should be like the worry that a son has of not making his father suffer; like the desire to see the Father rejoice through those considerations whereby not only one avoids what displeases Him, but one seeks to anticipate his desires and do what is pleasing to Him.

Deep down this holy fear is mingled with love, whereby it makes you recognize your mistakes and makes you accept even the punishments that you know you deserve. Have you not read in the life

of certain saints who from childhood, accusing themselves before their mother the little misdeeds, wanted to be punished? The fear of God is the same. May the Holy Spirit, who in this moment I beseech for all and each one of you, inspire holy thoughts in you and suggest to you what is useful. Life passes quickly and, at the end, you will have to render a strict account of everything.

I bless you all, children.

## **LEARN TO LOVE LIKE HIM**

*July 1, 1973*

Beloved children, peace and grace be to your hearts. I am the Lady of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Today I want to move you closer to Him so that you get to understand its loving palpitations and desires.

See this most loving heart, pierced by the lance, let out the last drops of blood united to the last beads of water. They represent the sacraments and the Church, the most beautiful gifts that He was able to give to men.

See that human heart enclose a divine power capable of overwhelming the world. It is the heart of flesh that represents love. It is the heart the central propeller of life. When a joy or a sorrow cross the life of man, it is the heart the muscle that is first to be aware of this presence. It is the heart that rejoices, it is the heart that suffers. In Jesus the heart of God beats, suffers and loves.

For this reason everyone can say that from all eternity Jesus loves him. Jesus loves from always, He loves particularly, He loves up to being interested in the life of each one in a precise and profound way; up to counting your hours, the events that fill them, the desires that animate them.

I see again my Jesus a child, when, squeezing Him to my heart, I felt his beating in unison with mine. But in that moment before our gaze passed all those souls who, corresponding to the love of

God, would have made of their heart a forge of pure love.

I see again my Jesus a boy and young man, sensitive to every suffering, attentive and delicate, give help to the needy and together a glimpse of the wonderful work of salvation was caught, which He would begin and to which all men would have had to collaborate.

I see again my Jesus in public life. There is no pain that He does not understand and which He does not want to alleviate. His sensitive Heart used to open up in confidence to me and would have liked to help and console all those who were in sorrow. Sin grieved Him, but it was no barrier for his love.

God loves and his love is constant and immutable. Sinners, the sick in soul enjoy his favouritisms. You would have said that He preferred them to the just, if you did not have to think that these were the sheep that He had put safely away.

His love embraces the whole world without class distinction. His love gives wings to souls and brings them towards the height. His love is of an infinite depth for the force it emanates and reaches the most unthought of destinations. No one is excluded from this immense chasm, in which, in the ardour of charity all can find relief for their thirst, comfort and help.

God is sensitive to every little gesture of love, like the most affectionate mother likes the gesture of love of her child. Nothing moves Him away from man, neither his meanness, fickleness and infidelity, nor his wickedness and insensitivity. Always the same to himself, He wants for him only health, holiness and salvation.

To this love, children, how would you like to correspond? My Jesus said to you: *“I have come to bring fire, and what do I desire except that it be lit (Lk 12:49)?”*

You must love like God loves, after you have rejoiced over this eternal and immutable love. You must rejoice because it is not just any person who gives you his affection, but it is Him who to the thief crucified beside Him, was able to say: *“This very day you*

*shall be with me in Paradise (Lk 23:43).” It is Him who of the sinful Magdalene was able to say: “The affectionate gesture that she has done towards me shall be remembered throughout the centuries (Mt 26:13; Mk 14:9).”*

Nothing must cast you down, neither the thought of your past sins and your weaknesses, nor the thought of your incapacity. Nothing must frighten you, neither adversities and failures, nor the relentless struggles of the devil against you, since you have the certainty that above all your miseries there is a God who loves you, who knows all of you and who permits many evils only in the limit in which He knows you can bear them and only if these evils are fount of merit for you.

God loves you, rejoice over it and learn to love like Him. When the slander, obstinacy, misunderstanding, wickedness of those who are near you, would lead you to a reaction of resentment, lack of forgiveness, rupture with that harmony that is God amongst you, remember: you must love like God loves.

Then everything will be much easier. To ask for forgiveness and to give it will become a rule, because it is only in pardoning that one can say that he loves God.

Be constant in love, for true love does not recognize limits in time, person and place. To show you the Heart of Jesus open is an invitation. Whoever wants to enter finds the door open. The humble enter with ease and with great attraction, for the Heart of Jesus is for them like a magnet.

Beloved children, I bless you all pointing out the Heart of Jesus to you, fount of grace and holiness.

Goodbye, children. Learn to rise up again from the external warmth to the spiritual warmth that sanctifies souls.

## IT IS LOVE THAT COUNTS

*July 2, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, here I am with you to renew that visit that I made one day to Elisabeth. It will be your faith and your love that will force me to work some great miracles once again.

My presence gave comfort to that relative of mine and my Jesus, though hidden, made John jump in her womb. Our meeting was a feast of hearts and souls. In this way the song of thanksgiving was released from my heart and my lips uttered it.

You also, at the end of this prayer that brings my Jesus amongst you, must feel a joy that makes you thank the Lord. The worldly do not understand these things and, while they submit themselves to enormous sacrifices in order to follow the fashions or to enjoy an amusement, their life becomes embittered and they go towards death.

You have understood the spiritual values and it does not cost you to renounce what the worldly appreciate; that's why my visit and your prayer must make you happy.

I desire however, to make you note a very important thing that must give an imprint to your life.

There is in the world a spirit of rivalry that many times makes one invidious of the goods of others. This kind of envy takes hold of not only the wicked, but also the good, the practising. And the envy does not concern only material goods, but also those of the spirit and the works that a person can do that can have more value compared to others.

I desire to tell you that I want you all envious, but I want for yours to be a holy envy that must not find its source in pride, in the desire to be honoured or in the desire to possess. You must have the holy envy of loving the Lord like the angels and the saints of Heaven love Him, like the suffering souls love Him and like some people who still live on this earth love Him.



It is love that counts in everything. Do you believe that Bernadette, had merited less when peeling the potatoes or washing the floors, than what she had merited in the moment in which I appeared to her at Lourdes?

So in your daily occupations and difficulties, do you believe to gain less than those who compose marvellous works to the benefit of humanity?

Children, if you knew how much the love of God is worth, of every little action even, you would make a precious jewel out of it to embed on your crown of glory.

Never let a day be empty for you because deprived of love. Never let an action in your day be without a soul because deprived of love. A simple life like yours can obtain an infinite glorification, if a blaze of love washes the actions of all your days, purifying them and transforming them more and more.

Moreover, I want to make you continue on in this reflection inviting you to utilize this love for all men of earth, whom you can reach, being in God all distances annulled. Through love you sanctify yourselves, the word of God becomes a living word in you, every teaching of his you translate into practice. That's why from your soul and from your person emanates that spiritual light that illuminates others also.

Only then, when you are filled with the love of God you are light, and the words that were able to refer to my Jesus: "*He started to do and to teach* (Acts 1:1)", come true also for you.

They are two very important moments of the life of the Christian, which indicate two actions to perform: personal sanctification and the apostolate. They are both important, but the second cannot subsist without the first. Sanctification is like a process of elevation animated by love, that gives an impulse to all humanity. That expression is right that says: whoever elevates himself, elevates all the world.

It is never too late to take on this road, there are no kinds of

commitments, even if honest, that are able to deter you.

See, children, how on this day dedicated to charity, in the memory of the visit made to Elizabeth, I have brought you with my blessing the encouragement to improve yourselves more and more, to love the Lord more and more and to keep alive the thought that you are all called to perfection in the limit and degree willed by God himself.

Don't put it off to tomorrow, since you know how short life is and how everyone is called to do his own mission with solicitude, responding to the calls that the Lord addresses to souls of all ages.

I bless this house, its inhabitants and all those who will come here to pray. I bless your relatives and those whom you commend to me, especially your children.

I bless the religious and the priests and the whole Church.

May the Lord remain in your heart and give you joy.

## **LEARN TO SEE THE LORD ON YOUR STEPS**

*July 3, 1973*

Beloved children, I am your Mother. See, I wish to give you my simple and sincere word in order to accustom you to look at your life under the spiritual aspect that is the only one that matters, even if in man one cannot exclude the human and the collaboration between soul and body is indispensable.

I refer myself to a fact related by the Gospel in which the apostle Thomas is spoken about. He was absent at the reunion of the apostles the evening of the same day in which Jesus had risen, and when he heard that they had seen Him, he did not want to believe their assertions. "*If I do not put my fingers in his wounds I will not believe (Jn 20:25)*", he had said. And behold eight days later Jesus appeared amongst them and, calling Thomas, told him to touch those glorious wounds and invited him to have faith and not to be incredulous. Thomas prostrated himself before Jesus and ex-

claimed, full of faith and love: “*My Lord and my God!* (Jn 20:28)”.

Children, do you know why I made this reference to you? There are many people who in front of suffering, adversity, sorrow, ask themselves: “*Must I still believe in God? Or perhaps is not the devil stronger than God himself?*” And they keep on consulting themselves, while they neglect prayer and the sacraments. They want in that way to put the Lord to the test.

They act, these persons, like those less intelligent children who try to play on the goodness of their parents imposing themselves arrogantly or with tantrums. Or even, like Thomas, they say: “*I will believe when I will have touched by hand.*”

Before this double picture, I give you an invitation that will be of great use to you.

It has been said to you many times how much sorrow is necessary and, I will add, indispensable in life for its function of salvation. When however, suffering presents itself, it is Jesus who puts forward his request to you: “*Do you want to recognize me in this suffering? Here are my wounds, add your sorrow. I am the risen Crucified. If you will make an act of faith in the efficacy of your contribution, everything will change; your sorrow will disappear into my glorious wounds and Thomas’s cry of faith will become yours too: My Lord and my God!*”

There are many who turn every little suffering into a tragedy and life into a real sorrowful drama, because they see themselves as persecuted by nonexistent human curses. If these souls learnt to discover the Crucified in every sad event, the faith would help them to find serenity again. But, instead, they pass from one sorrow to another, accumulating them as in a heavy bundle that they are unable to bear.

There are those also who complain that their whole life has been an uninterrupted chain of misfortunes that gives no hint of ending; they consider life too long and sometimes find God unjust towards

them.

Children, I would like to say to them: What time have you to gain eternal life if not this life, which has the length of a day even if at times it seems interminable to you? The trial is hard, you will say; but the reward is commensurate.

Tell me, children: to how many and to what sacrifices do those who wish to achieve a record submit themselves? To what physical, moral and spiritual efforts must the heroes subject themselves?

Well then, the exercise of virtue is a call to heroism. And does it seem to you that a day, a month, a year of trial is enough?

Moreover, I beg you, keep in mind also another reality that renders you so incapable of combating. More than often your sufferings are created by an excessive sensitivity, by little patience and by a character not always happy. A domination over these things would render you strong and capable to resist, while optimism would help you to see so many trifles in a more clearer light. A little reaction over yourselves is enough, that is like a flap of the wing, to bring you higher up.

