



Mary, Mother and Teacher

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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, 20th April 1968

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

Milan, 5th September 1968

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

Milan, 25th January 1972

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

Milan, 4th May 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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Recourse to Joseph is essential

1st May 1976

Beloved children, thank you for having come to ask for my help to start well and to spend well this month! You will honour me with your prayers and with your works, and I will build you up in holiness and grace.

I give you my husband Joseph as a model who, as a worker and as foster father of Jesus, sanctified his work and lived on prayer.

You have all been chosen as collaborators of God in creation and redemption. With your work, you all collaborate to build life in the world, and, with your suffering, you accomplish what is missing in the passion of the Lord. You just have to keep in mind this will of God every day of your life. You will therefore make of your work a gift to humanity, and of your suffering a gift to God.

In this way Joseph sacrificed his life with Jesus and for Jesus, with Mary and for Mary. We were his treasures, whom he had to protect and nourish. I looked at Joseph, and his virtue gave me a lot of courage and strength.

In families should reign harmony and love. But how can they reign, if one does not guard the faith in Jesus

and not love her who was his Mother? Joseph the saint must bring back into families that which is lacking.

Joseph must, moreover, teach to love the Church that Jesus wanted, and which is the ark of salvation of souls. How he put to safety the Redeemer, so he must, in these difficult times, to save the Church. Your recourse to him is truly essential and necessary. Make Joseph loved, and you will be able to make the Church loved, of which he is the universal patron.

One May sanctified so, can be for all a beginning of transformations and grace. A May of grace, a life of grace!

This, my children, I wish for you, blessing you one by one.

To the young

2nd May 1976

Beloved children, peace be with you! Here is the greeting of Jesus and my own, here is the commitment that must permeate your whole life: to bring peace everywhere.

I send you forth as messengers of peace, because this is the desire of Heaven. Men fight each other and do not love each other. Men do not want to use reason to understand and to be understood.

You have to reach out to your neighbour asking to dialogue, willing to understand rather than to be

understood. It is difficult, I know, because only the law of the stronger is known, not of he who loves the most, and because one wants to fix everything and soon, no one knows how to be patient.

You who come to my school and, in the practice of humility and living in love, have understood God's desires, you have to study to bring about peace. Start with that mastery of yourself, that makes you calm and rulers of your character and your nerves. Then, as a consequence, an atmosphere of serenity will be created around you.

It is true that in every area of work or study there is an action of oppression created by pride or jealousy, but if you learn to do your duty with precision and with love, by lending yourselves willingly to help those who need help, you will be able to become powerhouses of peace and harmony, and you will quench any malice immersing it into the heart of God and in mine.

The spring season, which may well be compared to the age of youth, so rich in spiritual resources and serenity, is an invitation for you to become ever more fervent in good.

What a great mission is yours! As you strive to put souls and souls into my hands that they might be saved, you give to them, as a token of my affection and yours, the Rosary and you open the hearts of all to hope and peace.

I bless you, my children, and I help you all, that you may carry within you and everywhere the precious gift that is a fruit of the grace of God: peace.

See you again, children! Do good, because the shortness of life is an incentive to work while it is day.

Your commitment to the neighbour

2nd May 1976

My children, I am with you. I am the Mother of mercy and I come to solicit your work in favour of the lapsed. The Easter season must draw many souls to conversion. However, your prayers are needed, your actions and your sacrifices.

The Baptism you received commits you to be interested in your neighbour. You cannot answer, "*What do I know of my brother?*". This is the answer of Cain. You must love every soul, who bears the image of God, and you cannot forget what Jesus did to go in search of those who were lost.

Your commitment must be sustained by hope, for, as long as there is life, there is the possibility to be converted.

Blessed are those who know how to understand the desires of Jesus and mine, and work to restore to souls that divine life which is lost through sin.

Jesus came to earth, and was not attracted to man except for the misery that He perceived in him, whereby was necessary his work.

He was not attracted by the virtue, nor the merits, nor the beauty, nor the wisdom. Physical illness, moral and spiritual, was the object of his search. He went to the sick, the lepers, the blind, the crippled and the lame, as among his best friends. He healed them in body and in spirit. But He went above all to the sinners and turned them into apostles.

You ought to model your life on that of Jesus, but see what huge difference exists in your behaviour. With what difficulty one goes in search of those who are in need of help! One prefers to cultivate those friendships that carry a certain reward. Almost always enters that kind of selfishness which, by giving something, one hopes to have a personal profit.

Selfishness comes sometimes even in the spiritual realm, and one seeks one's self also in prayer and in the good that is done.

I have told you that I want you to be perfect and I desire to help you to be so. That love that Jesus bore in search of the most despicable and most depraved beings, must give to your heart holy and zealous desires of the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Jesus was not acting for personal interest; He sought the glory of the Father. He, in whose name were created the heavens and the earth and the myriads of angels who dwell in them, chose to dwell

with the children of men, for they, despite being sinners and miserable, formed and form his delight.

My children, the Divine Shepherd still goes in search of the lost sheep. The Good Samaritan goes in search of the wounded to heal and cure. He still sits at the well of Jacob, always waiting for new Samaritan women. He is in every Tabernacle, waiting for souls thirsting for love. He is disposed to call and to receive people of every category: those who collect taxes or the women of the world, those who, being too small, climb a tree, and those who, from top of the Cross, beg Him to give them a place in his Kingdom.

Jesus waits for all at all hours. This you have to understand you too, all of you who have received the gift of faith, and who have understood that it is necessary to live in the grace of God and to pray.

I want for your hearts to be open to hope, but I also desire that zeal transforms you and makes you act as true apostles. Children, I need all from you, but above all love. What is a physical evil in comparison to the martyrdom to which many martyrs were subjected?

Well then, do you want to be martyrs by merit, and do you want for your little suffering to serve to heal souls? Offer it up for love. And work? Oh, how I would like to make you holy with work! It brings benefits to the community and to humanity, but do it so as to glorify the Divinity and to serve as a means of salvation.

Sanctify work. Wherever you carry it out, offer it up to the Father out of love. It can become prayer and charity, as well as a common means to live. Look around yourselves, see the needs of all, do not be blind!

Some saints have saved thousands of souls, putting into practice the motto "pray and work". They are two things that complement each other and that are pleasing to God. They are two expressions that the same Jesus wanted to implement in their fullness. The life of Jesus was truly prayer and work. For thirty years, a manual work, for three years a work of the apostolate, and a continual prayer.

Here is how to express to you my best wishes: that you can live as if immersed in the Lord, and that in Him and through Him you be tireless in your work.

May the devil never find his prey, ready to accept him in idleness, but may the constant hard work make you better and better resemble God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of souls.

I have given to you one day a net to collect abundant fish, and I have assured you that I would have supported one end of it on one side, while you would have held the other end. This powerful net is the Rosary. If you cast this net with love and trust, you will not work in vain. You will not say like the apostles: "*We have been working all night and we did not catch anything.*" However, you must never be without charity, and always be ready to leave even the Rosary to come to the help of your neighbour.

I bless you and give you the Spirit of the Lord. Pray for those boys who will receive this month, at Confirmation, the Holy Spirit, that He may be light and strength for their lives and be born, with this Sacrament, numerous and holy vocations.

See you again, children. I embrace you tenderly.

I invite you to improve yourselves

4th May 1976

My children, here I am among you to let you take part in my desires, my hopes, and also my sorrows.

I see many of my sons who reject the faith, who choose to live far from God and who prefer the things of earth to those of Heaven. I desire for them to come back next to my heart so that they may mend their ways and be saved. My desire must also be yours.

What would be the worth for a mother to have begotten creatures, if they were to be hopelessly lost? This desire of salvation which we share, should cause us to employ the same means so that salvation can be realized.

There is an infallible means that commands help and mercy from God the Father: the Holy Mass. That is why I rejoice when once a month, putting in communion our desires, you need to ask for those conversions that are so dear to me.

The hope of my heart is that of seeing my children all gathered in the house of the Father. The Kingdom of the heavens, however, is prepared on earth. There are mothers who weep for their dead children, but unjustly, because they mourn over their happiness. Christian hope points to the Homeland as a safe haven in which there exists perfect love and perfect happiness. There, families will gather together in God. But even now, in the Holy Mass, there is a link between earth and Heaven.

One reads in the Gospel that one of the apostles asked Jesus: "*Show us the Father.*" And Jesus answered: "*He who sees Me sees my Father.*"

Children, in the Holy Mass this meeting of the children takes place with Jesus and with the Father. With the eyes of faith, you can see around the altar all your loved ones who have gone before you; and through the virtue of hope, so dear to God, and so necessary to the Christian, you can see all those you love, covered by the blood of Jesus and therefore saved.

You know that I love you and that I assist you individually and particularly in your life. Well then, I desire for you to resemble me and I would like for Jesus, in seeing you, to be able to say He could see me. The similarity that exists between Jesus and the Father, between me and Jesus must be an invitation for you to improve yourselves up to becoming identified with me. Jesus and the Father are one thing only; in fact, the works of Jesus and his words, the Father uttered and performed them in Him.

But why can you not act and speak in a manner worthy of sons of God? That's why my love for you, bringing you closer to God, does that work of improvement that is both a desire and a hope. That what concerns you in body and soul is a part of my thoughts as well.

If you trust me, I receive from your hands and your hearts your worries, and I immerse them in the chalice with the blood of Jesus so that everything may be purified and offered up. You want to live a peaceful life? Entrust to me in the Holy Mass the guidance of your life. Do you want to take away every responsibility? Offer me your days from time to time, so that I may sanctify them in the blood of Jesus the Redeemer.

The world is saved with the Mass, with prayer, with your personal conversion. Do not say that the world goes badly, if you do not try to improve yourself. Have you not received immense graces and favours? How could anyone want for others to improve when, after so many graces, you are not yet those consistent and fervent Christians whom the Lord wants you to be? If you were the real Jesus, many more would believe in Him and would accept your word.

Repent, children! Remove those defects that make you incapable of doing good, and you will see the faith flourish around you. Men cannot long remain insensitive before good and consistent examples. If they have to change their minds about their mistakes, they have to see the perfection in you, the possible one.

The world needs of illustrious examples of virtue, the words ring hollow without them. Never say that you have done everything. Examine yourselves a little, and you will see that you still have some way to go.

It's Easter time, a time of grace. And the month of May is an invitation to be reborn, to be purified. If the journey is long or short, you cannot know. But you know you need to sanctify the present as the only gift that you have. Make of today an act of love, trust, hope, and your desires will be realized.

I bless you all, children. I bless the sick and the healthy, the good and the not so good. I bless your family and the whole of Italy. Pray with love, act out of love and remain united among yourselves and with me, out of love. Today I will grant special graces to all those who attend the Holy Sacrifice.

See you again, children!

I want you to be instruments of salvation

5th May 1976 (in Seregno)

Beloved children, be welcome in my house! I stretch out my arms to greet you, but especially I open my heart to you, as does every mother with her children whom she loves. You will find comfort and help in me, I promise you.

You, however, be generous! I have confidence in you. I know your good will, your faith and your love. You just have to force yourself to be more as I want you. I want

you to be always the same, always true Christians, when you are in my presence and when you are in your homes, when you are in joy and when you are tried by suffering.

It is with your consistency and your constancy you give proof to others of your faith and of your love. You just have to look at me to know how you should act. Imagine that I had wanted to reject the suffering and wanted to rebel against the will of God. What would have happened? I would have hindered or delayed, or perhaps made impossible the redemption, at least in the predetermined plans of God.

Imagine, children, a family in which no one wants to obey, everyone wants to waste their earnings and live enjoying themselves. What would happen? The disorder and selfishness would have the upper hand, and certainly at the expense of the good.

So now takes place in the great human family and also in the family of God's people, the Church. The insubordination and rebellion, the search of their own interests over those of God, make all feel the difficulties of living in community and having solidarity and peace.

I desire you as my collaborators and I want your life to serve as an attraction for everyone. Your perseverance in doing good, despite the difficulties, should give pause to those who expect miracles in order to believe.

Oh, do not think it is something so easy and you can alone keep yourself in good! Man, in his weakness, cannot long resist the temptations of the devil and also

feels unable to react to the natural inclinations. The desire to feel good, to be happy, to have health and peace, does not allow to combine joy and pain together.

Well then, I, who was a teacher in this, I must absolutely tell you that at my school you too will become teachers. It is necessary to put as the basis of your life, love; then, slowly, it builds up and everything is made easy.

Let the mothers tell me: if they had not made love as the basis of their duty, how could they have been able to endure the hardships of motherhood and work commitments that the family requires? So, whoever in life had to suffer many illnesses, and no small ones, how could they have been able to bear them without putting the love of God and neighbour as the reason for its acceptance? Whoever does not know how to love, certainly is not capable of suffering and causes suffering to others.

Children, you have to work with me to heal the world, which is full of the selfish and spiritually poor. So give me your good works, give me your worries, give me your eyes, your hands, your heart. I want you to be instruments of salvation, as was my husband Joseph. I therefore want to employ everything, purify everything, sanctify everything. Every offering of yours will be a flower that will adorn my altar or the altar of the Lord.

However, reflect! When Cain and Abel offered to God their gifts, they were not welcomed in the same way. Cain offered the fruits of his field, but not the best ones, and he offered grumbling and criticizing his

brother. Abel offered what he had the best, to praise God and thank Him.

Children, if you offer me your body, let it be kept as a temple of the Holy Spirit. If you offer me your actions, your emotions, your words, your thoughts, let them be purified by the right intention.

Everything in you is a gift from God, everything must return to Him. The gift that God gives to his friends is suffering. Offer it up with serenity, without grumbling: it will become like a gold coin that, while increasing your spiritual riches, will give you joy.

I bless you, my children, one by one. I bless your dead loved ones, on whom I make come down, for this your prayer, a refreshing rain.

Children, trust in God's mercy, and know that before Him time does not exist; therefore, that good that you do now for your loved ones, the Lord takes into account as if they had done it before dying. Have faith and know that God's justice is very precise, so it requires a lot of reparation. Always pray for your loved ones and offer up Masses and Communions well done.

The indispensable virtues

7th May 1976 (in a religious house)

Beloved children, I am here with you. I am the Mother of Jesus and yours. I desire to tell you my love and give you my embrace. I desire that this encounter with me,

encounter with Heaven, becomes for all a renewal of spiritual life in the increase of faith, hope and charity, indispensable virtues for your Christian life to be really what my Jesus wants it.

The Christian life must be based on faith, and the greater the faith, the easier it is to bear all those events that life brings. It is true that my Jesus said one day that if you have faith as much as a mustard seed, you can move mountains; but it has also been said that the just man lives by faith, therefore you cannot be true Christians without practising that faith that was given to you in Baptism, and which you need to increase with your collaboration to the grace of God.

Faith is like a precious pearl, which many do not esteem and which therefore, they lose. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. That is why I want to increase your faith. I want you to save your soul, because this is the reason why you were born and to which you have been subjected to the test of life.

Faith is a force that will help you to live, but above all it is a key that opens to you the door of Heaven. Faith is believing in God, believing in Jesus Christ and accepting the Church as a divine work, in which is kept the truth.

This is the promise that I want to pluck from your hearts and your minds: *"We will always be faithful."* Well, let the furious winds of error blow, let the earthquake come to destroy the stone houses; you will be as strong rocks, which the wind of materialism and heresy cannot knock down. You will not be beaten

because you trust God, even if violence will take away peace, order and harmony in many countries. Faithfulness to God and the Church will be so complete that no threat and no danger will intimidate you.

Children, I also want to strengthen the hope in you, because, you know, it does not all end here below. There is a paternal house that will welcome all the good, in which, in the vision of God and in Him, you will enjoy all good.

You will not live forever on earth, but you will live eternally in the other life. To that you have to strive for, and have to do everything that in the other life will merit a reward. To be rewarded you just have to practise the virtue of charity, which is love of God and neighbour. It is but love the centre of the Christian life! That's why I will help you to remove all the defects that are contrary to charity.

I shall be punctual at every next meeting. You are already quite good, but I want you better. You will still come here, you will pray to me with love, and put special intentions in your meetings. I will grant you also material graces. Above all to those who persevere putting into practice my teachings, I promise a special assistance in life and in death.

And you, be mothers, because the woman is called to a mission of motherhood, both physical as spiritual. Your task is therefore to give life. Oh, you do not want to be like those distorted mothers who, like Herod's soldiers, slay their own children! Give life, but remember that, if

they be evil and inhuman those who kill, not least are those who scandalize their own creatures.

Love your children! Let spiritual mothers love their souls and be jealous for them, because the babies will be their condemnation or their glory in eternity.

I bless you all, one by one. I bless your parishes, your families and all your loved ones.

I bless the priest here present, who has gathered you together in the name of the Church. To the nuns of this house, a special help, and to the elderly who come from afar, a special and affectionate kiss. The communities represented here, have the certainty of having a special protection.

See you again, children.

The world is saved by example

19th May 1976

Beloved children, so dear to the heart of Jesus, so useful to the Church and to humanity, be blessed! Your prayer is acceptable to God, to whom it ascends like a scent of incense.

I am here today, a Mother among mothers. I am here to celebrate you. But how can I reconcile the great pain that has hit a portion of your land, with the joy that I would like to communicate to every mother? And yet it is not difficult, if you consider that from death comes life

for the Christian, and from the pain of the mother is born human life.

I desire to raise your thoughts up to making you thank the Lord, the beginning and end of all things, and to let out from your heart a song of thanksgiving, so that in any event, happy or sad, He knows how to find a meeting point of souls with Him.

Much more terrible is sin, since it is the real evil. When thousands of women claim the freedom to kill their creatures, they are asking for things far more serious than an earthquake, in which, though some unfortunately perish in sin, the magnitude of the catastrophe demands from the Lord an infinite mercy.

Judge not therefore, ever, human events with your yardstick! Your vision is too short to be able to counsel God, at whose presence the men of all ages are known and for whom the years and centuries are as one day. Worship and give thanks, so that the desires of God's salvation are always accomplished.

If you want some advice, it is this: let a holy fear of offending God guide you in your actions, and a new and ever more fervent zeal make you apostles of God's grace. That is to say, make known to everyone not only the designs of God that are hidden, but his desire to live in each soul to make her happy.

When the great cataclysms of humanity destroyed men and things, the Saviour had not yet come to the earth, even

if the promise made at the beginning of the world was constantly renewed throughout all generations.

Now Jesus Saviour, even as two thousand years ago, immolates himself. To be in God's grace is, so to speak, being incorporated in Him, whereby the salvation of souls and the world becomes the common work.

I look at humanity divided between those who love and those who hate, and I desire that through grace, those who understand the value of life, stretch out a robe of salvation and protection over the universe. I claim from you this universal action.

With Jesus, for Jesus and in Jesus, you have to act. Your good feelings have to be reawakened and, guided by me, they must go towards the apathetic, cold and selfish souls. There is no heart that burns with love of God that remains isolated. It becomes like a hub of life.

You have to be such, and your work must be done in depth. If you are consistent with what you believe, your way of acting becomes a sermon of the most effective kind, which awakens remorse and gives encouragement to good even without words.

All that I have told you is suited especially to mothers, to whom are entrusted not only the task of giving life, but also that of educating and bringing up their creatures as Christians. A holy mother builds her house like a holy priest builds his parish.

At one time the family was called the domestic shrine. In fact, are not the spouses, ministers of the sacrament of

marriage? They must strive for holiness, driving off the dangers that derive from infidelity to God and from infidelity to each other. Spouses who, tenderly loving each other and helping each other, implement the wishes of God and respect his Law, are worthy of every blessing, and that task so delicate that involves children, is completed by grace, even if special efforts of work or incapacity make it difficult.

The mother of this precious shrine, which is the family, is the guardian who with prayer must keep the flame of the faith alight. The father in the family must represent the authority; he ought to be so upright and so just as to be able to give orders in the name of God.

It is true though that currently, there is a tendency to take away this sense of superiority and the maximum equality of rights and duties are wanted. But, children, the situation is not improved except by faith; and by taking away from the head of the family that right that belongs to him, it frees man from serious responsibility and leads to a way of life full of carelessness, without taking into account that even among the children divisions will be born.

The mother according to the heart of God, must give that honour to her husband and the supremacy that God himself gives him. He then has to be worthy of representing the divine authority.

The love that must unite the hearts, must not be made purely of human attractions, that may be wanting

because of the different circumstances of life, but must find its source in God, who is love per essence.

To all the mothers present that will want to follow me and make me followed in these my teachings, I promise peace in the family and the gift of a good progeny, respectful and holy.

I have opened my heart to you, and I intend to present my festive greetings to you. If in your past life there has been anything less right, have trust, commit yourselves seriously to reaffirm and strengthen those ties which sometimes seem on the verge of breaking. Renew the love, return to a religious practice that is uplifting for all. The world is saved by example, rather than with words!

I bless you as of now. Do you want to put in my aching heart and full of love and grace all that troubles you? I promise you to heal many wounds.

See you again, children!

To a group of pilgrims

10th May 1976

Beloved children, be welcome in this place. I await from you love and reparation.

I am the Lady of the good journey and I desire for your pilgrimages, already very pleasing to my heart, to have to mark a spiritual improvement in your souls.

Even life is a pilgrimage for a goal, from which one returns no more. There are those who travel along this

road without thinking, without providing themselves with the necessary and without aiming at a goal. You know that the goal to reach is Heaven and that there you should bring your prayers and good works.

Jesus has told you that not those who say "*Lord, Lord*" will be saved, but whoever shall have done the will of the Father. He also said that faith without works is dead. It almost seems like a contradiction, and Jesus also said: "*Pray without ceasing.*"

That's why I bless your pilgrimages. Your prayer must be so acceptable to God and so helpful to all of humanity, that everyone has to understand the need, and have to put prayer above every action, even if good.

In three days is the feast of my apparition at Fatima. I will renew my invitation to you for prayer and penance for the salvation of the world.

Men are fighting and arguing in a sea of misery, and do not want to humble themselves and ask for help to Him who alone can help them. Let your exemplary life of piety and mortification serve to indicate the right way.

I bless you, my children, one by one. I bless your families, and I gather your aspirations, your concerns, your worries, to turn them into precious treasures for you and for all.

See you again, children! They give me so much pleasure those pilgrims who, travelling to Milan, visit me in this place as to make a provision of spirituality.

It is urgent to call the lapsed

11th May 1976

Beloved children, may God's grace be constantly in your souls, since only this way you can please God.

I am the Mother of divine grace and I desire to make a gift of it to you in such abundance that you may be able to achieve the highest degree of holiness. However, that I may fill you with such a precious gift from God, I need repentance of your sins and willingness to flee from sin.

When then you use well the Sacraments, through these mysterious channels comes to you this precious gift of God, that only in Paradise you can rightly appreciate.

It is more necessary than ever to welcome the Lord in your heart and make with Him communion of thoughts, feelings and actions, even if it is essential to prepare one's self with a careful interior cleansing.

But I desire for you to know that in performing the duties of your state, from the most demanding to the humblest, if performed in God's grace and with love, comes like an ebbing of new life and an increase of continuous grace. Every duty performed supposes obedience to a law. It is therefore a highly commendable thing on God's part, who goes so far as to say: If you need to perform a family or social duty, give to it precedence even over prayer.

How comforting it is then that doing all you can for the brethren and that introducing prayer even in the most mundane actions that require physical effort!