So, my beloved, as I bless you I beg you: learn to see the Lord on your footsteps, to recognize Him and to adore Him attesting your faith to Him. Learn to be proud to fight and look at life with serenity in order not to aggravate your crosses.

I bless everyone. May the Lord be with you.

## **KEEP YOUR FAITH INTACT**

*July 4, 1973 (at Seregno)*

My dear children, I am amongst you in order to preside over your beautiful congregation. I want today more than ever to encourage you to be faithful to this commitment that you have taken on, for from the union of prayer a good comes to you, to your family and to the whole Church.

I am the faithful Virgin, and of the faithfulness to my mission and to the will of God exercised in my life, I wish to give you a model in order to encourage you to walk in the way of the Lord with that fidelity to your duties, to the Law of God and to the Church that may merit you to obtain that crown of glory for which you were born, for which you live and for which you ought to die. You need however, to be faithful, to guard the gift of the faith that you have received in Baptism, seeking to increase it more and more.

I put you on your guard against the dangers that can make you lose this virtue and which can make your children lose it. It is not rare to hear people, up to recently practising, who do not pray anymore because the family setup has become difficult. They would like, these people, for everything to be resolved in the way desired by themselves and they think of putting the Lord to the test and almost chastising Him, refusing to observe the precepts of the Church and to approach the sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ.

These Christians resemble those who, having to cross a water course, renounce using the boat because they see the waters swelling. The difficulties ought to instead, stir men to have recourse to God, just like the apostles who, seeing the stormy sea but knowing that the Lord was with them and every power was in Him, awoke Him from his sleep, even if apparent, and beseeched Him to save them.

In this way, with the help of God, it is possible with recourse to Him to keep and increase your faith in spite of the difficulties.

Faith is a treasure that must be kept, it is like a patrimony that must not be made to pieces, but that is handed down wholly.

There are some people who think about welcoming in their home or to frequent communities where error is propagated and the truth is twisted. It is an imprudence that can degenerate and ruin your spiritual patrimony.

Be prudent, children, because presently many are the false prophets who come to you dressed as lambs and are ravenous

wolves. And what happens to your children? The two bitterest enemies of the faith are immorality and pride. That's why I say to you, especially to the mothers: guard your purity and cultivate humility in your children.

The first impure sins are many times the first links in a long chain. The shame of the first dishonest acts is bit by bit suffocated and the distancing from the Church and the sacraments is the result. If the mother were capable of scrutinizing the eyes and the heart of her own children and to counsel them patiently and prudently, they would find again the road lost; but prolonged neglect hardens the heart and the bad habits keep on becoming a necessity more and more.

So, dear mothers, the pride that in youth is sometimes considered a virtue, creates in the young the conviction of being unchallengeable, of not having need of suggestions and to have on the contrary to become aware of everything.

These young people full of themselves end up in not believing unless they see it and refuse to admit the existence of God, of the soul and of eternity. It is an incline that they descend on gradually up to arriving at hating their own parents and to not realizing the why of life and of sorrow.

I am the Mother of everyone, my children, and while once again I recommend to you to keep your faith intact, I beg you to turn this virtue into the most desirable one of your life, the one that helps you to put up with the difficulties and to carry the cross, which is never lacking to anyone.

A life without faith is like a house without light and without windows. Be anxious to possess it and to defend it. Whoever will believe and be baptised will be saved.

I bless you all one by one.

Put faith and love in this communal prayer. Only in this way will it be fruitful for all.

See you again, my children. Have joy and peace.

## THE VIRTUE OF OBEDIENCE

*July 4, 1973 (at Muggiò)*

Beloved children, I am truly here with you and I open my arms to you as a mother does when she wants to invite her child to walk and to go towards her. You are all on your first steps even if you have many years on your shoulders, because the Christian must begin every day, as if it were the first of his life, to walk along the way that leads to Heaven.

Did not my Jesus say to you that you must be like children? You walk and every now and then you stumble, you fall and go back and then forward again. However, he who finds my arms and lets himself to be carried, arrives first at perfection through the grace that God gives me of being able to help the little ones.

Littleness in the spiritual sense can be called with the name of a virtue that my Jesus exercised in a very perfect way, and which I sought to imitate in all the moments of my life. It is the virtue of obedience.

It will seem strange to you to hear it spoken about today in the world in which only liberty is spoken about, about respect of personality and rational obedience.

And yet, do you think that Jesus had humanly reasoned when He subjected himself to Joseph and to myself in the thirty years of work and concealment? Do you believe that He had reasoned on obedience, that made Him obedient unto death?

He obeyed out of love, He obeyed always and in everything. He obeyed his eternal Father and his creatures. He spoke of the necessity of obedience, that gives values to all that a soul does in harmony with the will of God, and of the merit that it carries with itself.

I also, children, obeyed always and without arguing, without reasoning, without doubting of the justice of the orders that were given me.

“*To whom ought we obey?*”, you say to me. First of all, to God, the supreme Legislator. The first act of rebellion, performed by the angels who wanted to be like God, caused their ruin and that of men.

The first act of disobedience, performed by our progenitors, brought sin into the world. What wonder if just by means of disobedience the world had to be redeemed and saved?

To this God, Creator and Lord of Heaven and earth, all the heavenly bodies obey, and nature, as if guided by an invisible hand, is directed by pre-established laws.

Obedience is order and happiness. If man were to learn to appreciate his situation as adoptive son of God, his greatness and his vocation, he would be happy to hear the voice of God who, speaking by means of the conscience, would lead him to practise the entire Decalogue.

Moreover, there are social and religious bonds in the world, which bind in a discipline that is obedience and order.

In every family there are those who command and those who obey, even if he who obeys has in his turn, superiors whom he must obey. It has been said to you that the wife in obedience to her husband sanctifies herself. And the husband must be subject to a moral law that comes from God, whereby he must love the spouse as Christ loves his Church, and he too has duties towards those who direct society, of which the family is the cell.

Every religious family have those who direct and those who obey. Do you know, children, why the devil triumphs in many convents? Because the spirit of pride has introduced the head of this spirit, the devil, whereby insubordination has become a rule.

What can I say to you about certain parishes where the curates are not only insubordinate to their parish priest, but true enemies who stir up the faithful against him? So in the Church there are those who wish to judge, criticize, slander and rebel and create divisions, because it is not admitted that one alone is infallible,



being assisted continually by the Holy Spirit. So in the workplace they do not wish to submit. Authority is combated and disorder and anarchy is preferred.

In this chaos, who will want to give me a hand and commence to sow where it is possible? If one disobedience can be a cause of great evils, the exemplary obedience can bring harmony and peace everywhere.

There are many people who are unable to manage themselves, because a certain incapacity of equilibrium renders them inadequate. If the ones were to entrust themselves to the others more sensible, the union would make the good triumph for all. How painful it is that everyone wants to do it his own way and that the mutual help is rejected through that spirit of independence that is mistaken for liberty and which is nothing else but presumption.

Pardon, my children, if I urge you to truly put your hand on the plough in order to be able to bring a little order everywhere.

The way of obedience is the most secure, because obedience never errs and leaves the responsibility to those who command.

I bless you all one by one.

## **INSTRUMENTS OF SALVATION**

*July 24, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, peace be to you and joy and grace. I am amongst you and I bless your minds and your hearts. I am your immaculate Mother, and how I am gladdened to be here with you in order to rejoice over your prayers and to give you those graces that you desire!

I like seeing your faith. I like seeing you more preoccupied with the needs of others than your own, because this is the sign of charity. I like seeing the confidence that you place in God and in me, whereby you do not despair of obtaining what is useful for you.

I rejoice also seeing the team spirit that binds you amongst your-

selves and with your spiritual mother. Only if you are tied by a deep affection, can you help and benefit each other, above all through prayer.

What a great gift the Lord gives you through the charism of the word of God! There are many who do not want to accept it, who do not want to believe. For you who have faith, however, what responsibility! You are called to collaborate greatly with the Church, you have received direct instructions. In one word, you have to be more good. If you had an immense desire for goodness, oh, yes you would succeed in being more good! It is in this way that the Church is helped, because goodness is like a wave that sweetly draws and renders others good.

I want to remind you of a deed that happened during the earthly life of my Jesus. Peter, with his companions, had worked the whole night without catching anything, but when on the command of Jesus he cast the nets, he pulled them out so full that in order to be able to go to the shore he had to call another boat to the rescue.

But tell me, if he who was in the second boat had not used goodness towards Peter who asked for help, does it not seem to you that perhaps all that fish would have been lost?

That's why I repeat to you still: you who have received some special gifts, be good, if you wish to be instruments of salvation for many souls.

Now I would like also to encourage you to broaden your apostolate more and more, so that many may feel the influence of your work.

I will be happy if a wide spreading of the Rosary with a universal intention be made. How great seeing generous souls who do not limit the omnipotence of God and who put no boundaries on their prayer. May your Rosaries fly on the wings of the angels therefore, up to reaching every need. May the ladder which Jacob saw in a dream, on which the angels of the Lord ascended and descended, find here again a place of God.

Thank you, my children, for the love that you bear for me. Know that many souls are united to you in this hour and express to me your same affection, even if multiple needs keep them away. When they will return to their homes after the summer vacations, I will make a great call to everyone so that this prayer may be intensified and a true transformation of souls may come out of it, in Christ the Lord.

Children, I bless you now and I bless each one according to the mission that has been assigned to him.

Goodbye, children, always animated by the same spirit.

### **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD**

*July 29, 1973*

Beloved children, peace be to you. Here I am as the considerate Mother to give you the precious bread of the divine word.

I am so happy to see new children surrounding my altar, consecrating themselves to me and desirous of hearing. To you I can say as my Jesus said in the Sermon of the Mount: "*Blessed you who are hungry because you shall be filled* (Lk 6:21)." It is true that many times you come to this place in order to ask for material graces, which I readily grant, but I give you together also the spiritual graces, whereby you will find yourselves certainly improved in soul and in body and you will have a greater serenity.

Some people, however, come to pray and do not possess the grace of God. This is the main reason whereupon they go away empty handed. It happens to them as for those people who, desiring the light, do not turn the switch or do not insert the plug where it can receive the electric current. If you have grace, children, it is God himself who prays, who asks, who speaks in you, therefore you have the power of command over his heart.

Then there are other people who pray and beseech from a long time, and I assure you that their prayer is not lost. They will find

in Paradise many souls saved by this prayer and they will rejoice for not having been immediately heard, because the wait has strengthened their faith, hope and love. How beautiful to know that what one does turns to the benefit of many! What a great misfortune to be greedy and think only of oneself!

Do you know what will happen to those who keep their fist always closed towards everyone? When on the last day they will have to open that fist, they will find themselves empty handed.

Many times it seems to my children impossible to arrive at certain points of renunciation and perfection, but nothing is impossible for God. Who would have told to Philip, to Andrew and to the other disciples, that five loaves and two fish would have been enough to satisfy five thousand people and that twelve baskets of fragments would be left over? Nothing is impossible for God. But do you think about it that on every altar of the world the same multiplication of loaves happens in a way even more resounding? The Body of the Lord is multiplied, which remains entire in each consecrated Host. What a miracle, what a gift!

Many Christians, before the most resounding of miracles, say: *“It is impossible. One cannot believe in a thing so great and mysterious.”* So, instead of receiving Jesus and making Him King of their heart, their family and society, they distance themselves from the Church and from the sacraments.

Many priests also, do not think or do not believe of being the instruments of God in working the great transformation of the bread into the Body of the Lord. Their little faith is manifested in the haste and carelessness with which they celebrate the Divine Mysteries.

There are some among my ministers who celebrate the Mass and enter into the confessionals in order to absolve, with an unclean conscience. Many times the faithful judge them. No, do not judge them. Consider that, if someone were to come to bring you some jewels with dirty hands, you would receive them just the same

thanking them.

The priest offers you some immense gifts. Through absolution he gives you grace and with the Mass he recalls the presence of my Jesus on the altar: victim, companion and nourishment of men.

Thank God and pray for his ministers that they may be not like you want them, who are short sighted, but like the heart of that thrice holy God wants them.

Transforming men is hard, because it requires their will, but for the Lord nothing is impossible.

And now may those listen to me well who would like to change the mind of their children, daughter-in-laws, of many people.

You have seen what the disciples did before that crowd to be fed. They brought to Jesus all that they had at their disposal. You also have something: your tears, your sufferings and the miseries with which you are surrounded from morning to night. Well then, immerse these miseries together with your sins in the chalice of the Holy Sacrifice. Those miseries will become riches, with which God will make use of in order to perform the deepest transformations.

Let your trust and perseverance never fail.

I bless you all, beloved children, and I embrace you in the Lord, asking and giving you every good.

Be always faithful to the Rosary, be it in your families as in your parishes, as here and the most beautiful graces will rain down of you from Heaven.

## **AT THE SERVICE OF GOD AND THE BRETHREN**

*July 31, 1973*

Beloved children, peace be to you. I am your immaculate Mother. I like showing myself under this title today, while in the world only the senses are known and only the joy that is in the pleasures of the flesh are sought.

It is dear to me to tell you that I am the Immaculate and that I look with particular predilection upon those who guard their senses and who consecrate their body to me, considering it an instrument of the Lord that must perform those operations that constitute the daily duties in order then to enjoy one day, rejoined to the soul, the merited reward and rest.

How beautiful the ranks of those who serve the Church and honour God keeping in their person also that decorum and that respect that makes them the admiration of the angels themselves!

Do not believe, children, that the world can be converted only with words. It is the example that draws and sweetly compels to follow the right road. If walking along unknown roads a pilgrim asks you for directions and at his request you offer to be a companion to him and to make the way with him, how will he be able to refuse following you? The same in the ways of good.

See, children, how much immorality and how much evil! The body, having become an idol, has become an object of passion and sin. You will be the angels in demeanour and in words so as to change, in the limit granted you, the surrounding in which you find yourselves. I am not asking you to dress in sackcloth, but even in order and in elegance permitted by your condition, be true models to imitate.

There are those who say that you must get accustomed to all forms of nudity. But tell me: why did Adam and Eve, after the sin, feel the need to cover themselves before God, who had created their body and had made everything good?

The concupiscence that drags man to evil finds a powerful ally too. The devil who descends on the wheat field and sows the darnel is still present. He was the first to sow evil, to open the eyes of our progenitors inviting them to enjoy forbidden fruits and his work continues uninterruptedly. The new Eve's and the new Adam's lend themselves to the game.

There is someone who is asking himself: "*Why so much evil?*"

*And cannot the Lord strike and condemn those who commit it and separate the darnel from the good grain?" "No", my Son answers you. He respects the liberty of man up to permitting him to offend Him, to blaspheme Him, to curse Him. He puts up with everyone and is disposed to forgive everyone up to the last day, in which the angels will perform the great separation of the elect from the reprobate. Nothing eludes the eye of the immense and infinite God, but everything will be subjected to his severe and immovable judgement.*

Oh, if only men were to keep in mind these great truths.

God has given the Commandments, on which his children must base their existence. He commands nothing impossible. Every law has a legislator and the subjects are held to obey it. What would you say of a king who was to command his subjects and was not obeyed by anyone and did not care about it? Certainly, his would not be a goodness, but an incapacity to govern.

Our God puts up with everything because He wants everyone saved and as Father waits for the return of all those prodigal sons who want to distance themselves from Him.

With what happiness even earthly would our progenitors have been able to enjoy if they had not disobeyed, and what spiritual joy is reserved to those who fear the Lord and observe his Laws! Many times you have had that experience and I would like that this reality be an every day thing, so beautiful it is to live in the obedience of a good Father, who only wants your happiness and your joy.

Be in this light, for all the other things are of secondary importance. What matters is to put oneself at the service of God in the observance of his Law and in the constant fulfilment of that mission, irreplaceable by others, that the Lord entrusts to each one. Only in this can there be great joy, perfection and holiness.

So that she who is a mother, let her edify her children in the fulfilment of her duties that are so grave and important. Whoever is a wife

or a husband, know that in the spouse she must see the soul of him or her that God has put at her side so that the ascent to Paradise would be less arduous.

Whoever is a teacher, remember that one alone is the Teacher and that every teaching must come from Him and be to Him directed. Whoever works in hospital, next to the sick poor and destitute, let them see in the suffering person my Jesus, and treat him with respect and love. Whoever is a daughter or a son, let them see in their parents the authority of God and in the obedience to them mirror that which my Jesus had towards his foster father and towards me in his earthly life.

So to every class of persons I can address myself and invite all to be admirable through that perfection with which one observes the Law in all its minute details and through the love that makes one put themselves at the service of God and the brethren.

Does it not seem to you, children, that before this behaviour everyone ought to review and change?

I bless you, children, and I embrace you saying to you: see you again!

## **BE ANGELS**

*August 1, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, here I am celebrated by my angels to gather up your prayers that will be directed to the throne of God. I am the Queen of the angels and today to you just as to Francis of Assisi I want to grant the great gift of the remission of the penalties due to sins.

However, I desire to give you a simple and delicate task. I want to invite you to be more than ever angels of goodness, so that others may understand the duty of detesting their sins and like you be able to obtain pardon.

Therefore, be angels not only when you pray in your Churches



or here at my feet. Be angels in your homes, in your workplaces, where you carry out your daily duties and everywhere. To be angels means to learn to be above that meanness which your life is impregnated with. To be angels means learning to use with your neighbour that charity whereby your presence may become like a sweet caress or a delicate perfume for all.

You call me many times “Mother of divine grace”, and you mean to allude to that marvellous gift whereby the soul becomes the abode of God. But I would like for you to invoke me like so in order to ask me that delicacy in dealing with your neighbour which you can also call kindness, politeness, good manners and elegance.

It is true that the world too uses these terms to indicate that superficiality that covers up a behaviour perhaps Pharisaic. But I would like you full of grace and I would like that the sweet expression of your lips, the lovable smile, the quiet behaviour that conceals peace of heart, were to be truly the manifestation of the divine of which you are full inside. In this way you will truly be my consolation and you will be able to do a great good to all.

How many families ruined by words too bitter and harsh! How much discord around many by a proud and spiteful behaviour! Be angels! Let this thought accompany you always and help you to rectify your intentions when the desire comes to you of acting in a manner not so generous.

The angels are the servants of God, but you also can and must be at his service. Do not pollute the waters. The spring that comes down from the heart of God to you, must go back up to Him limpid and pristine as you have received it. I am speaking about the life of grace that He has given you in Holy Baptism and which you, excluding sin, can purify continuously with work and prayer, offering everything through love as a sacrifice to God.

Be angels! Live with the thought of Heaven. I will speak to you about Heaven in a few days, when the Church will invite you to

celebrate my assumption, but as of now think of the homeland, where with the angels we will be in perpetual adoration of God.

The thought of death can intimidate you by that decay that it brings, necessary so that the separation of the soul from the body may come about. But above beyond this barrier sorrow ceases. It is as if the windows were to be opened to the sun after the darkness of the night. The divine sun, God, shall be your light and your joy, just as He is here and now for the angels and the blessed.

Rejoice, children, and be bearers of joy just like the angels, who everywhere with their presence make great happiness enter.

When you see a good person and you want to make a comparison, you say: "*He is good like an angel.*" Act so that it can be said of you for the comfort that your presence gives to all.

However, today I want, with the gift of the indulgence, to point out to you the place where it will be easy for you to learn my lesson of goodness. Look, I point out my Immaculate Heart to you. I open its door to you. Establish your abode here. There are many who despise me, distance me and embitter my heart. You come and give me consolation. I will teach you to forgive and to love, I will teach you to be angels of goodness.

When at the end of life you will appear before my Jesus to be judged, it shall be I myself who will be able to say of each one of you: Jesus, this soul has not done any grandiose things, however its life has been a continuous chain of acts of goodness, with which it has spoken of You. And He, the highest Good, will introduce you into the Kingdom of goodness and of love.

To each one I would like to say thank you for this beautiful communal prayer. I promise you to bless your families and to preserve them from dangers.

Learn to sanctify the everyday cross. If you receive it and you carry it with good will, it will not weigh on others and you will be able to enhance it for many.

Be united and be good to each other, forgive one another and

help each other in the Lord with that disinterest and that generosity that Jesus and I demonstrate to you continuously.

I embrace you heartily, blessing you one by one.

## **I AM OUR LADY OF THE SNOW**

*August 5, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, peace and every good be to your hearts and your families. I am Our Lady of the Snow and I come to express to you my desires and to speak to you about purity. I repeat to you why I, who lives above the earth, in the glory of Heaven, can love to call myself with this title so meaningful.

When the two holy Roman spouses beseeched me to deign to indicate to them how they could use their wealth for the glory of God and mine, they did not hesitate to recognize the sign of God, when they saw outlined with the snow the shape of the church that they would have had to build. And that great basilica-shrine that the Popes called Saint Mary Major arose.

In this way the will of the spouses was realized and the glory of God still glows in that place. This is my desire: the glory of God, many times forgotten in families, must glow and the desire to do everything for God and for the brethren has to compel the Lord to perform miracles of providence. Egoism unfortunately, tends to centre every thought on one's interest and to make one forget the precise purpose of the family. It in fact ought to be a little shrine, where, keeping the flame of the faith and charity alight, in the mutual affection the hope of Paradise is considered as a sweet reality.

But on the snow, that is, on purity the foundations of this domestic shrine are cast. How I would like to address myself to all the betrothed and speak to them about purity!

The engagement is the most delicate period for the life of the young. Physical health, guarded through mortification, shall be tomorrow that mysterious force which the parents will make a gift

of to their siblings. The knowing oneself deeply excludes having to lower oneself up to showing your own weakness that many betrothed dare to call love.

Exercising the virtues that the Christian life teaches, these young people tomorrow will be models of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance; they in this way, will know how to make sacrifices at the right time and enjoy the gifts of God when it is lawful and permitted.

In the purity of the betrothed resides the Lord, who blesses the pure of heart and manifests himself to them. Passion burns the heart and corrodes the conscience. And how will these children, who have tasted so many forbidden pleasures, be able to teach their children to enjoy spiritual and divine joys?

It keeps on being said that everything is lawful and permitted and one thinks that all is love, when it is only sensuality, and one gets to mistake purity for virtue of other times, impossible to practise.