Grace is like a beneficial rain that comes to lift up from fatigue, and it is that marvellous light that lets one see into the reality of things. Whoever lives in grace, finds it right to communicate with God in every moment of the day, and his life becomes a continuous praise, a thanksgiving, a plea for help and mercy for all. Whoever wants to live in grace, is in complete agreement with God's will and does not judge his actions.

I have told you that I am the Mother of grace, and my task is to call back the lapsed. Many times, especially now, I make use of extraordinary things to bring to the heart of God my children. I use signs, such as tears and blood, but the heart of men is too hardened. A face covered with tears no longer says anything. Does not a heart that is wounded and bleeding speak about conversion? And yet it remains cold.

The natural recalls come, the floods come, the earthquakes, the seaquakes, avalanches fall. They should recall to conversion; they should bring souls back to God. A catastrophe is a love call, but it is not understood or is not wanted to be understood. God is blasphemed, men blame each other and do not wise up.

What will the Lord do? What must I do? Let everything go adrift and abandon souls to themselves, which have cost the blood of Jesus and to me so much sorrow? Oh no, never! Our work, caring and loving, will

never fail. One would need not to know what a soul is worth to do so.

My mission as Mother of divine grace demands my work and your co-operation. You must help me, children! It is urgent to recall the lapsed, so that they may open their eyes to see. What must they ought to see? The fragility of life and the need to be vigilant, the need to convert and to return to the Father.

Jesus is and will be, until the end of time, the Good Shepherd who goes seeking the lost sheep. Again and always, He knows them and takes them upon his shoulders to bring them to salvation. Jesus knows his children and loves them, but He wants to be known and loved.

You know, children, how many people, being in danger, hurl horrendous blasphemies against God? A lot! And many times the last word is a curse.

How must the Lord behave with these souls? Try to put yourself in the place of God. And yet his goodness and his infinite mercy scrutinises deep into the thoughts, feelings and intentions, and despite all that nastiness outside, He finds the point at which to attach himself to save. Could He do more? Losing the life of the body is nothing, if you save the soul.

I, too, I use whatever is in my ability to reach everyone. Sometimes I succeed in arousing thoughts of faith by that bouquet of flowers that was given to me one

day, by an act of kindness done, by a candle that was lit for me.

Oh! children, but why does one reject grace, why does one not want salvation? Behold, I come to you today as a beggar. Give me everything you can: suffering, prayers, actions, for you so that you can grow in holiness, and for all my children who refuse my help and my gift of love.

To save the soul, to save souls, is the desire of your heavenly Mother and should be your continual aspiration. The more you offer me, the more the strength of God becomes effective.

Now I bless you all, one by one. Be in solidarity with Jesus and with me. Be our voice, our arm. See you again, children! To the nuns present, my embrace and my maternal tenderness.

The common vocation

11th May 1976

My children, how must I give you a sign of gratitude for this sacrifice that you have offered me with love and with confident hope? Yes, I want to tell you my satisfaction and I want to show you the road to follow to please the Lord and me.

You have had a first vocation. You have been called to life, some for many years, and some for a moderate number. You know that life is a gift from God, to which everyone must respond.

You have had a second call, that to Christianity. This is also a gift of God, bigger than the first. Every Christian must answer to this call, which is like a loving choice on the part of God, and bear witness to Jesus Christ among men.

But there is also a special vocation for a state of life. There are those who are called to matrimony, some to the religious or priestly life, and those who must remain in the world without being of the world and do good to his neighbour. This call concerns generally many young people, who would like to realize themselves and their desires, and following their own inclinations, do the will of God.

Well then, to give peace of mind to those who have already made their choice and tranquillity to those who still have to choose, I show you the high road that is common to all, to each vocation. This wonderful way to follow is that of love.

What would be the worth for a nun who had put on a particular dress, if she were not clothed with that charity that my Jesus came to bring on earth? What would be the worth for a daughter or a son who started a family when, lacking true love, did not have the guarantee of fidelity and constancy in love, which is the life of the family? What would be the worth for the priest of his ministry, if it were not enlivened by the motto that has to animate it in every single detail, "*The charity of Christ urges me*"?

Here is the common vocation: the one that makes you love God above every person and everything and that makes you love everyone as you love yourself.

I therefore invite you to review your life in the light of charity, without forgetting that it is so strong as to conquer death itself. There is nothing that surpasses love. It is like a fire that, burning, destroys everything that is defective and, purifying every imperfection, makes one worthy of enjoying the tenderness of God and understanding his secrets.

Love must accompany your life, for it to be enhanced and so that holiness may not be an illusion but a reality. Holiness is measured with love, since one cannot love and hurt those you love. It will be the size of your love that will give value to your life, for a person is worth for that wanting to substitute himself for his neighbour to be useful to him and, if necessary, to sacrifice himself and even die for him.

Jesus gave the measure of love when He said: "*Love one another as I have loved you.*" So, if in whatever state of life you are called to be sanctified, you are so in as much as you are called to practise charity.

Children, so that you can more easily respond to this desire of Jesus and my own, I beg you to put in your everyday a little bit of love, which makes it pleasing to God, just as every dish is made pleasing by that pinch of salt that makes it tasty.

Give your life an imprint of serenity, so that every good deed done by you is not a forced gesture of good, but a spontaneous giving. I will help you in everything, and at the next visit of yours I will want to interrogate you about your progress in love.

Life passes quickly, and the uncertainty of tomorrow should not lead you to grasp the joys that life offers, and which are of short duration. Eternity awaits you, and there in Heaven is prepared your place, there is the place of your rest and happiness.

Striving for Paradise loving, is the program that I give you. Practising it, you will go in aid to all: to those who live by materialism, without hope; to those who grope in the dark because they have lost the faith; and to those who, not knowing the gift of God, grace, live in sin.

Be apostles! The darkness of error more and more dense marches on, the devil is waging fierce battle, sowing hatred everywhere. You bring love.

Be faithful, and love also me, who loves you each one in particular with an immeasurable love, whereby I could not love you more.

May lengthy prayers fall upon you like a rain of grace.

Through sacrifice life is born

12th May 1976 (in Muggiò)

Beloved children, how much comfort is for my heart to be here to pray with you! I would like to ask for mercy for the world. I desire for you to have very clear ideas too, whereby your word and your example may bring light in the midst of men.

When a disaster strikes a family, all the members suffer from it, and the more good try to comfort those

who suffer most. In the human family it is easy for a part of it to be struck, but usually those who are far away live tranquilly thinking: "*We are safe.*"

Human solidarity must embrace all peoples, as Christian solidarity must embrace all souls. God wants this communion of bodies and souls in his love. If you will come to understand well this desire of God, all will be clear to you.

When a physical illness affects one member of a family, the others are concerned, but when a moral or spiritual evil affects an individual, others are less worried. And yet these evils are worse than any other evil.

God directs his work with infinite wisdom and goodness to bring to completion the salvation accomplished in Jesus Christ, the centre of history and the world. What therefore might an earthquake mean?

Climb with me to Calvary. Jesus had given his last breath. Longinus had pierced his heart with a spear. The whole earth feels the terrible hour and the great tragedy that is taking place. The sun darkens, the veil of the Temple is torn, the earth shakes, the tombs are uncovered, and immense rumblings rise up on all sides.

Behold the earthquake! And Longinus comes down from Calvary striking his breast and saying: "*Truly this man was the Son of God.*" Longinus is sanctified, many have converted. The earthquake had shaken their hearts,

perhaps more than they could have been shaken by the death of Jesus.

God's actions are never without purpose, without an end, and from the evil He always draws some good. A few years after the death of Jesus, in Jerusalem a persecution broke out. Many disciples are killed, and the remaining are scattered in other lands, bringing the divine Word as a precious seed that will bear fruit.

Even the death of Christians is precious seed and persecution brings great advantages: upon those who give their lives to bear witness to their faith, smiles the palm of victory, and through their sacrifice, even in evil men, faith matures. Was it not perhaps the death of Stephen that blossomed the apostle of the Gentiles, who had been a great persecutor of Christians?

It is always so: through sacrifice life is born. It is true that many suffer, and often it is the innocent who pay. But suffering is powerful and can obtain mercy from the Lord.

What is left for you to do? Pray with a pure mind and with feeling of great charity, that all may be helped and, in pain, do not be taken by despair. Faith is the lifeline in the most serious situations, and God does not remain absent to any invocation.

To foresee major scourges is possible, if you look at the vices that cover the earth. But there is a power that moves to pity, and that spares the pain. It is the power of love that knows how to share, and it is also that of the

communion of saints that puts in common what can be useful to all. By a chaos that seems unsolvable, God knows how to draw the wonderful works that his goodness can create.

To you, my children, knowing how to collaborate. No unnecessary fears, but abandonment into the hands of the Father with doubled confidence.

When the Lord sent Jonah to warn the Ninevites that if they had not done penance, He would have made them perish, they repented, and the city was spared.

Oh, if the conversions made out of love and not out of fear of punishment, were to multiply, how it would change the face of the world! I have chosen you as my angelic messengers of forgiveness, of love and of salvation. Be so, I beg you.

Whoever receives the Word, let him undertake to practise it. Do not despise it, I beg you, because if I and my Jesus are ready to recognize your weakness, the rejection of God's gifts gravely offends the Father and the Holy Spirit.

It is a big responsibility not responding to the call. Let each one do what he can in the field in which he lives, but all of you become light so that the darkness may be dispelled and God, true and supreme good may be known.

And now, my children, to all goes my blessing: to you here present and to your families, in which I would like to be increasingly loved. May my special blessing reach

the souls of your dead and all the victims of the earthquake.

May your presence be always a manifestation of attachment to the Church, to truth and to grace. May the Rosary, which as a mystic crown of roses you have offered me, bring relief to all those who are in pain. Be in solidarity with all, doing what is possible for you to help everyone, and do not forget that the same measure that you use to others will be used as well to you.

See you again, children! I love you so much, and to each one I promise those aids necessary for you to be able to do your duties well.

To the communities represented here, I recommend celebrating with particular devotion my apparition at Fatima.

I entrust my mission to the teachers so that they can bring up in love a lot of youth. Did you know that I also was a teacher, not only of my Jesus, but also of his two little cousins? If you love me, I will teach you my divine skills.

The prayer and penance that I ask

13th May 1976

Dear and beloved children, I am the Queen of the Rosary, who, appearing at Fatima to three shepherd children, sent a message to the whole world, inviting all to pray and do penance.

Today I am here to beseech you so that prayer and penance become more and more your program. It is urgent to pray and yours must be true prayer.

When going through the streets, you see the scaffolding of a house under construction, you cannot say that that is a beautiful building. So your prayer may be mere scaffolding, a mere formality, if you do not try to build within it that intimate dialogue with God which is the true prayer. So you will never be able to achieve neither virtue nor holiness, if you do not put soul to the prayer, which is the grace of God.

To invite you to prayer is not to invite you to make sounds, but to improve your spiritual life, so that the dialogue that you hold with God, be of glory and praise to Him and be your weapon, that is, the way to get those aids which will safeguard you from the dangers.

Teach your children this way of praying, and their voice will merge with that of the angels. The spontaneous prayer, which transforms the day in a continuous recourse, is the best way to exercise oneself to that presence of God that prepares for his face to face encounter.

I want you to make reparation and give love to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially for those continuous curses that rise from very many hearts, to stifle in them the thought of his goodness. Your prayer must be a counterbalance to the blasphemies and insults, up to creating a layer of protection and defence over men, however bad they are.

The prayer that I ask of you is the most beautiful expression of love, which draws on you and on all the graces of God. It is necessary to pray with the Rosary meditated, because with it one can understand the great mysteries of life, passion and death of Jesus the Saviour.

The Rosary is rejected because it is a monotonous prayer, because its beauty and greatness is not penetrated. It is pleasing to God, because anyone who says the Rosary gives proof of humility. Did not Jesus say that the secrets of the Father are revealed to the little ones?

And now I want to tell you about the penance that is indispensable for you.

There are some who think of giving up food. Some people make use of this means to demonstrate their ideology or to obtain from the authorities or from men what they want. These are human motives that are not reflected in eternity; and if at the basis of the fasting there is a wrong idea or self-love, the suffering is just useless.

The penance that I ask is that of the heart, even if it may be useful to give up on what the body immoderately wants. The heart is the source of good and also of evil. Bad deeds are conceived in the mind, processed, and desired in the heart, and realized with works.

To be converted means to impose on the heart that penance through which evil of any kind is driven away. To do penance is to reflect, to detest and to grieve not only over your

own sins, but also those of others. Repentance and the resolution are the most important acts of penance.

On October 13, 1917 a great multitude of souls was present at my last appearance at Fatima. That day, as they were praying, there was a cry: "*Look at the sun.*" At that moment, in fact, the sun began to turn sharply on itself, after which it seemed to fall on that crowd and crush them. In front of a danger so great, every soul felt the weight of his own sins and, terrified, felt a duty to ask for forgiveness.

Children, in these days there is much talk of chastisements, and I in fact threatened them at Fatima. The conversion becomes necessary, if you do not want to succumb. There is always at play obstinacy in sin and God's mercy.

The cry "*Look at the sun!*" is always topical and is a call of Heaven. Look at Heaven, go towards God! You are looking in faith, prayer and good works the reason to live and to live well. Do not fear chastisements, but do everything possible to avoid them.

I have told you that even persecutions were destined to bring benefits to Christianity. Tell me, children, who could be more interested in the spreading of the faith of my Son? He could have been able to allow to escape from persecutions and death all his followers. Instead, He started by dying, then He allowed for some to die and for others to escape the danger because they were apostles.

The tragedy is renewed. From the death of many earthquake victims must be born the flower of goodness, faith must be born again and to all must come a true revival of Christian life. Think about how much more praying, with more love, has been done on these days! How much exercise of humility on the part of many! How much charity and kindness awakened has united hearts!

If with the sanctity of life and a deep conversion, you ask to ward off the dangers that surround you, with the strength that comes to you from prayer it is possible for you to face what life has in store.

My children, you have to act with confidence, as if all the good there is to do depended on each of you, but you must also be convinced that everything is in the hands of God, who rules the universe. How not to think that the earth, this immense sphere made of water, earth and fire, which is standing in the immensity of space, is held together as all the planets and the stars by the invisible hand of God? Reflect, and love, and thank.

I bless you, one by one. To my ministers present, my special help and my graces.

Remember that slanders and tribulations make you privileged ones, even if the occasion had come from previous errors.

See you again, children!

To the young

16th May 1976

My children, I am the Virgin of Light, present here among you to help you.

That desire that you have to deepen the truths of the faith, is certainly commendable and worthy of special blessings. There are, however, in human life and in the field of faith, some deep mysteries, in front of which the limited mind of man cannot get to understand everything and to give all plausible explanations.

Faith is a wonderful gift of God that requires humility all proof. The mysteries in this field must exist, because the distance that exists between the Creator and his creatures is infinite.

The study to deepen these truths is permitted and it is pleasing to God when, as a more perfect knowledge of them, one arrives at a fuller observance of God's Law and to a more heartfelt love. Even the study of the sciences that govern the world are good, if the intelligence and the will are put at the service of men for the glory of God, who willed and established them.

The only thing to be condemned is pride, which wants to attribute to itself or to man what does not lie with him. Every age of the world has had, has and will have people with higher intelligence, able to explain many things for the common good.

There are those who, seeing the thread leading down from the branch and which supports the cobweb, think

of cutting the thread to make the cobweb more beautiful; and there are those who, imitating the braying of the donkey, think like it of have made the sun rise, with its braying.

Everything depends on the way you see and investigate things. To see the world in the light of God, and all that happens in it, is true wisdom. Studying with a higher and humanitarian purpose, is to be really intelligent.

May your faith, which some poets and scientists honoured with their own inventions, and with songs that came from soul, be by you appreciated and loved and kept immaculate, may it soothe all your pain and give you courage in the different situations of life.

This wonderful faith, which God gave to men right from the Old Testament, retains its vestiges in those books which, dictated by God, were written by Moses and other prophets. They are the work of God, even if man, in every divine action, with his collaboration brings his own part of humanity, sometimes defective. But this faith, revealed and manifested by God to men, was clarified and perfected by Jesus Christ and entrusted to the Church. It is a precious treasure.

The study of what comprises the history of a people, chosen by God to host his Son into the world, is desirable. But do not forget ever that the word of God should be welcomed with love, humility and gratitude, to make it a reason for holiness and for good.

I bless you, my children, and I give light to your soul. May the Holy Spirit fill you with his seven gifts for your joy and that your faith be consistent, strong and perfect. I am with you and I love you.

Be persevering in your vocation

16th May 1976

Beloved children, peace be to you, and grace and light and every good. I am your Mother and I can only wish you good things and great things. I also want you to understand, as Mother, how devoted I am to direct your life on the right path and to make your devotion to me a true vocation. Every vocation is a sign of predilection, which requires a confirmation and a response.

How will you be able to understand the value of this divine and extraordinary call here beside me, to enjoy not just my sight, but my word, which reveals to you special secrets to make you live the Christian life well?

First of all, your faith must be sure and simple at the same time. It is true that you are allowed to investigate and come the first few times out of curiosity; but then, gradually, as attracted by a magnet or by a mysterious force, you return here, you must banish from your mind any doubt, and without thinking of the instrument, you have to accept what is read to you as my true words.

Your faith must therefore be very simple and will be all to your benefit. What would be the worth, in fact, for you to rack your brain or lose your peace of mind to look

for any mistakes or to indulge your wickedness, when, receiving all with the simplicity of a child, you can enjoy my presence?

Of course you cannot hold everything, as long as you make yours what you feel useful to your soul. Even your body requires at times food which at other times it refuses. It is necessary many times to satisfy even the bodily needs, because they correspond to real needs.

So you need to do for the spirit. What's good for you, what helps you to improve yourself, make it your own. If anything were to take away the peace from you or did not seem suitable to your condition, do not think about it and continue in good. This is the first way to make the most of this particular vocation.

To grow in virtue at my school is the way to honour me, since you have to assume a very special resemblance with your Mother and Teacher. Every virtue has its enemy, which is the opposite defect. Every virtue supposes therefore, a battle more or less strong, more or less bloody.

Your vocation is a call to holiness, which embraces all the virtues. I do not mean to tell you that with this you will not sin anymore, because you all know how easy it is unfortunately to promise and not to keep. Even in the common battles there are the defeats. It is important to keep the will strong to win, to lift one's self up after every fall, and to make one's own defeats a means to humble one's self before God. It would be for you, however, a precious little thing to fight, if you were not

keeping in mind the desire of your Mother to extend to many others the call.

I am your Commander and I desire to gather more and more soldiers to my army. Whom and how must you call? I would say that I desire to call everyone, but unfortunately not all want to listen to you and me.

What will you do? You must first of all be persevering in your vocation. It is a commitment of fidelity to the Church and to the Pope that is asked of you. Even if the world seems to lose its mind, even if many prefer the slavery of Satan to obedience to the Church, you have to resist.

Here I ask you to recite several times a day even, as I did during my mortal life, the "Creed" and to reflect well on what you affirm. Many, unfortunately deny the articles of the "Creed," they call themselves Christians and do not know they are true heretics.

Being a Christian is not just receiving Baptism and the other sacraments, but keeping faith to the doctrine of Jesus Christ, summed up in the "Creed".

Your example will also be a means to enhance the value to others of one's faith. There are many in the Church who make mistakes, and unfortunately also many priests. Do not be surprised, because all are fragile. Perhaps their vocation has not come from God.

Even the vocation of Judas had not come from Jesus. He had joined the other apostles, eager for human achievements. Concerned as he was with lustful

pleasures and money, he could not be holy. He had not even responded to the graces of the Lord, who allowed him to see miracles of conversions and healings. He, too, in the name of Jesus, had been allowed to work miracles, but all this was of no use.

So there are priests and Christians who have received graces upon graces, and they have appropriated them as if it were their own. They boast of merits and combat truth and good rather than correspond to their vocation.

Certainly it is not for you to judge, but it is up to you to watch out from these false prophets that pollute the truth and who spread error and heresy, rather than faith in God, hope in eternal life and true love that will never fade.

You pray and follow the road the saints travelled, carrying everywhere the good odour of Christ with your virtue. If the weeds, as Jesus said, must grow along with the good wheat so as not to run the risk of uprooting the latter, you also need to be patient.

Look at the example of holy priests who are not lacking; look at the fervour and the sacrifice of so many good souls and, in your turn, responding to this wonderful vocation, you will certainly be in the number of the elect.

I bless you and, gathering up your sufferings, especially if hidden, your prayers and your holy desires, I make an offering to the Father for all humanity.

I bless those who work diligently to spread my word. Do not be impressed by the difficulties, by the slanders and by everything that is said or is done. Every vocation presupposes a struggle.

I look at you right now with a very tender motherly affection and I assure you that no one will leave here deprived of graces.

See you again, children.

Jesus reveals himself to those who love Him

18th May 1976

Children so dear to me, behold, I am with you and I bring with me, in addition to the hosts of angels who surround me, all those souls who, having honoured me in life with the recitation of the Rosary, desire to help you to always better practise this holy devotion.

They are joined to you in prayer, thousands of souls who are part of your spiritual family; and the souls in Purgatory, in that fire of love that burns them, have for you feelings of deep gratitude.

I desire today to give you a special reference to the words uttered by Jesus in response to the question made to Him by an apostle: "*How can You reveal your mysteries to us and not to the world?*". Jesus answered: "*He who loves Me will be loved by my Father, and we will come to him and will establish our abode with him.*"

Jesus, then, to those who love Him reveals himself, making communion with them, and the Father does not remain absent in this love encounter.

I desire to reveal to you this admirable trait of love on God's part.

I loved the Lord, from the first moment of my conception, and God loved me with infinite love. Then, in the fullness of time, when He believed it appropriate to work the redemption, He made me Mother, and God, as man, dwelt in my womb for those nine months that were necessary to give Him the human body. My spirit, however, was intimately united to God always.

Jesus was born and remained on earth thirty-three years; He founded the Church, then He ascended to Heaven. Moreover, to the Church and to his children He bequeathed his doctrine, as food his body, as a means of salvation his blood. Until the end of time Jesus will remain in the midst of his own, whom He does not leave orphans. As God and as Man, Jesus is in the world to continue his work of salvation and sanctification.

When a soul is faithful to the Law of God and loves Him, there is a fusion with Him, that does not end with time but continues into eternity. What you are doing now with prayer, with work and the works of the apostolate, is but a loving invitation to the Father and to the Son for them to abide in you forever, thus accomplishing your sanctification.

Blessed prayer, blessed actions! They become light because illuminated by the divine sun of grace, and descend and redescend. They descend within you and are communicated to the brethren, such as those cascades of water that come from the glaciers illuminated by the sun, and from rock to rock, more and more clear and bright, they mingle with the river water that goes to the sea.

The endless sea of goodness and mercy is God, who welcomes at the end those who love Him, who believed in Him and who have lodged Him in their hearts.

Children, draw from a single source, run to one single sea, be illuminated by one single sun.

I bless you! May these days of relief and rest, also be days of spiritual warmth and light for all those souls who, upon your return, will benefit. Good going, children, and peace be with you. I will see to your families.

To mothers

21st May 1976

My daughters, how dear to my heart is the prayer that you do for your children!

You are mothers, and you will be so unto death and even after death, since the mission that God has given you is not of a year or ten years, but lasts until your children will be entered into glory. So, all aimed towards God, one thing alone will form the attraction of all: love.