This is why, children, Our Lady of the Snow presents herself to you in this August heat. There is no season of the year in which the splendour of grace must not shine, like the sun shines over the eternal glaciers. God does not command anything that cannot be practised. From a healthy preparation for marriage depend God's blessings.

How can young modern people aspire to family harmony, to peace, to mutual fidelity, when youth has been spent in muddying oneself in every amusement and pleasure, harmful to the soul and to the body?

You will say to me: "*Why Mother are you talking to us in these terms when the greater part of us have already settled down and reached old age?*" Children, you know why: I speak to everyone and by your means I want to reach the persons concerned. The white layer of frost that covered the field of the Hebrews during the night, represented that Eucharistic Bread that my Jesus would

have given to all men and which forms the food of your soul; it prefigured the white host, the living Bread descended from Heaven.

May the snow that outlined the shape of the Church of Rome, be the symbol of that purity that I would like your families to be marked with. Your body, the shrine of the Most Holy Trinity, monsternace of the living God, shall be preserved as such if, having recourse to that divine food that my Jesus has given you and receiving it with faith and love, you will make a firm intention of defending it from every impurity and misery. Your house shall be the temple of God too if you will learn to fight against all that deconsecrates it.

The purity of life and customs shall be rewarded with physical health and in family peace you will foretaste the one of Heaven.

I bless in this moment all the families present who, keeping these desires of mine in their heart, will do all they can that depends on them to put them into practise.

I bless the betrothed present and I promise them that, if they learn to really love one another in the Lord, they will start an ideal family, in which the help of Providence will never be lacking.

What shall I say to all those people who allow others to gather in their own home for prayer? Children, I bless you. Your home is mine and my heavenly home shall be yours.

To all and to each one my embrace and the joy of my heart.

I bless you again one by one. Goodbye!

## **THE WORLD NEEDS LOVE**

*August 6, 1973*

Beloved children, what better day to meet than this, in which the transfiguration of my Son on Mount Tabor is recalled?

This is my Tabor, on which I want to transform your hearts and your life. You will leave here more good, with intentions of holi-

ness and with that replenishment of grace whereby everyone of you will become like a gushing fountain.

Tell me, my children, what has the world need of? Perhaps of stupendous and excellent works through the intelligence with which they will be executed? Perhaps of heroes who know how to combat and overcome the enemies, who are all sons of God? Perhaps of riches, of gold, of new lands, of new discoveries? No, the world needs love. Of a true love that can make all men into a great unity, of families into oases of peace, of religious communities, of parish families into true schools of goodness, of wisdom and of truth.

That's why I say to you here, at the foot of this altar, where I deign to speak to you by means of this little instrument, you must make a spiritual replenishment of grace and love.

Many times Christians think that God will be very severe on those who make mistakes in the field of chastity and purity, but they forget that phrase of my Jesus that sounds grave for those who have known the truth: "*The harlots will pass ahead before you* (Mt 21:30)."

Children, I would like for you to understand well how much responsibility you have before God, you who have received from Him gifts of predilection right from birth, you who have been preserved from many dangers, not because of your merit, but through the goodness of God and through the virtue, the prayers and the merits of your holy mothers. What gratitude I would like to see you cultivate in your heart towards all those who have collaborated for your Christian education and for the good success of your life!

How I would like for your hearts to be rich with mercy towards all those who err in every field, knowing well that not all are responsible for the evil that they commit.

I would really like to transform your thoughts and render them more and more benevolent towards the sinners, who too are sons of God.

I would like to transform your words, so that none of them may be stinging or evil. The language, my children, ought to be the external expression of that divine music which dwells in every soul in grace, and it is the language of God.

Only in this way the actions of your life are blessed, because they are like the good seed that the worker of the good God sheds a bit everywhere. What a great thing to be propagators of love! The more you spread it, the more your heart is filled. Have a go. You will get to a point that by force of loving, your heart will seem so inflated as not to be able to do without giving love. You say often that invocation: "*Where there is hatred, let me bring love.*" May it be truly so. Fill yourselves with love, for it is this the sanctity that the Father desires from you.

If you wish to know the limit that you must give to your affections, here, I'll teach it to you: love up to stretching out your arms like Jesus did, love up to being put on the cross. If someone asks me if he should forgive always, I answer: yes, always, because you also want to be forgiven always. If someone asks me up to what point must he be generous, I answer: up to forgetting yourself completely in order to think of others, because only then will the Lord take complete care of yourself.

Your health worries you, your liberty bothers you, have you desires of peace, do you want God's blessing on your house? Well then, in an act of love towards God offer Him everything, by thinking about those who have no health, no home, no peace, nothing of what is desirable and the Lord, who is God of goodness and love, will give you everything, also what you do not know useful for yourself and which therefore, you do not ask for.

And now, reflect over these words that I have addressed to everyone and to each one, and returning to your homes, luminous in the face like Moses after his encounter with the Lord, say to yourselves: "*I must bring faith, love and grace everywhere.*"

To all my blessing.

## YOU MUST MAKE ME TWO GIFTS

*August 7, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, here you are at my feet, desirous of graces, desirous of honouring me. I am your Mother, the Queen of Heaven, and how could I not hear your petitions while I know that you love me?

See, I look at you one by one, just as my Jesus looked at his disciples. I see you a bit imperfect, but it is enough for me that you feel yourselves such in order to be indulgent with you. A poor man who knows he is so and puts out his hand, always finds a good heart who helps him. You also do the same. You know that the presumptuous do not encounter the benevolence of God's heart, who prefers the humble.

In his preaching, Jesus said that you must be little like children, that is, simple and humble like them; and with the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican He indicated to you that humility is the dominant note that your prayer must have in order to be heard. Feel yourselves needy of God, feel yourselves poor, feel like children.

When you present yourselves here, I welcome you with open arms, I bring you close to my heart, I consider you as mine, but I beg you, let no thought of haughtiness or pride come to disturb our encounters, our heavenly colloquy's.

And now listen to me well, I must give you another teaching. You know what a great gift the Lord gave you giving you speech. There is a very important organ in your mouth that is indispensable for emitting sounds and for speaking. It is the tongue. How painful it is not having the use of the word, to be mute! My Son also felt so sorry for the mute as to compel Him to work miracles in order to heal them. Sometimes it was the devil himself that forced to keep quiet and Jesus, expelling him from some, gave speech.



A mother rejoices when she hears her child utter its first words; it is like as if a great event were verified in her house. Undoubtedly the Lord, making a gift to man of the tongue, gave him the way express the affections of the heart and the thoughts of the mind; but do you believe perhaps that He had not thought of the praises that his creature would have raised to Him by means of prayer and song?

The tongue therefore, is a privileged organ. But tell me, children, how is it possible for a gift so great to be used to offend the Creator in a most pitiless way? Consider that blasphemy not only dirties the soul, but degrades the tongue that utters it. There are little children who have not yet reached a full development of their reason, who blaspheme because their father blasphemes. There are young people who use blasphemy as a refrain, and mature men who already ought to be preparing themselves for their encounter with God, who insult Him like an unclean and wicked being.

Blasphemy, children, is something tremendous that calls for lightning bolts on to the earth. Moreover, there is another way of deconsecrating the tongue that so many times has received on itself the Body of Christ. It is murmuring, criticism, calumny. And here I address myself to the women in a particular way. Why, my daughters, don't you put a padlock on your lips that will prevent you from talking? It seems that the world does not have any topic to discuss except that of criticizing others. My daughters, don't take it badly if I am harsh, but from you who come here I demand a better perfection. Will you promise me? If you don't know what to talk about, pray, sing, talk to me, to God.

This is the second gift that you must give me when you come here. You must bring me a clean tongue, free from all that contaminates it. How many discords and how many less sufferings, how many sins and how many less responsibilities!

Know that many people who in life you have considered holy, stay in Purgatory for many years in order to purify the sins com-

mitted with the tongue, which they expiate with unspeakable penalties. Fraternal charity must be manifested with thoughts, with actions and with benevolent words. I recall to you in this moment a deed of the Old Testament that can be a warning to you: Miriam with Aaron had murmured and criticized Moses, prophet and leader of God, and God chastised her making her body to be covered with leprosy, from which she was liberated only through the prayers of Moses.

Do you want my graces therefore? Pray to me with humility and behave so that your tongue may be pure.

Children, I embrace you blessing you.

### **MAKE PEACE WITH EVERYONE**

*August 12, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, I am here to address a brief and simple word to you in order to prepare you to celebrate with joy my assumption into Heaven.

I see you many times lacking confidence and shattered and I hear you utter words of desperation that grieve me so much. These moments of desolation of yours remind me of the discouragement of the prophet Elijah, who prayed to the Lord to let him die, for he could not carry on any longer. But an angel of the Lord, pointing out to him a flat bread and water, said to him: "*Get up and eat* (3 Kings 19:5)." He said it to him and he repeated it to him. Elijah obeyed, and that food and that drink helped him and he was able to walk for forty days without taking anything else.

My children, I also repeat to you insistently and with love: Take and eat. I invite you approach the Eucharist with great desire and with great purity, because this is the living Bread descended from Heaven that gives strength, health and joy. And I invite you to make Communion the centre of your day.

I give you then the bread of my word, which I want for you to

welcome with gratitude and with the desire to transmute it into works of personal perfectionment and into works of good in favour of the brethren. Yes, it is a genuine bread and tasty, which many times is wasted by habit or by doubt or by that negligence that is sometimes guilty.

Learn to commit yourselves, children, because you have to fear that this gift may not be repeated to you and that it may be given as a talent to whoever learns to make it bear fruit better. With this bread and with this salutary water of my tears, which I give as gift to all those who are in sorrow, I assure you that you will be strong enough to proceed serenely along your path.

My Jesus is a God of love. I am the Queen of Peace and the Mother of Divine Love, and our desire is for all men to be happy, to be in peace with God, with their neighbour and with themselves, because only in this way will they possess true joy.

You must therefore, on these days, maintain in your relationships with God that peace that is the exclusion of sin. Do you think that it is very hard to sin? But how it ought to be inadmissible to offend Him who is goodness by essence! He only commands what is good and useful for you. But how can one rebel against a Father so good, a legislator so wise, a king so condescending, who leaves his subjects perfectly free?

A little good will and the desire to watch carefully over one's thoughts, affections and actions will be enough not to fall. If then you should err through weakness, with what mercy my Jesus welcomes you in order to pardon you!

But listen to me well. Many times your worries are caused by the people that surround you, by your children or by your spouse, by whom you lose your peace. And what can you do if you are not listened to, if you are not obeyed and if those who ought to love you do not love you? Do you want to despair and lose your soul over them?

Children, there is a means to speak to hearts and it is prayer. There is

another means, and it is that of offering to God your tears and your sufferings so that your loved ones may amend.

When you have edified with your good example, when you have wept and prayed, be in peace. Your loved ones will amend themselves only through the grace of God. It will not be your arguments and fiery or bad words or that will soften their hearts. Have peace with everyone. Exercise charity, even when it seems that you have to defend yourself or having to do justice. Never be argumentative, since arguments, divisions, resentments, hatred, are all products that derive from the Evil One and whoever uses them only goes along with his work.