When the children that the Lord has entrusted to you in turn will have accomplished their mission, other creatures entrusted to them, will become part of a single family and they will glorify God, loving Him eternally.

For this sweet assignment that you have received from God, to bring up creatures for Him, you must pray and suffer.

Sometimes it happens that children, having reached a certain age, take on different turns, and new affections, new hopes and desires nest in their hearts, to the point of deeming superfluous or unnecessary the maternal affection, advice and aid. But your heart must not be troubled, on the contrary, it is time to be preoccupied about them with more love.

If in childhood or adolescence their physical well-being, their health and their education formed your main concern; if in youth their employment and their social position could or can be a source of great anxiety, in all ages the religious thought, belief and morality of their lives must form the reason for your constant support.

The mother must always be a mother, and if the children, having made their own life, their own personality and independence, reject the help that can come from maternal experience, with more persistence, the mother must turn to God so that He may give her that capacity, that endurance and the divine knowledge whereby she can make herself understood.

Those who abandon their own offspring to themselves, sometimes are responsible for their mistakes. In the animal world, the young, when they can feed themselves, have individual skills and the mother sends them away, and no longer recognizes them. In the life of man enters the divine factor, the soul, of which the parents, and especially the mother, are responsible.

The Holy Spirit says that every man is charged with the salvation of his neighbour. This is especially so for the Christian, who through Baptism and grace forms with his brethren like a single body. How then can the mother excuse herself from this duty? Her children are her first neighbour, the flesh of her flesh.

Even my maternity enters in this command. I am charged with your salvation and the children scattered across the earth. It is a duty for me to bring you up, to teach you how to live according to God, to love you and save you. You do not make these actions except through sacrifice. I am close to you; I give you an example.

You have to grow in grace every day more, in order to be able to make them grow, who are a part of your life. You have to love them in God, so that your love is true and so that the image of God, imprinted on their souls, may be always brighter to his and to your eyes. You have to learn to sacrifice yourselves for them, giving them a tangible sign of your love, not sparing the moral lash when necessary, but learning also to offer your life in order to see them how God wants them.

Daughters, it will seem to you strange what I say, as it seems to you to have done for your children everything that was in your power. Fear not, the lesson must be used for all mothers in the world; but if there was something to fix, do it soon, so that your perfection and your holiness may be bright to their eyes and they can, your children, bless you in life, in death and after death.

I give you a mother's advice.

When every night before going to bed or after having picked up a book, and after having recited the last prayers, take a look back at the day gone by, among the questions that you usually ask yourself, ask yourself this: *"What did I do today for the souls of my children?"* Forget for a moment everything else that is dear to your heart, and see your children in the light of God, with your responsibilities and theirs. It will be helpful to you, and if you find that you have thought of everything except their souls, pray with so much love to the Lord that He may have mercy. Every sacrifice, offered for this purpose, is always small.

To a group of pilgrims

22nd May 1976

My children, be welcome in my house! I want them to be numerous and devout here, and I promise help and graces.

I am your Mother, children, and I come from Heaven to show you the road that leads to Heaven. Your home is

not on earth; here you are in exile, here you are a certain period of time, then a call, for some sudden, for others prepared, and you leave for the true Homeland. There you will always stay, and in the sight of God and in his possession, you will enjoy of all good things.

How wretched is the earth with all its beauty and wealth, in comparison to Heaven, where each one of you is given a place! Everything on earth is destined to perish; even your body, with its loveliness and for how much health it may have, will become dust and it will seem that with death everything is finished.

Children, is it not so! After a number of years that only God knows, when the world will be finished, will happen the most amazing feat ever to take place: every body, by the power of God, will recompose and will be united to the soul from which it has been separated by the will of God, and everyone will undergo the final judgment in the presence of all.

It is a universal event that awaits all, destined for the glorification of Jesus, who three days after his death, by his own power is risen and is ascended into Heaven, the home of the elect. To Heaven, therefore, you are also heading, body and soul, after the first separation. There one can only go by keeping the Law of God, the Law of love.

So what is the way to Heaven? Only this: love one another and forgive one another, despite the defects, the evils and imperfections that all of you have. Love each

other, to the point of sacrificing one's self for the other and wanting the good of all.

The love that is praised by many young people is just passion. What others call love is just selfishness. True love is what Jesus himself taught you, what makes you capable of giving your life for the brethren. Thus the exercise of charity will be the best way to weave that beautiful canvas made of good works, indispensable for salvation.

In fact, Jesus said that, to save the soul, one must be baptized and believe, but He also said that faith without works is dead. In faith you will also find the strength to carry your cross daily and carry it out of love in charity, demonstrating in practical form your love for God.

You observe the cross many times and you do not realize that it consists of two beams or two pieces, one vertical and one horizontal. In the cross, you find indicated the way to get to Heaven. to the vertical be your look, that is, aimed towards the Lord in faith and love for Him; to the horizontal open your arms, always intended to help your brethren.

Your victory will be assured, your days full of merit, and an infallible program will be yours, whereby nothing will be lost.

Children, thank you for coming. I bless the young people present, to whom I will give help so that they can respond to their vocation in any state they may be called.

I bless the children and their mothers. The mother is also a teacher. Be so ever, and teach more by example than by words.

I bless those who brought me these souls. Each one must be like a little messenger, and in these last days of May you will speak of me to as many people as you can.

Men, women, young or old, before me you are all like my little children whom I love, whom I carry in my arms and from whom I do not want to be detached until I see you safe in Heaven.

May my blessing, which you will receive in a visible way from my instrument, accompany you every day of your life and give you consolation and peace. See you again, children!

Heavenly thoughts, words and actions

23rd May 1976

Beloved children, I am with you and I want to give you confidence and peace despite the events that follow one another in such a way as to give your hearts a certain anxiety. The anxiety is not from God, who is love and peace, but it is from the weakness of your nature and from the devil, who rejoices in causing worries and sadness to turn away from good. I mean, by good, prayer and good works.

With his temptations he wants to make you doubt the goodness, mercy and providence of God. Therefore, he

leads you to say: "*What is the worth of praying?*". He also wants you to believe that it is worth nothing sacrificing yourself for others and making a gift of your life, because, in general, whoever does good receives evil.

You understand that, with the acceptance of these thoughts, your faith and Christian life diminishes.

If you will accept my advice, I will want to give you thoughts of Heaven, words of Heaven, actions that apply to the conquest of the Kingdom, actions of Heaven. Thought is the fruit of intelligence, a quality of the soul. Unfortunately, many times the thoughts of man are attracted by the things of the world and come to constitute a human reserve that weighs down the brain.

Lofty thoughts lead to the clarity of the knowledge of human affairs, as a means, and divine things, as an end. If the soul is pure, the thoughts are clear and limpid as spring water and lead to loftiness and wonderful discoveries. A pure soul has thoughts of Heaven and knows how to rise from the creature to the Creator almost without realizing it.

Jesus said: "*Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.*" Well then, those who love the honesty of life, discover the wonders of God in everything around him, in a flower, in a star, in a soul. The presence of God becomes a habitual thought, and with thoughts of Heaven thanksgiving comes spontaneously, and as a consequence, serenity.

How I would like to convince you of this truth, which has such great importance in your life! Why do you make life gloomy when, entrusting to God your tomorrow, you can lighten the load of the weight of your head? Many headaches are created by excessive fatigue, but if your trust makes you rest in God, don't you think that living day to day nullifies your concerns?

Thoughts of Heaven and words of Heaven, I want to give you. The most difficult problem to solve, by Christians who live on earth, is this: to keep the peace with everyone. It is a commitment that requires the exercise of charity. This charity, which must come from God, just a trifle is enough to break it, just as a word is enough to break the silence.

When a heart is filled with love of God, it cannot but feel love for all. It can rightly be said: If you do not love the neighbour whom you see, how can you say you love God whom you do not see?

The word is thus a gift that should be used to express the affections of the heart. Why is it so difficult to maintain harmony, concord and mutual affections? The affections for God are less, selfishness and pride enters into the heart, and words acquire the bitterness that comes from the earth and lose the sweetness that comes from Heaven.

I want to accomplish in each one of you a real transformation, and while I put in your hearts holy desires and holy love of God, I want for you to collaborate so that all may receive as a gift from you,

those words which must be sweeter than honey. I do not say that your speech must be mellifluous or not suited to your personality and your character, but it must bring something of the divine, of the simple and the affectionate, which unites together the hearts as in a beautiful unity.

The word must be light and, to be such, must come from God and must renew and strengthen those ties that God has willed and that Jesus commands, saying: *"Love one another as I have loved you."*

The actions of Heaven are all those that are done with the presence of God in the soul by grace. Grace, children, is like a bond of love that unites you to God. If that is missing, it is a general failure.

You could build a cathedral, perform miracles, do marvellous works of charity, but, if grace is missing, you are like dead branches in which life cannot flow. God can neither act nor reward.

Acting with God is extremely easy. It is necessary to love Him, therefore, by keeping his Commandments. Then only the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit make the soul their heaven and act.

Children, there is no happiness in the world, there is no serenity if not living so and following with humility that Law which, coming from Heaven, is suitable for all times, in all places of the earth and for all souls.

I look at you one by one blessing you. To all my embrace. To those leaving, my blessing. To those

remaining, the invitation to join together with a fervent prayer and full of charity. See you again!

Life is made for Heaven

27th May 1976

Beloved children, how great to find ourselves together to celebrate the ascension of Jesus to Heaven!

The ascension to Heaven of my Jesus, by his own power, attested once again his divinity, and even if there was in all those present at this wonderful fact a great sorrow for the parting, it could only be a source of joy. Jesus had repeated several times during his mortal life: *"I am ascending to the Father, but where I am there you will be also."* This ascent to Heaven is therefore the most valid reason for hope. Created for Heaven, after Jesus has re-established peaceful relations between the Father and men, one returns to Heaven. He has opened the door, and all those who wish to follow Him will not be disappointed in this their hope.

Allow me, at this point, to give you a small but important reference. If faith speaks to you of an eternal life, if the hope to reach it must never leave you, why does so much anguish seize many people when one of their loved ones leaves the earth for Heaven? It is true that Jesus also wept at the tomb of Lazarus, and mourning the passing of loved ones is permitted, but why does one let in despair to the point of losing faith?

Oh! my children, believe that the present life is but a transition, a temporary thing, and that in the beyond you will find each other again. The thought of departure must be constant in you, because it is useless to linger as if you were to live forever.

You sometimes imitate those little children who, returning from school and going home, stop in the street to play or to catch butterflies. Life is sacred and precious, but it is not made for the earth, it is made for Heaven. The pain of some mothers is equal to the weeping of those who do not know why they are weeping.

Make yourselves this premise, all I can tell you is this: value life by spending it well, prepare yourself for death that surely comes and desire to reach God, in whom there is all happiness.

There are some who, tired of suffering or bored of a dull life, wish death, or take their own lives, which for them has no purpose. It is another serious mistake. I will give you as a comparison those who chose to suffer rather than to rejoice, who chose pain rather than health. They wanted to in this way to realize the Kingdom of God in the world, obtaining together with Jesus the forgiveness for their own and others' sins. Well then, these souls enjoyed the presence of God in such a way that their sufferings became very great joys.

To want to be freed from the body, which is an instrument of sin and which holds confined the soul as in a cage, is a good thing. To desire the sight of God to be able to express to Him one's love, is good. But, to

shirk his will to choose a life more comfortable and more suited to one's desires, is certainly not perfection.

Yet I must tell you, and with great joy: you are long-awaited in Heaven, you are long-awaited by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. By me you are long-awaited, and by all the saints and angels. It is the awaiting of each one individually, not collectively. You are long-awaited as a mother who waits for her son who has gone on a trip, or as one waits for a person extremely dear, whom one wants to squeeze to one's heart.

You are not for God a community, even if He sees you all together. He loves you, one by one, and follows you, calls you and knows even now when you will reach his heart.

When Jesus entered Heaven, He was greatly celebrated, moreover each one of you, when you come to join the ranks of the saints, you will be received with special honours, according to the degree of grace and love reached, and you will have a degree of glory in justice that will make you fully satisfied.

It would be too beautiful, but also without merit, for you to see as of now what awaits you; faith requires of you to believe without seeing. When the clouds cover the sun, you do not see it, but you believe just the same that it exists. The mysterious clouds that hide to your eyes the reality are permitted by God, but you will see one day disappear as if by magic, everything that was darkness for you, and the Lord in his glory will appear radiant to you.

Be persevering in the faith and believe in the goodness and mercy of God. Do not offend Him pandering to doubts and never doubt of the eternal reward reserved for the elect. No one merits Paradise, but Jesus has earned it for you. Simply respond to his grace with gratitude and love.

I bless you, my children, one by one, and I give you two invisible wings to get to Heaven, faith and hope. I fill you with divine joy. Goodbye! See you again!

Men need light

28th May 1976

Beloved children, both grace and peace to you! I am the Lady of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and I want to invite you to make the month of June into a desired encounter with my Son, that He may fill you with his infinite charity.

The heart of Jesus is full of goodness and mercy, and you have to draw from Him these virtues and bring them into the world, while you exercise them to your sanctification. There is no holiness without charity, there is no love of God without mercy towards the neighbour.

When, in a few days, you will begin the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart, you will ask yourselves what you can do to please me and Him. Every day, I will answer with one word: love, love! But what does it mean to love? Do unto others as you would have them do to

you. So, every day of that month, will be a progress in perfection.

But what is the source of love? Is it not the Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and of the Son, who made the earth fertile, who animates and makes fruitful the Church and who makes fruitful your souls, so as to make them an object of admiration on the part of God and his abode?

Look, the first great solemnity that the Church will celebrate will be Pentecost. It is a feast that offers renewal, it must not be just a memory of the descent of the Holy Spirit. Everyone needs it. Men need light to make good use of their freedom. The Church needs light to direct souls to holiness. All need this divine Spirit who, sent upon the apostles, made them fearless, strong and zealous for the glory of God.

The Italians also need light to make their own choices, keeping in mind that they must safeguard the faith, freedom and morality. What must you do? In these days of preparation you have to pray, pray a lot, so that the light, which comes amidst the darkness, may be welcomed.

See, children, that this choice takes on great importance, because on it depends the salvation of your country. So, if the month of the Sacred Heart helps you to be true Christians, your choice, made in the light of God, will make you be perfect Italians. Love of one's country was great in the heart of my Jesus and my own. You too must love this blessed land, where Jesus willed

for his Vicar to have residence, and where lie the most sacred relics of his life, passion and death.

To love one's country is to defend it from those who want to desecrate it and from those who want to sow death and error. To love her means to honour her, by practising that justice that is worthy of admiration, that individual justice that, imitated by many, can rebuild and re-do what seems to be lost.

Italy is great, and the Italians, like all men of the earth, are weak and incapable. Entrust to God its fate, consecrate every day all Italians to my heart. You will see transformed your homeland and you will see reborn those virtues which form the pride of the Church and the world.

I bless you, one by one and I infuse grace in you of which I am Mother, but which comes to me from the Spirit of the Lord. See you again, children!

To a group of pilgrims

30th May 1976

Be welcome back, children, close to the heavenly Mother! I am so happy to welcome you and I will certainly not let you leave empty-handed. In fact, what is that mother who, while possessing many riches, does not want to share them with the children whom she knows to be in need?

I desire above all to give you that wealth compared to which all things in the world are not worth anything. The grace of God I want to give you!

I am the Mother of divine grace. I would desire that all men were to take advantage of this motherhood, while unfortunately one rejects grace and one lives in sin. You who, enlightened by faith and by a special grace, have understood how beautiful it is to live united with the Lord, continue so and you increase more and more the grace with my help, growing in the love of God and neighbour, and making prayer a continuous appeal to God so that He may want to live in you, act and think in you.

May the feast of Pentecost find you ready to receive the Spirit of the Father and of the Son, so that He may, as divine Maker, build in you that holiness to which you are called to live. The Church is made up of living stones, which are the souls. If you let the Lord live in you, you strengthen and make the Church flourish. The whole world needs a life-giving breath that renews life.

The devil, the prince of this world, wanders around everywhere sowing spiritual ruin. However, it is his last battle, then he will be relegated to hell and will no longer be able to harm souls.

Pray, and live your Christianity in a consistent and integral way, so that your testimony may hasten the advent of Jesus on earth and the Holy Spirit may be truly light of the peoples.

Children, I squeeze you to my heart, one by one. I bless you and thank you as of now for all those good examples you will give everywhere.

See you again, children! Take my blessing to your families, to the sick and to those who love me.

You are vessels of election

30th May 1976

Beloved children, so dear to me, peace be to you now and always! I am here with you to force the heart of God to have mercy on everyone: on those who weep because they are in sorrow, on those who sin because seduced by the devil, and on those who live carefree without thinking about God, about death that awaits them and about utilizing life for themselves and for others.

I desire to obtain from God favours and graces for all, and especially for you who love me. I desire, however, to make you like cups turned towards me, so that I may fill you and make you in this way true witnesses of Jesus, the Christ.

When you hear Mass, you become partakers of the Holy Sacrifice and, like Jesus, can and must be priests who make the offering to the Father. You must interpose yourself with Jesus between the Father and brothers, so that mercy, goodness and grace find good reception in the world. You become thereby instruments of salvation.

The priest who celebrates is also an instrument, and the more his mind, his heart and his body are pure, so much more are added merits to the offering already by itself infinite. It does not change the offering, but it is more pleasing.

So, as every priest must be holy, also you who are called to be the royal priesthood, must aspire, aim at and practise holiness. You become thereby precious vessels. For you and through you is offered the divine victim, blessed Jesus.

These thoughts must accompany you during the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart. With love and simplicity you must draw close to the altar, and even if you find that you are ever so full of miseries, you must not lack in confidence and the desire to be like God and your Mother want you.

A vessel, is worth more, the more the material of which it is composed is prized. If the vessel is made of gold, it must be very pure and not mixed with other metals. The vessel of your soul is priceless. It is the work of God, who created it. The soul is made in the image and likeness of God There is nothing that is worth more than the soul. This soul then, covered by the blood of Jesus, becomes the object of love on the part of God. The purer the soul is, the more she is loved by God; the more she is steeped in the blood of Jesus, the more she attracts his graciousness.

When you assist at Holy Mass, if you go to Communion, there happens in you like a transfusion of

divine blood. It is obvious that you must be pure, that is, your sins must not disrupt the flow of this divine blood.

It is an offense to God not to give importance to the sacred vessels, which are not used with proper ways or that are not cleaned as befits the body and blood of Christ. But it is much more serious to assist at Mass without the sorrow for sins and to communicate without due preparation. Not only can the fruit be null, but you can load the conscience and become deserving of punishment, such as those Jews who assisted at the crucifixion of Jesus laughing and insulting.

I have told you these things today because I want you to learn to appreciate the true values. What you have within reach for your own good and all should not be underestimated. The body of Jesus is and will always be a sign of contradiction, but for you it must be a pledge of salvation and holiness.

Every day, or very often, Jesus puts himself on your side to tell you: offer Me to the Father. You have needs that never end: you have loved ones who commend themselves to you, you have sinners to convert, the sick to help, the poor to succour, priests to call back. Well then, you know that at every instance Jesus offers himself to the Father in the Holy Mass. Offer yourselves with Him according to these intentions. He will become your voice that pleads, the divine Mediator who pays. He will intercede according to your desires for the salvation of all.

Remember, though, that you are priests with Him, you are vessels of election; and the purer you are in mind, heart and body, the more your invocation, your prayer is effective, and the union with Jesus is deep.

The Mass is the salvation of the world. Each one of you must be salvation for others. When, beginning with the month of love - so I call the month of the Sacred Heart - you will want to find ways to please Him and me, you just have to put into practice what I have said to you. Let it sound continuously to the ear what is for all humanity an invitation and a command: Love, honour, repair, supplicate the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, salvation of the world.

I love you, my children, and I bless you, one by one.

See you again, children, and keep yourselves in holy recollection so that the Holy Spirit may find you prepared to receive Him.

Keep the divine life in you

31st May 1976 (in Melegnano)

My children, with what joy I have come among you just today, while the Church recalls my visit to cousin Elizabeth! If you want to see me with the eyes of faith, this will bring you great happiness. And if then you want to see me in the person of my instrument, this will help to increase in you the virtue of humility. So I'm here.

I am the Mother of Jesus, and I desire to realize through you great things, just as happened two thousand years ago. I want for you to be aware of a great reality: that you carry in your heart, in your soul, a very special presence of the Lord.

From the day you received Baptism, you have been incorporated into the life of Jesus Christ, my Son, so as to become members of his body. Another life, therefore, you possess, in addition to the physical one, that is much more important, and on which depends your greatness. You have to guard this life, to defend it from the dangers that threaten it and enhance it, by using those means that God Himself puts at your disposal.

You are not alone in the world, but you have to keep your unity with Him who wants to let flow into you that lifeblood, which is grace, which gives value to your every action. I have come to strengthen in you the faith in this truth and that you may learn to rejoice, as John leaped in Elizabeth's womb at the sound of my voice.

Maybe some sad thought could upset your mind. You think to heal from your illnesses, you think of your crosses and your worries that follow each other without interruption, and you see yourself miserable and unable to enjoy the joys of the spirit. And yet I assure you that, if you learn to value the spiritual life, even all of your sorrows will find a solution and the cross will seem to you not only light, but desirable.

I must tell you something else, children. Your soul, if you are in the grace of God, is the sweet abode of the

Holy Spirit, who is never idle and works tirelessly to build in you that admirable work that is your holiness.

Did not Jesus say to you: "*Be holy, as is holy my Father who is in the heavens*"? But how can you reach perfection, without the aid of that Spirit who is the soul of the Church and the soul of your soul? What stupendous workings is carrying out the Lord in those who love Him! I have come to increase this love in you and to realize it in your works, by collaborating with the Holy Spirit.

Do not tell me that the world is bad, because I will teach you to swim against the tide and to overcome all the difficulties. You just have to take aim at that divine life that you have in you, without which there is no salvation, since whoever does not possess it is like a dry branch that will be detached and thrown to be burnt.

You know that the world has its prince who governs it and its principles. From the devil you can defend with prayer, with the sacraments and with recourse to me, who never abandons you. The principles of the world you know them. The world says: "*Blessed are the rich, blessed are those who enjoy, blessed are the powerful, those who overwhelm others.*" To these erroneous principles is matched the word of Jesus: "*Blessed are the poor, blessed are the meek, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the persecuted.*"

Who therefore is right, when you see the rich desperate, you see people who own everything who do not have happiness, you see the powerful and

domineering end up in the ground, because death affects everyone surely? If the poor, the meek, the good, the persecuted, are rewarded with an eternal life of happiness, what will be the right way?

Behold, my sons, that I have spoken to you with an open heart as mothers do with their children.

Now I intend to help, and I promise you to bless your homes, your interests, your souls. Know that I am more concerned than what you are, about your spiritual and material good.

If it is granted to you, come every month as today, so numerous and devout, and I assure you my graces. Even your parish and your priests will be blessed for these prayer meetings.

Your country has several wounds to heal. You will be my heralds and bring everywhere, with prayer, by example and by word, that light that illumines.

What is important to me and I highly recommend is this: let the divine life in you be a reminder to practise that charity which is the centre of the Christian religion. Love everyone, all love each other, and let your loving calls be felt by those who, not loving God, cannot even love their brethren.