Do you not see how instead of building, the spiritual edifice is being demolished by cultivating resentment and hatred in the heart? How will one be able to go to receive Him who said: *“If someone has something against you, go and make peace with him before making your offering?”* How many unfruitful and sinful Communions, because one does not want to forgive.

Have peace, children, so that Jesus can say also to you: *“Blessed the peaceful for they will possess the earth.”*

What earth will you possess if you learn to keep the peace? You will have united your children, your family, your relatives to your heart. How many times an interior bitterness explodes into continual criticisms and wickedness at the expense of everyone.

Children, empty your heart from all that smells of evil and put into it all that can guarantee you tranquillity. Say to Jesus: *“Give me some of that water, the drinking of which I shall no longer thirst.”* There is in some people an inextinguishable thirst for vengeance. Behave so the most sweet water that gushed forth from the wound of the heart of my Jesus and his blood, that you receive in Communion, be like a powerful extinguisher that puts out the fire of the human passions.

You will prepare yourselves like this and the Assumption will be a great solemnity for you.

See you again, children. I bless you one by one and I love you.

## MY DESIRES ARE THESE

*August 13, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, thank you for having come to visit me in this little shrine of mine. I give here a private audience to those children who love me and I communicate my desires to them.

You are united in my name and I want to assure you that your names are written in my heart and I will never erase them until I see you happy in Heaven.

My desires are these. Do so that I may be able to enter into your towns, into your families, into your hearts by means of the Holy Rosary. It will be the means to preserve the faith and to bring it back where it has fallen away.

My second desire is that you have a lot of respect, esteem, love and adoration for the Holy Eucharist. Behave so that the living Bread descended from Heaven, entering into your heart, may find it free from every wickedness and full of love towards God and the brethren. The Eucharist is God with you. Learn to appreciate such a gift that exceeds every expectation of yours.

May the merciful Jesus, coming into your hearts, justify you every day before the Father and obtain for you the pardon of all those miseries which the life of men is full of.

I ask you for another favour. Love, obey and defend Pope Paul VI. Know that he who is with him is with Jesus; he who despises him, despises my Son.

Children, I bless you one by one and, calling you by name, say to each one: if you will do what I have asked you, Paradise shall be yours.

Goodbye, children. May your souls shine always by the grace of God before Him, the angels and the saints and may they, with his help, perform all the good that He wants from you.

## EVERYONE RECEIVES A MANDATE

*August 14, 1973*

I am the Immaculate, children, here with you in a very special way in order to pray with you to the Father for the needs of all humanity.

When you pray here, after having rekindled in yourselves the sorrow for sins, act in a way that makes your faith more lively. They are not vain words what you pronounce. It is not a soliloquy what you are doing, but a real dialogue between yourselves and superior beings to whom you address yourselves. And they respond to you, uniting their voice to yours and granting what is necessary for you for human living and for that pilgrimage that you are doing, which point of arrival is Paradise.

Today I present myself to you as the Immaculate who, burning with love for her God and Son, had no other desire than to leave the earth in order to be able to reach Him.

They call death my passage from this to the other life, but death implies the separation of the soul from the body, and that did not happen in me. My death was an apparent death, it was like a deep sleep. In this way you think about me sleeping in my bed, which John had laid out well. And truly he watched this passing of mine, until he saw me ascend to Heaven carried by the angels.

I had accomplished my mission, which I would have continued to carry out from Heaven. I entrusted to John the sacred deposit of watching over priestly chastity, to him who was truly the chaste one, the virgin.

So it happens or ought to happen for all men. When, after having done the will of God during their existence, they reach the moment of leaving the exile for the Homeland, they ought to have a spiritual patrimony to leave to those who will come after them.

So did Moses, who, after having led the people of Israel for many years, just a little before his death, by the will of God, he

handed over to Joshua the mandate of continuing his work.

Everyone of you are doing a divine mandate in favour of the Church and it is called to be a living rock. Act so that, growing more every day in love, engrossed by your duty, which is the will of God, you find yourselves so desirous of being reunited with Him, that it may not be painful for you to entrust to your loved ones that patrimony of faith that you have acquired and to leave the earth. To die of love has been the aspiration of many saints, but one reaches that point living by love.

Children, I know that you live in a moment so difficult of the history of the Church and of the world. You find yourselves often agitated and undecided on what to do, for those who ought to help you many times put stumbling blocks, those who ought to be light and salt of the earth are nothing but darkness and those whom you would like to accept what you believe in, make fun of you and refuse to believe. But struggle strengthens virtue and makes one heroic, therefore everything turns to your advantage.

I desire however, that you learn to justify at least in intentions your neighbour. I desire that you learn to distinguish between what is basic and indispensable and what is a greater good and true, but of secondary importance in the sense that, if it is a gift for you to receive so much abundance of light, it cannot be a condemnation for those who have not received such a gift.

I would like nevertheless, to point out to you a reality. There are many who say: "*We do not accept the reports of apparitions and revelations and anyhow we reject the charisms from whatever part they come.*" They say: "*The Gospel is enough for us!*" But are these persons really sure of putting into practise the Gospel in all its details and the teaching of the Church? Most probably those who refuse to believe in charisms, refuse also to believe in the continual work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. How will they be able to believe in the infallibility of the Pope? How will they be able to correspond to the call of God to holiness, which is a work

of the Holy Spirit.

My children, I would be very happy that children devoted to the Church, who nourish themselves with the Eucharist, who make use of the sacraments and prayer, be it vocal or mental, to assert of not wanting anything else but perfect observance to the Gospel. But is it not perhaps that very personal rebukes hurt, that one does not want to accept the additional, that is, all that God puts at the disposal of his children in order to help them?

Yes, respect everybody's opinion, but learn also by an upright life to be a call to those who do not welcome not only the charisms, but not even the Gospel.

And now, children, to you who keep on filling yourselves more and more with these gifts, I say: learn to preserve them and hand them down and spread them with charity, with wisdom and with ardour. However, let your apostolate be defended by that virtue of prudence so necessary that will make you avoid strong discussions and divisions.

I bless you all. I bless the Pontedera cenacle with all its constituents.

## **MY SPIRITUAL TESTAMENT**

*August 15, 1973*

Children, what a gift of love you have wanted to make me! I thank you and I am grateful to you.

The day in which a mother is missing in her family is a day of great sorrow, and every good son desires to be at her bedside to gather up her last words, her blessings and her desires.

You have wanted to do precisely that, and since it is not for me a day of sorrow but of great joy, you have wanted to honour me with delightful songs and with prayers. Now it's my turn to give you some words that may reward you for so much kindness. I therefore, will do this, I will tell you first of all what is my spiri-



tual testament. It cannot be much different than that of my Son, but I'll summarize it for you in a few words.

*“Love me, love each other in God and love God, so that we, meeting each other in Heaven again, can continue to love each other in God forever.”* They are simple words, in which is comprised the whole Law and which makes up the only code that will form the object of the Last Judgement, whereby it is impossible to be saved if one does not observe it.

To love me, is like saying to serve me and to imitate me, exactly because there cannot be true love without going out of one's way in every way in order to do the will of the person loved and without that special study to know her virtues and imitate her.

Love each other, because only in this way will you please me. The souls that love me form like a wreath of fragrant flowers around my heart, only if united amongst themselves in a mutual charity, they maintain that harmony and that solidarity which mirrors the one of the blessed of Heaven.

Love each other in God, that is, lift up your affections up to reaching the greatest heights. In the midst of a world that only knows the baseness of the passions, learn to fly with the agility of the angels. Learn to identify the dangers and learn to dodge them, even when they seem justified things because *“they all do it”*, or even because the modern fashions has brought its demands. Love in God, so that together with the affection that precious time is not wasted which must be employed only to the glory of God.

You will say to me: *“Can we not love each other then, on a human level?”* Yes, my children, but only as God commands it, and to love one another means to see in those who are near you a soul to be saved, a body to be respected and helped.

In this way may my testament be impressed in your mind and in your heart, which I in this moment widely bless. I want for this blessing to descend not only on you but also on your loved ones and on the suffering souls, so that they may have refreshment and

consolation.

May also your loved ones who are not here and who need help feel the marvellous influence of this maternal blessing. And you, above all, welcome with trust and with faith this blessing and bring it everywhere. In the world there is only cursing following the devil's way of behaviour, who only knows how to curse and would not be able to do otherwise, so much is the hatred that poisons him.

In contrast to these curses, bless always even only mentally, even when the treatment that you receive would give you the wish to curse, wishing every evil. Never let any words of malediction leave your lips, but bless everyone, wishing every good.

And now, as any good mother that leaves the earth, I want to leave you a little gift. Everyone, leaving here, will receive a rose, it does not matter whether more or less beautiful. It will be a symbol of the love that I bear you. You will bring into your homes this rose that will speak about me. In moments of discouragement or when temptation will try to make you fall into some trap of the devil, kiss that rose that I have blessed and you will see that the calm will return and you will feel stronger. I would like to give you a golden rose, since you give to me every day fragrant roses with the recitation of the Rosary, but I reserve to myself your crowning on that last day, when, after having assisted you on the point of death, I will introduce you into the glory of Heaven.

You have therefore, understood well: I have given you my testament, I have blessed you and I have left you an inheritance.

Continue to love me in this way, like good children, simple and humble, and I will continue to love you as Mother and Queen.

## STAY BESIDE ME

August 15, 1973

My children, I am still here and you rejoice over it. I am the Assumed One and I am the Mother of Orphans.

How could I abandon you if my Jesus, before ascending into Heaven, said: "*I will not leave you orphans* (Jn 14:18)." I went walking in his footsteps. That's why I am in Heaven and at the same time I am beside all those children who invoke me or who are in sorrow and in need of help. It is my job of salvation that demands it.

When to the devil tempter who had deceived Adam and Eve, God said: "*A woman will come who will crush your head* (Gn 3:15)", it portended my coming and my job. But when from the top of the cross Jesus entrusted to me in John all the men of earth, even if step by step I had followed my Jesus in all his life so as to participate in his sufferings, his joys and his anxieties, then more than ever my mission of salvation was clarified.

This is why I cannot remain inactive. The world despises me, though hearing continuous calls. I weep, I speak, I illuminate and I shake souls. The extraordinary has become a great means to shake consciences, to increase faith, to convert and to save. Unfortunately those who accept the extraordinary are only the little and the simple. They are the so-called poor in spirit, who, turning a mystery into a certainty, are not confused, but give thanks, knowing well that for God everything is possible.

But why does so much restlessness disturb the heart of men? Are you not children of God and do you not have beside you a Mother who, taking you by the hand, guides you along the eternal paths, showing you his and your residence?

How brutal it is to live on earth like wayfarers without a destination, like blind men without a guide, only because that help which is freely offered is refused. Come on, children, you have a good

Mother who watches you and waits for you. You have only to run following the perfumes that emanate from my presence. They are the perfumes of Heaven. They are perfumes of sublime virtues, but also common to all those who wish to love the Lord.'

Do you want to be good? I teach goodness to you. I also have lived your life. I have felt the weight of the insult, the misunderstanding, the slander. I have experienced poverty in its extreme hardness, and sorrow in its most varied forms did not leave me for a moment. Who better than me can understand you in all your needs? And who loves you more than me and desires and has the possibility of helping you? Oh, do not distance yourselves from me, this only I want!