To the nuns present my cordial embrace. Make me loved by means of the Rosary. It is still like at the beginning, when Dominic received it and preached it, a means of salvation and peace.

Goodbye! See you again!

I want to entrust my Son to you

1st June 1976

My children, come next to me and listen well to my words. Put your head on my heart, that I may make you feel its beats.

I want to teach you to love the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, my Son. Who could and can love Him more than me? Ask any mother who loves her child more than she. She will tell you that no one can love him as much as she loves him, because she gave him life, she raised him up, he is hers.

Currently many mothers are heartless. They have no faith, they accept motherhood as a burden, or as a plaything. The child becomes for them as a thing from which they must draw their own advantages.

When I speak to you of the mother as a model in loving, I want to tell you about real mothers, who have accepted the commitment as an honour and as a gift of God. Only then exists a real love, which reaches up to heroism and that makes accept, for the sake of her child, every sacrifice. Even here among you, fortunately, there are some.

I want, however, at this time, to entrust to you my Son, insulted, beaten, abused by many, very many, and I

want to invite you to love Him as good mothers, or better, with my own heart.

The world is going through a dreadful time. It seems that the sea of human life is stormy, and everyone fears for himself and for others. My Jesus, who already during his life on earth knew how to quell the storms and calm the fury of the wind, could say his fateful word and bring great calm everywhere.

The graces of God, however, are tied to prayer, and Jesus expects a chorus of voices to rise up to Him and tell Him with great love: "*Lord, save us, because we are perishing.*" Your love for Him must be expressed in this way, with a powerful invocation that is welcomed by the goodness of God in favour of all.

This prayer that many leave to die on their lips and in their heart is the life preserver, it is the anchor, it is the magnet, it is the net, it is the lifeboat, call it what you want. It is the only means by which they can cease the present and future disasters.

Jesus himself invites you to pray, even as two thousand years ago, and says to you: "*Watch and pray, lest you fall into temptation.*" And He insists: "*Pray without ceasing.*" He himself prayed entire nights, and prayed every time He had to do extraordinary things. I prayed with Him, and was formed that spiritual union that the Father could but only bless.

When He had ascended to Heaven, after having promised the Holy Spirit, with the Apostles, in the

Cenacle, there was praying for nine days, reciting psalms and reflecting.

This show of faith and love of God, I desire that you give to my Son. I desire from you recollected prayer, deep reflection and respectful silence, thinking that that God whom you address in thought, is really next to you, and in you, as your sweet Guest and as the Bridegroom of your soul.

Each day of June will see you attentive and reflective on a particular topic, which will serve for you to rekindle the flame and as religious instruction.

The first sign of love for a person you love is that of communicating. Does it not seem to you that, when in your children there is less affection towards you, they no longer find the topic for talk to you? You are children of God. Never close your heart to the divine dialogue with Him. Let everything serve to elevate thoughts and affections.

If you allow me, I will tell you that my Jesus would be so happy that one be silent, when the desire to criticize, to murmur and to complain about everything and everyone pricks your tongue. Knowing how to be silent is the best way to honour the heart of Jesus.

I beg you, be with me. Know that I did not let myself even to judge Judas, and to criticize him. Join me, so that every word of yours may give to the heart of Jesus consolation and joy, and that silence that you impose on

yourselves, may become the most beautiful prayer to transform hearts and souls.

I bless you all, my children, and I entrust Him to you, so that you can defend Him at any time from the curses of the wicked.

Every soul is worth an eternity

2nd June 1976 (in Seregno)

My children, here it is that, while your Italy celebrates a particular event, you are here in fervent prayer to help everyone come to their senses and to think with the mind of God. How do you help them? With devout and constant prayer that, coming from the heart, rises as sweet incense towards Heaven. May the Lord, will to grant my and your offerings.

Unfortunately, materialism and atheism attempt to debase and destroy the human person, who represents the face of God on earth and who, as the tabernacle of Jesus Christ and heaven of the Holy Trinity, deserves all the respect.

The soul is not destined to perish, but through her man lives, understands and is free; so she deserves all the care, all the respect and all the devotion. If every creature were to understand the value of one's soul, it would change everything on earth, but one arrives at denying her existence because she is not seen, and one does not have an exact idea of her.

Every soul is worth the blood of Jesus, of which she is a conquest. Every soul is worth an eternity, since for her time does not exist.

To take action and to fight to preserve the life of the body is a good thing, since that too is a gift of God and is an instrument for the soul, which manifests herself through the body. But what would be the body without the soul? An inert being, which would not be permitted neither to think, nor to will and to choose between good and evil.

To work to ensure a happy future for the soul is a wise thing, that cannot leave one disappointed. For your soul and that of your brethren, you are required to work in virtue of the Baptism that you have received. It is not something optional to dedicate one's self to a life of prayer and good works. No, it is an obligation for everyone, because no one can think of being saved without merit and because it is a command that of being concerned for the neighbour.

Children, many reject the light and prefer to walk as thoughtless persons along the streets of the world, rejecting the truth. It is the truth that makes men free, since he who sins becomes a slave of sin. The source of sin resides in the one who brought it into the world, moreover, each one who draws from this source, who is the devil, is as poisoned from what he gathers and with which he quenches his thirst.

There is no happiness in those who live in sin, yet the vast majority of men thinks, in the physical and material

pleasures, to find that happiness for which he was created. Happiness is the possession of God, and men reject Him and trample Him in his Law, in his works, in the revelation of his word and even in his promises. They prefer to wallow in the mire and look to worldly goods for satisfaction and joy.

Oh, how I would like for you to be my mouth pieces and to talk to your children, relatives and acquaintances of the real life that begins with death and to which they are directed!

What does life matter?, many ask themselves, and not finding in it those satisfactions they sought, find the best thing is to turn to suicide. What does life matter?, others ask. It matters if they manage to succeed, and to get on top of others, and to get on top of others, they do not object to step on them and make them suffer.

What does life matter?, you ask yourselves. And I reply to you: it matters for what the soul matters. It matters because it is a gift from God. It matters, because of it you will have to make a strict account to Him who gave it to you and who will take it away from you one day, to give it back to you in another way and make it eternal.

If this is the case, children, I invite you to make your life a precious gift to God. Whatever the condition, the state, the way you have to live, you know that you have to guard that precious pearl that you possess, which is the grace of God. It in fact, makes your soul dear and luminous to the eyes of the Father.

Each one has a mission to accomplish, according to the will of God. A mission that you can call duty of one's state. A mission simple or important, ordinary or privileged, it does not matter. It is a mission that concerns the duties religious and civil, family, individual and social, from which one cannot be exempted, without making mistakes. It is important to reach the end of earthly life knowing that you had fulfilled these obligations in the light of God.

When Jesus was on the eve of his passion, He could turn to the Father and say to Him: *"I have accomplished my mission, I have glorified You; now You glorify Me with the glory which I had before the world was."*

The same thing I would like for each one of you to be able to say, and that for you, too, to be reserved that prize and that glory destined to you from all eternity.

Children, I bless you all. I am your Mother, who will never abandon you.

To the young

6th June 1976

Children so dear to me, I like your persistence, your faith and the desire for my word! I already for these things bless you and fill you with light and grace.

I give you some advice that should be of great use for you in the present moment. Learn to bear in mind, at this

time more than ever, your limits, so that the Lord by your humility may be generous with his gifts toward you.

You wonder sometimes why people who seemed enlightened and priests who went for the greater, have passed to the other side and spread materialistic thoughts and ideas rather than keeping their sight on souls and spirituality as a conquest. I tell you straightaway, replying to you.

The spirit of pride, which is that of Satan, dominates them. They have believed to know more than God and to act independently of Him. So they have created a lot of confusion in that very little world that is their head. So error has come to life in them, and the Lord abandons them to themselves because He resists the proud.

You pray for them, but on your part keep that humility that lets you turn as children to God, to have from Him light and strength according to his will.

Another thing I want to recommend to you: be always ready to receive the Holy Spirit, so that you can be fit instruments. Let those gifts that you receive find a response in you, and may the joy of the Lord's service find you on the cutting edge, so that you can give the best of yourself.

If you are available with God, He will keep wonderful surprises in store for you and will make you act as the apostles after Pentecost. If you are available with your neighbour, you will meet the sympathies of all,

whereby, through charity, you can make God penetrate in everyone.

I look at you and I bless you. I would love to say a word to each one, but I intend to act directly and personally in each of you, with for you great consolation. May the Spirit of the Lord descend upon you at this time and make you fervent apostles of truth and good.

I bless you again. Remain in my heart now and always.

Two qualities in doing good

8th June 1976

Children so dear to my heart, peace be to you! See, I am here to give strength to your prayer and also to help you make bright your works, so that men may accept to believe and praise God, who helps you to perform them after having inspired them to you.

In the world many things are done, even very important works are accomplished in human terms, but which unfortunately do not bring any good to souls and will have no reward in Heaven.

Two are the qualities which must not be lacking to you when you do good: the grace of God and the right intention.

God's grace enables you to let God act in you and through you. Every action, however small and insignificant in itself, assumes an infinite value before

God, when the soul is free from the darkness of sin, that is, she is not the slave of the devil, and lodges within herself, as in a shrine or in a tabernacle, the Most Holy Trinity.

The more grace is abundant, and the more the Lord looks with the eye of goodness that soul who possesses it, and the more her prayer becomes more efficacious and powerful before the heart of God.

The biggest concern of a Christian should therefore be to grow in grace, that is, in the spiritual life, as every child must grow in the life of the body and the intellectual life.

Every imperfection obscures this light and this wonderful life; every mortal sin nullifies this divine vitality, by separating the soul from the body of Christ. Therefore she becomes like a member where there has been a paralysis that has atrophied her.

When grace dwells in a soul, joy cannot be lacking, as when the sun entering a room, light cannot be lacking. If you are concerned about everything and neglect this truth, you have understood nothing about Christianity. Grace is love of God and observance of the Law. If this light is missing, the Christian lives in the dark, and his works are void.

But I must insist on the other equally important point: the right intention. Jesus said: *"Let your works shine before men, that they, seeing them, may praise God."*

To act for the good, to do that is, good for itself, can be useful humanly. To do good looking for self-satisfaction or the praise of men, is so very dangerous, since that same good can be cause for condemnation.

Jesus can say to those who act in this way: "*You have already received your reward,*" and can condemn them as He condemned the Pharisee in the Temple who praised his works before God.

You have to seek in everything the glory of God, even if it is not forbidden you to rejoice internally for having performed some good works. Know that every time you accomplish a good work, the Lord sets himself in motion, so to speak, for you. He inspires it to you, He helps you accomplish it and brings it to completion using you as instruments, for which, rightly, you have to praise and thank Him.

It is true that many times you set off with lots of good intentions, which are then getting lost along the way when self-love or self-interest enters in. It is therefore necessary to stay fixed on this thought: "*I have to work for God,*" and take remedial action and rectify the intentions as soon as you are aware of deviating.

It happens many times so in the world, even among personalities who have the responsibility of government over many people. They start well and then they think of themselves instead of the people entrusted to their care; they forget God's interests and those of the community to think about those personal ones.

The downfall of many nations and souls that comprise them come from these points: God is excluded, or one seeks Him to hide one's ego behind Him.

I want you to always be light. It is true that you will never be heads of state, but states are formed of families, which are like the cells of a single body. Rebuilding the family is the most urgent work to heal society.

Children, a lighted candle is a very small thing, but if you light up thousands and millions of them, their light becomes portentous and will be able to illuminate much of the world.

This is what I desire from you: that that torch that was given to you in Baptism that represents the faith, be kept by you always on, and be accompanied by those works that, through it, become luminous. Jesus said: *"No one lights a lamp and hides it under a bushel, but it is put up so that the whole family can be illuminated."*

You, therefore, do good in God's grace and love of God, with great simplicity, and if you do not seek the extraordinary with feelings of pride, what you will do will have the extraordinary power to enlighten and convince everyone.