I have to love you because you are children conceived to me with sorrow at the foot of the cross. I have to love you because you are the brothers of my Jesus, who is the Head of that mystical body that is the Church of which you are members. I love you because you are my neighbour and the command of charity is more for me than for any other. Moreover, I also have to love you immensely because in Paradise you will be my crown and I shall be your joy.

Never let this faith lessen in you, and the desire to please me shall be returned by me with the desire of pleasing you by going along with your holy desires.

When in your needs you have recourse to me, you give me great pleasure and great honour; but never forget that, in uttering my name, your invocation reaches up to God. Every prayer of mine, every work of mine is not intended except to glorify God, whereby whoever turns to me reaches that perfection that the Lord wants from each one.

And now, my children, while I point out Heaven to you and I would like to show it to you studded with stars, I stretch out my mantle in order to welcome you under it, like the hen does which, feeling the storm approaching, calls her little ones so that they

may be defended from it.

Stay beside me and have peace. Adversities exist for everyone. Learn to accept them with that serenity that the child has when it knows he is being guarded by the mother.

I bless you, children, and again I repeat to you my love.

A special blessing to the group from Lecco. Your faith, generosity and spirit of sacrifice render you worthy of many graces.

To all those who, though being far away from here join themselves in prayer, I give blessings and graces, even if the meeting in this place is so pleasing to me.

### **IF EVERYONE WERE TO PUT THEMSELVES IN MY HANDS ...**

*August 19, 1973*

Beloved children, how pleasing it was to me that consecration personally renewed also in the name of your loved ones!

Believe me, if all men of earth were to consciously and freely consecrate themselves to me, that is to say, if they were to put themselves in my hands and put me in charge of their eternal salvation, no one would be lost anymore.

When a soul consecrates itself to me, I put it in my womb and I let it grow nurturing and instructing it, until, having reached a ripe age, I can let it be born, that is, be born to eternal life. I would like to entrust to you this task of salvation: consecrate to me as many souls as you can. Speak to them about this desire of mine, of the help that I wish to give to all so that they may be converted, so that they may return to the faith, so that they may live a life of true Christians.

Many call themselves Christians, but of Christianity they keep only Baptism. They have destroyed everything that qualified them before God. They have above all, destroyed grace, which is like the sap that lets one live united to Jesus and which permits one to

be called children of God.

How many people you see walk along the streets of your cities and your towns, who in appearance seem full of health and are but walking corpses. Sin caused death. If they return to my heart, I do as I did one day to my Jesus, when they put Him in my arms deprived of life. I washed Him, I cleaned Him, I anointed Him with the perfumed ointment and I wrapped Him in the white linen. I do the same with the souls that are presented to me in sin. I clean them again, I perfume their virtues, I wrap them in the white linen of charity, then I present them to the Father.

The white fleece of the little sheep, who hang on my words and keep on continuously gauging my looks and desire to do only what is my will, which coincides with that of God's, I preserve it to its primitive whiteness. But when rebellious sheep keep getting dirty in order to go and enjoy the forbidden pastures, then my work becomes indispensable. That's why it is necessary to consecrate one's self to me. I take on the responsibility and bring my mission to an end.

Come therefore, bring me everyone. Bring me the little children. Do not do like the disciples, who, fearing that the children would annoy my Jesus, moved them away from Him. If you wish to facilitate my encounter with them, establish a day, at least once a month.

Don't you see how the devil stands at their side in order to ruin them in body and in spirit? Try to ask many of them if they want to pray or come to Church, and you will see that they rebel and dig their heels in. Don't you understand that the devil seeks every means to make them his?

No one speaks anymore about purity and the beautiful virtues to these children! No one speaks about the Commandments of God, which are suffocated in the consciences and in morals. Yes, bring me the little children, so that I may save them and so that their mothers may find in me a collaborator and a Teacher.

Bring me the young. How many young people I would like here beside my heart in order to make each one understand the desires of love that devour the heart of my Jesus.

Let the priests come and be renewed in trust and in my love. Let them renew their promises too and their ideals, those blossomed in my shrines, that formed the trio so pleasing to God: purity, poverty and humility, which leads to obedience.

God's invitations are always the same, who always asks for the same sacrifices from his beloved children.

If one loves with a true love, one cannot have but a bond with my Jesus that is called virginity. If one wants to keep the feet in only one pair of shoes, one cannot love God and "mammon". And if one day desires to enjoy the favours of my Jesus and mine, it is necessary to be little by means of humility.

Therefore, let the priests come and consecrate themselves to me, so that a great esteem for their vocation may be reawakened in them and the desire to correspond to it.

Goodbye, children. I bless you all one by one.

## **I AM THE QUEEN OF PEACE**

*August 21, 1973*

Children so dear to the heart of Jesus and mine, peace be to you and to your families. I am the Queen of peace and I wish to give you this precious gift, since to have peace is indispensable in order to be able to continue on in the way of good and be able to be of use to souls.

Internal and external restlessness does not construct, does not build and is of no use to anyone.

This peace that I desire to give you, provided that you want to receive it, carries with it the detachment from things of this world. Observe men of earth how they thrash around in the most absurd worries. The thought of possessing and enriching torments them,

whereby every minute and every work carry like a factory trademark: possess, enrich in order to then enjoy. They forget that Jesus had said: *“Blessed the poor.”* They forget also the other words of Jesus: *“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of the heavens (Mk 10:25).”*

It happens therefore, that many, worried over the things of the world, lose their peace here and will not be able to reach not even that peace that is the happiness of Paradise.

You are not of this category. I see your generosity and the detachment you have from fleeting things. It is easy however, for you too, like Peter, to ask my Jesus: *“What then shall become of us, who have left everything for your sake, what will there be for us (Mk 10:28)?”* And it seems that I hear my Jesus repeat to you: *“To you who have left everything for my sake, shall be given a hundredfold in this life and in the next (Mk 10:30).”*

Oh, how I would like in all that I have said to you for you to underline one word alone: *“for my sake”!* Remember children, that it is only love that counts and that all that is done for love merits a reward, while, when the intention is not all pure or is mistaken, the fruit of the work is halved or is void. All for love!

I see some people who forget this duty, even if they are regular at the sacraments and prayer.

I know that you have your necessities that beset you, but do you not see how the Lord provides for everything? It has been said to you that He makes the sun rise on the good and the wicked and He clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air and the fish of the water. The infinite providence of God watches over everyone and each one. Increase your faith therefore, have peace, live day to day! You are not creatures abandoned to yourselves, but you are directed, guided, because you are loved by Him who governs the universe.

The riches of the world are all yours, since God willed that man be king of creation and that all creatures that inhabit it were to



serve for the happiness and the good of man. Learn to enjoy what He has given you. Let the heaven with all its marvels, the sea with its immensity, nature with its beauty, enlarge your heart in gratitude and love.

You will say: *“All this is good, but in the meantime we have children incredulous and wicked, we have material and moral misery in the family, we have illnesses and infirmities that disturb us and we have the devil who torments us and wants to lead us to desperation. What must we do?”*

Human life, children, brings with it many evils that are the consequence of sin. But perhaps it will be adding sin to sin for you to be freed from evil? What do the doves do when they find themselves before the rubbish of the earth? They take flight and land on the roofs.

Try to elevate your thoughts and to put them in the things of the spirit. Try to draw from my heart, from the heart of God, that grace which is strength and you will see how, though feeling miserable because of the moral miseries, poor and troubled, you will feel rich with the riches of God, up to enjoying your poverty and all that makes you suffer.

You have had models and you will have them always, for the Church is the mother of the saints. Follow their example.

Don't be full of yourselves so as to believe yourselves perfect, but look around you. The Lord does nothing but generate examples, so that they may be a guide and a teaching to others.

Nobody can qualify himself as teacher, for Jesus has said that He alone is Teacher; all however have something to give and something to receive.

Say to Jesus and to me that you want nothing, but it is enough for you to give yourselves to us incessantly, so that, enriched with us, you may be of help to the brethren.

I bless you, dear children. To all my embrace full of affectionate tenderness.

## I GIVE YOU WISDOM AND HOLY FEAR

*August 22, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, here I am, I am with you. Today you honour me as Queen and I wish to open to you the casket of my heart and offer you my riches, my jewels. I want to make you aware of your greatness. You are my children, you are my subjects, you are what I have the most dear after my God and Lord. What are my treasures which I wish to make you a gift of?

I wish to give you wisdom. I wish to uncover to your gaze those truths that, if you succeed in understanding, will render you happy. I wish to make you know better and better my Son. If I am really Queen, it is because I have had the call and the mission to be Mother of God. The Son of God made man is King of the universe, and I, inasmuch his Mother, have been elevated to royal dignity.

Of this dignity you too have to be more and more conscious. You are sons of the King, and the human wisdom that forms the adornment of those who are elevated in dignity, disappears before your elevation.

The divine wisdom, which I want to give you, will make you discover more and more and better and better how necessary it is to enrich yourselves with virtue in order to grow in that sanctity which is a calling for Christians of all times. The eternal wisdom is my Jesus, for He alone is holiness personified.

When I open my casket to my children and I make a gift of wisdom, holiness no longer appears as an unsurmountable mountain, but as an every day conquest. The Queen does not hold back secrets for her children, whom she loves with a very special love. These secrets that I keep on revealing to you and which you welcome as little grains of wisdom, are the steps that make you ascend little by little in order to arrive at the summit.

Moreover, my children, I want to also manifest to you my great-

ness, so that it may be a great honour for you to serve me and with great love for you to listen to me. A queen must have a kingdom. Well then, look at the universe with all its inhabitants.

The sceptre of command is in my hands and every creature could and ought to call me Blessed. But look at the contrast: while the angels and the saints of Heaven sing praises to their Queen, while the suffering souls yearn to have me with them, many men despise me, they reject my gifts and deny my greatness which is like a reverberation of the greatness of God. In the kingdom there are rebels.

In this way the prince of this world, who is Satan, works to ruin my kingdom, the one of souls. Every king has his laws and my laws are those of love, because they have to be the echo of those divine Laws that God gave to man and which my Jesus sanctioned and completed. I make light and I explain what could be incomprehensible to my children.

The light that comes from God is direct. My light is reflected, but so necessary so that you may not be dazzled. I instruct you, I give you light and do so in a way that truths may arrive to your mind and to your heart with so much simplicity and gentleness whereby it may not be difficult for you to practise them. In this way you can draw at my spring, that comes down from the heart of God, and to fill yourselves and to quench your thirst.

It is therefore true, that I am Mother and Queen. He who directs a people, must give to the transgressors of the laws, penalties more or less severe according to the gravity of the infraction. But I pay personally with my tears and I offer the blood of my Jesus as reparation and as ransom. But how much do the transgressors make me suffer!

I would like to have all men of earth close to me and I would do for each one much more than the most tender and the most powerful of mothers could do. But many do not listen to me, do not love me, reject my patronage in this life and do not care about eternal

life, to which I wish to direct them.

I open my casket again in your favour and I give you holy fear. It does not seem such a valuable gift to you, and yet were you to know, children, how great its value is!

The fear of God is the awareness of his greatness, his goodness, his power. If you have this fear, I assure you that you will never offend the Lord, but almost without realizing it you will be carried to love.

Now I have told you what I can do for each one of you, but my royalty shall have its triumph in Paradise. It will be marvellous to see you there, all you who will have followed and loved me, take part of my own glory.

The kings of the earth many times see their children flounder in problems and difficulties to which they cannot give a solution and a help. The kings of the earth see sometimes their own families destroyed and deprived of the throne and riches, but what I promise I keep and what I give does not have the duration of one day. My kingdom, which is the one of my Son, will last forever and everyone that will be a part of this kingdom shall be in possession of a complete happiness. The desires will be fulfilled and every elect shall enjoy not only his happiness, but also the one of the others as his own.

When a mother sincerely loves her children, she is happy to make them sharers of what she possesses. Well then, I shall be happy to make you all sharers of what I possess, forever.

Children, thank you for the love that you bear me, that I return to you from the heart, a hundredfold. You give me an hour of prayer. I give you all that my heart sees useful for you in view of an eternal reward.

I bless you and I love you. I remain with you in order to give value to your prayer.

## THERE ARE CRUCIAL CHOICES

*August 26, 1973*

Beloved children, who, called with a special gift of grace, are here in my house to make the prayer into a gift of love for the Church and for humanity, may you be blessed.

I look at you one by one and, calling you by name as once on the day of your Baptism, I invite you to make in your life, so precious to the eyes of God, your choices.

When my Jesus invited his disciples to seek not so much the material bread, but the spiritual one, many of them went away, whereupon He turned to the apostles asking if they too wanted to go away.

But to you who have come here I only have to say: You have chosen well, because against the worldly amusements you have learnt to put before the joys of the spirit that come from the communicating of earth with Heaven. I must give you nevertheless some explanation that may help you always in your choices.

From the moment in which a creature has the use of reason, he has also the freedom to choose between good and evil. There are however, some human laws that condition every man and there are some divine laws to which you cannot rebel against, which you cannot deny even if you would like to oppose them with your will.

I explain myself, so that it may be easier for you to understand: even if all men were to behave as the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah and wanted to persuade themselves that in that there is no evil, an intimate law would tell you the whole opposite and would assure you that certain actions are reproachable.

There are then choices that are crucial for your whole life.

When a soul receives Holy Baptism and with it is made a part of the family of God, it assumes some commitments to which it must always be faithful, even if the godfathers or the parents speak for

it.

When with the sacrament of Confirmation one enters to be a part of the militia of Jesus Christ and one becomes his soldiers, a commitment is accepted, a choice is made to which one must keep faith for the whole life.

When in the sacrament of Matrimony, the spouses before God swear unconditional fidelity, it is a sacrosanct commitment that they take on, to which they must be faithful for the whole life.

They are choices to which the Lord superintends, who cannot be treated as a mock king.

The same thing stands for those who, embracing the priestly state or the religious life, have given to the values of the spirit a clear superiority to the material ones.

But also the commitments of daily life require a continuous choice. There are those who for a better choice mean the freedom to sin and they do not realize that with it they become a slave of Satan, author of sin. There are those who do not want masters, do not want to be a servant and do not realize that, rebelling against a master, render themselves subject to others, more arrogant and wicked.

I point out the way to you and I help you to follow it. If servility is a deplorable thing, there is a Lord at whose service everyone should be. There is a Lord who remunerates justly and over abundantly those who work for Him up to paying the workers of the last hour also, and who wants everyone happy and content. Before Him the kings of the earth are like pygmies and the humble souls who offer their collaboration are giants.

Oh, may the day come in which all, little and great, striving to glorify this King of kings and Lord of rulers, feel all useful and none superior, all sinners therefore need of help, all blind and therefore needy of light.

One cannot arrive at general changes without changing individual consciences. That's why therefore, Baptism has to be a com-

mitment to practise justice, that virtue which learns to give to God what is due to Him, according to Jesus' warning: "*Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's* (Mk 12:20)"; that virtue whereby the neighbour is not defrauded, but is given to him what is due to him, since it lets one recognize that all have the same rights.

That's why the choice of Confirmation becomes opportune, which lets you exercise fortitude and overcome human respect. And the fidelity to the oaths made before God is like a granite-like rock, that makes one prefer death to falling short of them.

Fidelity to grace, which is the same as fidelity to God in Christian witness, is the guarantee that the choice has been made well and that it produces fruits of eternal life.

Children, I think that you have understood me. Now I help you to continue well, blessing you. To all an affectionate embrace with a warm goodbye.

## **FOR THE GLORY OF GOD**

*August 28, 1973*

Beloved children, destined for Paradise and for eternal glory, peace be with you now and always. I am the Queen of the angels and the saints. I am the humble servant of the King of eternal glory.

How I rejoice when, inserting the different mysteries of the Rosary, you raise a hymn of glory to the Most Holy Trinity. This is the most important action that is done in Heaven, this is the desire of the suffering souls. This ought to be the yearning of every creature. Consider that in hell the souls of the damned and the demons feel themselves crushed by the infinite glory of God, which derives from his justice also infinite.

To seek the glory of God in everything: this is sanctity. God is happy and glorious in himself and his glory cannot lessen, for it

derives from his essence and from his greatness. The heavenly and human creatures only have to give recognition to this glory and concur in glorifying God with their existence and with their sanctity.

The angels above the hut of Bethlehem sang: “*Glory to God in the highest of the heavens and peace on earth to men of good will* (Lk 2:14).” The Church makes this hymn its own and invites all the faithful to sing and to bless the Lord glorifying Him.

When, after my peregrination to the house of Elizabeth I met up with her, a song of glory to God came out of my lips and I magnified the Lord who had done great things in me.

The glory of the Father was the reason for the life of Jesus on earth. Before performing miracles, but also before every action, He raised his eyes to Heaven as if to hear his will, while, after the action, He gave thanks to Him for whose glory He had acted. “*That you may be glorified, oh Father* (Jn 14:13, 15:8)”: this was his most common expression.

The glory of God, in the fulfilment of his will, must be your motivation too. How many good and beautiful works are miserably lost because vainglory like the woodworm, keeps gnawing them so as to destroy the merit,

My words that sound sweetly to your ears sometimes amaze you. Well then, know that I desire to encourage you always so that no depression may seize you. But if you wish to receive an approval that is a true praise, examine yourselves carefully. When even the most insignificant action is done for the glory of God, not only do I praise you and I bless you, but also with me all of Paradise.

Do you want to know, my children, why many times also among the good pride, jealousy and envy is easy? I tell it to you with sincerity: one seeks more one’s self than the Lord in the actions. Never let the desire to have the approval, the human consent in your doing, flatter you. Let it be enough for you to know that Him who reads into the depths of hearts, sees your intentions and He



will give you a reward for everything. Therefore, do not let slander, persecution and criticism disturb you, since similar things were the daily bread of my Jesus, mine and of all those who wanted to practise a true Christian life.

The eternal glory of God shines in the centuries and will last forever. The blasphemies that are raised up against Him will never obscure it. Blasphemies are like the spitting or those stones that little children think they can throw high and which fall back on their head, with more or less serious harm. But to those who possess faith and grace, I say: contribute to your glorification, by glorifying God for his infinite goodness, for his mercy, for his love, for his providence, for all his attributes and make your life into a song of glory.

God the Father waits for you in order to crown you with glory, so that in Him you may be able to bless his works. God the Son waits for you in order to make you enjoy his merits, through which the gates of Heaven were opened wide. God the Holy Spirit waits for you, so that the sanctity that He has cultivated in your heart and in the Church may have its triumph. And I too wait for you with all the host of the blessed, so that the task of celebrating the glory of God, which on earth is trampled underfoot by many, must be in its full triumph and last forever.

*“For the greater glory of God”*, must the priests say in the exercise of their ministry and no human reason must distract or stop or spur them. *“To the greater glory of God”*, must the parents say in the fulfilment of every duty of theirs, so that the celestial blessings may descend as bearers of gifts over their families.

For the glory of God must the sick offer up their sufferings and amongst these I wish to include all the troubled of every kind. Learn to accept, to offer and to bless the Lord in every anguish, who makes use of everything for the greater good of his creatures.

Whoever weeps, let him offer his tears; they will become precious pearls that will mature into special helps for the persons dear

to you and will be a motive of glory in Heaven. Many times you who live on this earth, have the tendency to consider human things as very valuable. If sorrow did not come to open your eyes, you would forget the real treasures, those that await you.

Let the little children learn that prayer which so honours the Most Holy Trinity and become for you all the preferred short prayer: "*Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*" It will be a reparation and a gift for all.

I bless you, children, and I assure you of my help, especially to those who are in great difficulty. Pray and repair!

### **HAVE A GENEROUS HEART**

*September 2, 1973*

Beloved children, how beautiful is this meeting so big and so fervent! Good, there is strength in unity and you will leave here reinvigorated in faith, in hope and in love, so as to be able to call others to the service of God and next to me.

Children, the holidays are ending and for many they have already ended. But do you think that this period has brought benefit to the body and the spirit? Oh no, it has brought rather a deterioration internal and external which, if you were able to truly value it, would leave you horrified.

In spite of that I as a good Mother remain always waiting, like those good family mothers who wait for their children to get home and, seeing them dirty in their clothes, sometimes torn, and their body splattered with mud, seek to clean them up again with a healthy bath.

I do this with souls and as soon as I see even the least desire of getting closer to me, I busy myself in order to patch up the rips, medicate the wounds and destroy all that filth that degrades the soul.

Man thinks he enjoys himself granting himself unlawful satisfac-

tions, but he must bitterly repent himself and be aware of being made for greatness and not for the shabbiness of earth.

When man was created, he was to have lived on earth with the thought, the heart and the desire projected towards Heaven; but the devil made our progenitors glimpse the happiness in material things and from then on his precise aim is that of distancing man from the thought of God and of Heaven. Many cooperate with the devil. Materialism keeps on gathering its victims and lust, wealth, power, are the only things desired.

In this way man loses the taste for prayer, he does not feel the desire to perfect himself and even in the good arises that indifference and that coldness for the things of the spirit that really makes one pity.

Jesus warned the Pharisees calling them whitened sepulchres, because, while they had an appearance of sanctity, they nursed evil sentiments in their heart. But what would Jesus say today to many Christians who do not even attempt the appearances?

It is proper to follow the truth and good must be done. But how can you call good that which many lump together, not distinguishing what is duty from what is supplementary?

Children, I have called you here because I have trust in you. Yes, I have called you here and you have to help me. You have to be genuine Christians, those who practise the Commandments without distinction, who follow the Law of God in the charitable sense, without limitations. Charity must move your hearts so as not to make you place limits in your works.

When one in a family wants to have a sure favour, one goes to the mother because she never says no.

I also in the great human family do the same thing and I want to hear and help everyone. But I also have a desire that I would like to be supported. Have a generous heart whereby you won't say no to whoever asks you for help. Sometimes a smile or a word, sometimes a gesture of goodness, are like the key that opens the heart

to others and renders them more good. Grant me this gift.

There are the sick in body and in spirit who await. The whole world waits. This world that would like to materialize everything, is waiting for a hand from you in order to be able to lift itself up. I know that you are full of aches and pains and worries and everyone has his troubles. But have you seen sometimes a cripple lead a blind man? One helps the other giving what he can.

Shut your sorrow in the heart of Jesus and try to feel the sorrow of others. You will feel happy in the measure in which you will render happy.

And the evil — oh, the evil! How much evil! — keeps spreading more and more. I weep in many places. But men have hardened their heart and the tears of the Mother no longer speak.

Learn to make me a gift: your tears. You weep if a son is sick in body. Well then, weep before Jesus for those sons of mine sick in soul. I know, in the world catastrophes, calamities happen. Not even these serve to make the degenerate children mend their ways. Of everything a human reason is found, and it is true that it's there. But above all the reasons write this phrase: "*They are calls of God so that one returns to Him with penance and prayer.*" Only this must men understand and, if it is necessary to take human precautions, let them be taken in the name of charity, above all however, to change one's ways.

On the head of men the days are numbered, not because the end of the world is near, but because death is watching and ready to deal its blow. If you wait for the last hour in order to prepare yourselves, perhaps you might find yourselves short of the oil of faith. This you must tell to all and to help me, because, remember it: God and his Mother never speak in vain.

And now, at the closure of this beautiful prayer that you have made in the presence of my ministers, I bless you. Cooperate with them, with prayer and sacrifice for the spreading of the Kingdom. The priests that love me, honour me and make me known, have a

preferential spot in my arms and a special power over my heart.

I bless every prayer group represented here and in a special way those who have in mind to form the cenacle in their home. I bless the persons whom you have commended to me and the beads that you bring with you. I will give light to the minds of those who will pray to me with these beads.

Be good, love each other and see you again and soon. I bless the image of my Child and my image as Child. I will work great things through them.

### **I AM MOTHER AND I TAKE CARE OF YOU**

*September 3, 1973*

Beloved children, peace be to you! Look, I am amongst you not to tell you extraordinary things, but to confirm you in faith and in trust in my Son Jesus and to assure you one more time of my help.

I am your Mother. What a title more glorious for you? What a more serious responsibility for me? I am your Mother and therefore everything about you interests me, be it the life of your body as that of the soul. As a good Mother I take care of your health. Knowing however, how many times the health of the body can bring spiritual harm to my children, I want and desire everything ordered to eternal health, whereby you must not marvel at the illnesses and infirmities that strike you.

I am happy to tell you these things as the day that recalls my birth approaches. Yes, I too would like to take care of you, like little children. I would like so much for you to have the simplicity and humility of children, the ease in forgiving, to make you happy and to rejoice over so many little things to which you don't pay attention.

Life is all made up of little things and, if a trifle is enough to ruin the happiness and the peace of a soul and a family, at times a

smile, a word, a little sacrifice is enough to make it happy.

See how good children are grateful for a little gift that they receive? Well then, your life is sown with gifts. From the awakening of the morning up to evening is a succession of gifts that you receive without appreciating. Try to consider every instant of life as a means of conquest for eternity. Then look at your life in the light of faith. Think about the gift of grace, that you have obtained through the gift of love of my Son Jesus dying on the cross.

Think how many times you have used and abuse his blood in the sacrament of Confession. How many times you have received his flesh and his blood in Communion. Think about the gifts which Providence has surrounded your existence, whereby everyone of you can affirm with certainty that the Lord watches over each one as if he were alone in the world.

The sorrows in life have not been lacking to you and these cannot be lacking, because they are the money to gain eternity and they are the consequence of sin for all; but how much strength you have had in order to cope with the different situations and to win the hardest battles. You have also succeeded in practicing some virtue, to be good and, if you have had some periods in which your faith seemed to vacillate, you have regained yourselves then and the Lord has waited patiently for you to return to prayer and to the faith in the Christian practice.

All these graces, which the Lord has shed constantly and continuously for you, pass by almost unobserved. You only notice of having lost a great gift, when your health is failing you. But in Paradise you will see all the weaving of an intense activity interwoven around each one of you by the Holy Spirit and by his collaborators in order to lead you to holiness and salvation.

Look, I return to what I said to you at the beginning. I am a Mother and I take care of you. Be docile like children, so that I may be able to educate your mind, your heart and your will so as to be able to make some masterpieces out of you.

You have done well to dialogue at the beginning of your gathering. I will give you light to understand. In the meantime the words that my Jesus said will be enough for you: *“I am the Good Shepherd who gives his life for his sheep. I know my sheep and they know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father. But I have other sheep who are not of this fold (Jn 10:11,14-16).”*

I stop myself here to say to you: in this fold I am also there. Fortunate those little sheep that through the Mother know the Son and do not wander away from us, for my Son has a nourishment for those who love Him, the eating of which one has eternal life. Whoever wanders away from us in order to drink water in polluted fountains or to eat poisoned bread, act like those who through bad food are struck by cholera.

Watch out for false prophets that come to you dressed as lambs and are ravenous wolves. Stay with serenity in the barque of Peter, for no billows will ever be able to destroy it.

Pray a lot, pray for everyone and be persevering in charity and in mutual love, even when some offence might come to embitter your heart.

I bless you all one by one giving you an affectionate embrace.

Know that sometimes, while you ask for material graces, I convert the hearts of your loved ones, and that is much more important.

See you again, children. Know that in the family cenacles the Christian spirit, so much desired by us, lives again.

## **THE MISSIONARIES OF OUR LADY**

*September 4, 1973*

Dear and beloved children, who follow me in my earthly pilgrimage offering me prayers for the benefit of all, be blessed.

Look, today I would like to give you an invitation ever so pressing. I have said to you that in the cenacles the Christian faith lives

again, by many rejected. It is therefore opportune and indispensable to make them flourish and to help the Church in this way. May therefore, arise amongst you, as already in other cities, missionaries of Our Lady who take on this task.

You ought not run as a group from one house to the other, but the missionary (male or female), will start by gathering in her own dwelling her neighbours or some relative, then little by little the other families will give out the same invitation and, to begin with, someone from a group will go to another in order to boost it.

The missionary (male or female), reads a message given to my instrument, then, after some minutes of reflection, a hymn follows and finally one prays with the meditated Rosary. At first you will say only one crown, later on three, if all want to.

I desire a great group of missionaries. They will be my beloved ones, for whom I will obtain special gifts from the Holy Spirit and so much joy to be communicated also to others.

Those who cannot do it, may involve themselves in their own Church to gather some people so that before or after Holy Mass the Rosary may be recited.

I said to you one day that this prayer is as strong as an army arrayed in battle. You will have strength to combat the devil, who in this period is unleashed and wasting the youth and the consecrated, after having broken up families and parishes. With this ever new weapon it will be easier for you to overcome temptations, because your thought will be attracted more by heavenly things than by earthly ones.

I desire that everyone of you makes himself an apostle of the word of God and of all those initiatives that serve to bring enthusiasm into the Christian life. A Christian without fervour is like a wine without gradation and strength. May the grace that I give you be also in your words in order to make a breach in hearts and lead them to good. Don't you see how audacious and cunning the children of darkness are?



Learn to go towards the daily sacrifice with the same hilarity with which the early martyrs went towards their martyrdom. And learn to take on quietly, that is with prudence but with love, those tasks of the apostolate that I desire to entrust to you.

Serenely and without presumption, defend the interests of your Spouse Jesus who by grace dwells in you. What would a dull spouse and without audacity, lazy and without initiative be worth? A little less than nothing. Do you want my help? Do you want peace in the family? Do you want for society to be healed? Put yourselves to work. Everyone has something to do. If action is not possible for everyone, it is possible to love. It is love that animates the works and magnifies them.

I am with you every day. If you sow your streets with Hail Mary's, they will diminish the sins that dirty the roads more than the dirt that you disapprove of. If you sow the Hail Mary's in your churches, the faithful who with you assist at the Holy Sacrifice would be sanctified and your priests would be sanctified, who will return to practise and to spread with love for prayer, love for honesty. If you sow in your homes Rosaries and Hail Mary's, holy vocations will flourish and the most beautiful graces will come down on families to everyone's joy.

May a group of missionaries therefore be instituted soon. They will be the gems of my crown. All, young and old, men and women, animated by zeal for the salvation of souls, will make their promise and give their support for the spreading of the Kingdom of Jesus and his Mother.

Children, I bless you all. In another time the initiative will be consolidated and it will be a triumph.

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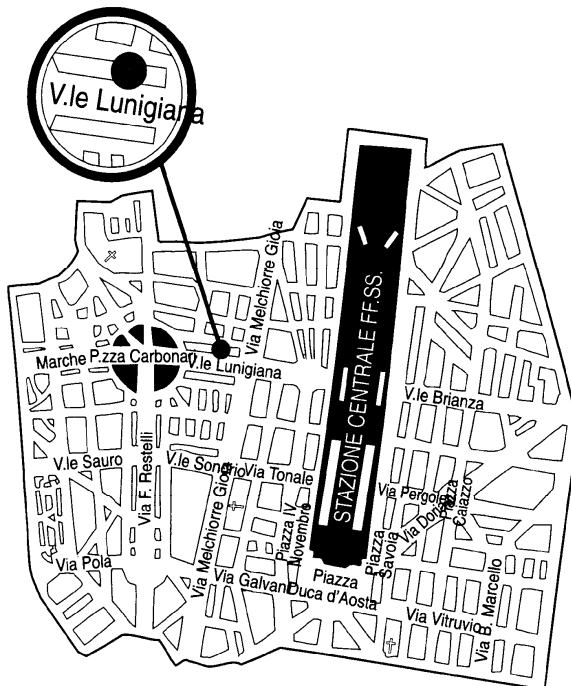


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The Message of Merciful Love was received by Mamma Carmela during a period which lasted some ten years, from 1968 to 1978. It ended in the year that Rome had at last lifted the suspension on the Divine Mercy revelations to Sister Faustina, who was subsequently canonised by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000 in St. Peter's, Rome.



In 1968, in the city of Milan, a widow with a large family, who had given her whole life to works of Mercy in her city, was praying one evening when she heard a voice that said: *“You will be another witness to my Divine Mercy. I will bless you and give you special graces. I ask your help as a beggar asks alms. Will you help Me? I want you to find new apostles, and once again spread my message of Merciful Love to the ends of this earth.”*

On March 22, 1970 Sister Faustina herself gave a message to Carmela and her Mother of Divine Love Prayer Group, she said: *“It is not the first time that I come among you, but it is the first time that I wish to speak. I am Sister Faustina and I ask you to make with particular devotion the Novena of Mercy, so that all men will begin to believe in the mystery of salvation, which is contained in the devotion to the Divine Mercy.”*

Carmela Carabelli was born in Melegnano, Italy on May 9, 1910. She died in the peace of Christ on November 25, 1978. Since 1968 she received, almost daily, messages from Jesus Christ as the Merciful Jesus, and from the Blessed Virgin as the Mother of Divine Love. She transcribed straight away into notebooks all that was said, without hesitation or correction afterwards, in the form of conversations with Jesus, who spoke about His Father, the Father of all men, and of His Mother, very tenderly; and so lovingly of his foster father St. Joseph, and about many other saintly people, and through this privileged person to all the world, for these writings are meant for all wish to seek and find God.

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