Be serene, patient, good. Never become angry, respect the personalities of others, but let your convictions have an uncommon strength in the certainty that God is with you.

Children, I bless you all. To those who have the missionary vocation, I grant special gifts. To my

ministers, who more than ever will have to be the salt of the earth, my strength. To the sisters who brought me the children, a special blessing and the assurance that they will be kept under my mantle with special care. To the priests and to all present, my maternal embrace.

See you again, children. Make the children pray and every day consecrate to me the Italians!

You must be good-hearted

9th June 1976 (in Muggiò)

My children, peace and grace be to your hearts! See, I am always here to give you strength and courage in the various difficulties of life and to help you to be good, more and more good.

Goodness is a fruit that ripens in the heart and manifests itself outwardly, in your behaviour with the neighbour and in good works. It should be said that the heart is like the tree that, if it is good, it gives good fruit.

Unfortunately, this goodness sometimes is defective from childhood, because a bad education has allowed evil fruits to grow instead of good, so as to make it difficult to change what has grown unnaturally with the body.

You must be good-hearted. The faith you show and the devotion you have for me requires it. If therefore, you are aware that in your heart are nesting those poisonous insects that come from the passions, you have to make

sure to dislodge them. I desire, however, above all, for you to remove that selfishness for which you tend to think only of yourself and your needs.

It is true that there are also generous souls, and these rejoice the heart of God who aims for the good of his children, but to put you on your guard is always very useful, since selfishness has certain subtleties in penetrating into the heart, whereby you do not even realize you look for yourself, while you should only want the glory and honour of God, to which is linked his will.

Forgetting one's ailments, not giving too much weight to those sacrifices that accompany the life of everyone in order to spread that serenity and that optimism that are the source of peace, is not so easy.

As with the study of the eternal truths you enrich the mind, so as to set aside that good reserve that is light which illuminates you, so you can and must continuously deposit in your heart holy affections and desires for good. The heart is the muscle which stands to indicate love, so as to be able to say, of a person who has a good heart, that he is good, because, the man being worth for what he has inside, this reserve of love gives value to his whole life.

If therefore, you want your life to be valued before God and before men, educate your heart so that it becomes sensitive to the needs of all. A person who is insensitive to the sorrows of his brethren, is as if he had a heart of stone. He is no longer a tree that gives good fruit.

You need to be watchful also for that defect that you commonly call self-love and that is the brother of selfishness. Selfishness would like all to itself, the self-love would want to find a place above all. With these two defects, it becomes difficult to understand even the moral suffering of the neighbour.

You are used to saying: "*Whoever is well off does not move,*" and it is true, because those who direct their thoughts onto their own person, hardly shall bear the discomfort of others.

Good feelings, good thoughts, produce good deeds. Everything in the world done wrong, finds its source in the human heart, in which was lacking that beneficial influence of the charity of Christ that urges his followers to do good.

Do not be afraid ever, even if you have to ascertain some deficiency in you or in others. The heart is a muscle that can be educated, and as certain supplementary schools serve to open better the intelligence, and the proximity of trained and competent persons serve to make more capable those who have received less, so persistence in imposing sacrifices on the heart that eliminate selfishness and self-love and the example of good-hearted people, have the ability to make grow goodness in everyone.

You must be these masters of goodness. I speak to mothers; I speak to teachers and to people who have charitable commitments. The future could be in your hands. Even elderly grandmothers still have something

to give. Your example should allow others to see that the tree is really good, if it still always gives fine and tasty fruits.

I give you this time as a model my heart. Penetrate it in depth, and you will see how much you have yet to learn. Jesus told us: "*Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart.*" I could not fail to tap into this source. I learned, and have become an almost perfect copy of his heart.

I want to simplify the way for you, that is why I invite you to come to me. Everything can be solved in the heart of a mother; it is taken as a model in loving.

So come to me every day. Say to me in the morning: "*Mother, today I want to be good hearted as you.*" Say to me in the evening, "*Mother, forgive me if I have not been good hearted like you. Repair my mistakes.*" You will see that many things will change. Above all in your families there will be so much understanding and so much peace.

It is usually with goodness that you win over the neighbour. Try it, children! Try to greet with a smile those people who to you are disagreeable. Try to discover, in those who are close to you, more of the virtues than the defects. You will create friends for yourselves and you will be able to do so much good to all.

Now I bless you. Continue your prayers for the next elections. Make the children pray, and may the elderly

not forget that their prayer is particularly pleasing to God, who loves them and who will soon have to meet them.

See you again, children! I love you more than myself.

To a group of pilgrims

12th June 1976

Beloved children, I am so glad you came to visit me in pious pilgrimage, and I rejoice that you want to commend to me the sick in body and soul that are so dear to you. Your prayer is certainly effective, and if it will not obtain for all the body's health, it will obtain great spiritual help to all those whom you commend to me.

I want to give you some advice that will be useful throughout your life.

There are many who believe they have special rights to the Lord because they think they are really exemplary. There are others who do not dare to raise their voice and their eyes to God because they feel really undeserving.

You are neither of the first nor of the second category. Be convinced of not deserving anything, but have confidence in the infinite merits of Jesus and of his saints.

If you present yourself to God's throne covered by the precious blood of Jesus and with his merits, the Father cannot refuse you anything. But know that sometimes you ask what God does not want to grant you, because

He wants to give you much superior goods. Your charity in asking for others is always rewarded to you with an increase of grace and special blessings.

Be faithful to prayer, and do not get disheartened, even when you are not heard. Bring into your homes the good odour of Christ through your virtue, and you will have peace and joy.

I bless you and all those whom you commend me.

Children, remain in my heart, and be salt of the earth and light of the world by the perfection with which you accompany your actions.

See you again, children! Store and use that crown that I have given you: it will be strength and protection for you in life's difficulties.

The most Holy Trinity in the life of man

13th June 1976

Beloved children and loved ones, here I am to praise with you the Most Holy Trinity, who has done, does and will perform eternally marvellous works.

I am the daughter of the eternal Father, the Mother of the Divine Son and the Spouse of the Holy Spirit, and I rejoice in calling myself the very white lily of the Most Holy Trinity. Everything that is in me, every virtue that I was able to acquire, every merit, every moral and spiritual wealth, every beauty and every value, had originated from Him, from this one triune God who in

the world, in souls and in the Church, is performing miracles of love.

I look at the Father, and I bless Him for having chosen me as his beloved, and an immeasurable love lifts me towards Him, who has for my soul a particular attraction.

I look at the Son, and an infinite love carries me towards Him, who willed to choose me as Mother and who willed to take up residence in my womb.

I look at the Holy Spirit, and I feel attracted towards Him, who has transformed my heart into a living tabernacle, into a Godly Heaven.

But I also look at you, who are equal in all to me, and I think without fear of making a mistake, that, if you want, you can enjoy the same benefits reserved to me.

Oh! Is it not from all eternity that the Father knows everything about each one of you and loves each one individually as if you were alone in the world? And the Son, did He not make you the gift of grace through the redemption that He has suffered and worked for each soul? If you then think of the wonderful gifts of holiness, faith and love that you receive through the Sacraments, work of love of the Holy Spirit, how not to be amazed, confused and admiring? The Most Holy Trinity is a part of man 's life in a real and continuous way.

God has made man in his image and likeness, not through the body, since He is pure spirit, but through the soul, which reflects the qualities of the divinity. In fact, the soul is spiritual, and is equipped with intellect and

will. Every human action should therefore reflect the mode of action of God, and since love is, God himself, in every human the motive of every thought and every action should be love.

It is nice to think of being immersed in the Lord as in an ocean of goodness, however, it cannot be a solitary or individual deed; in this ocean, just as fish find food and life, there are all the men, whom God wants united, with the same requirements, with the same needs and the same gifts.

God's heart is a gold mine, where, no matter how many seekers there may be, all can find something to be enriched with. If men were to understand this mystery of grace which is the heart of the Father, all the difficulties would disappear that separate one from each other.

Moreover, my children, observe the sun that rises over the horizon, illuminating, fructifying and warming the earth. It is the most understandable image of the action of the Most Holy Trinity in the world. All men can enjoy this wonderful star that gives its beneficial rays to all, to the good and to the ungrateful, and warms with its warmth and with its heat all those who want to have, through it, health and joy.

God is for all and for each one that luminous sun that gives life and joy. It is necessary to seek Him with longing. He never hides. But, if sometimes He seems to eclipse, it is only because He must then appear more luminous and so that the joy in finding Him is more complete.

The Holy Trinity has accomplished and accomplishes in the world salvation. The three Persons, though being distinct, work together. Each soul is like the garden of God. He sows and harvests by means of Jesus, who, being God and man, can make himself understood, seen and loved, as the face of God.

To love Jesus is to share with Him the joys and sorrows of life, but it is above all to bear witness for Him in the midst of men, by taking them all to that encounter with God that comes true in the world through faith and that will be in eternity a reality.

There are Christians who make dreadful confusions; they think that the totality of men forms a divinity, or they mistake the things of the world for idols.

No, my sons. God, while being immense and infinite, has a life distinct from that of men; and men, while trying to know Him better and better in order to serve Him and love Him more and more, remain infinitely small and miserable creatures before Him. In spite of this, God wants to be known intimately and reveals himself more clearly to the little ones and to the pure of heart. He also desires to be praised, honoured and remembered.

Interpreter of God's desire, the Church, using the song that the angels raised on holy night and which is raised in Heaven continuously, does make the "Gloria" recited. Yes, glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, for ever.

Again the Church reminds us of the Christian's sign, the sign of the cross. With this sign, the martyrs faced martyrdom, and good Christians start their days offering their person to God in the fulfilment of their duty.

Jesus gave the Apostles the command to go throughout the world to preach, baptize, heal and cast out demons in the name of the Most Holy Trinity. When the apostles after the Ascension and Pentecost had to leave each other in order to obey the command of Jesus, they established together the twelve articles of the "Creed" that are the summary of the doctrine of Christ.

Whoever wants to be with the Church and whoever wants to honour the Most Holy Trinity, must perform these three practices that I mentioned, a way of life. Thus you will be sure to sanctify your life and that nothing may be lost.

And now, a reward for the sacrifice offered by you, I promise you that I myself will go down to Purgatory to free your loved ones. They will rejoice with you, and from Paradise will descend upon you help and blessings. See you again, children. Know that your desires and your hopes are known to me and all that is good for you will be realized.

Everything is tied to prayer

15th June 1976

Beloved children, here I am for an encounter of love. How could your Mother be missing, while you are so needy and so eager for assistance?

You have come, and you will have the Holy Mass that I desire. The Mass is the lightning rod! It does not matter if, instead of this place, it is celebrated in the parish near here. I will be present, and I will make my own your intentions and your hopes. Remember that prayer wins all battles and helps to overcome all difficulties.

What I want from you is this: that you have to consider all those who are going to give their vote to make their own choices, not only as children of God, but as your real friends.

You have understood Jesus saying to the Apostles: *"Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, and pray for those who persecute you"*, for, from since the world exists, that is, after the original sin, there was created among men, envy, jealousy, hatred and through arrogance and pride, fratricidal strife has always accompanied human life.

Today as yesterday, and as always, the devil goes sowing disputes and malice. You have to go against the tide and bring everywhere, with a lived Christian life, love and peace.

Be assured of victory, since, however human events are resolved, pulling the strings is the providence of God,

who knows how to derive good even from evil. Maintain serenity calm and peace, and do not in any way let yourselves be overcome by human respect.

Keep in mind the graces that you have received from God even through me, and then the responsibility you have of dealing the talents much better than others, who have not been equally benefited.

Know that favouring good even with the way you communicate, by goodness, is greatly advantageous.

How much responsibility they are taking on before God those priests, religious and lay people who, instead of fighting evil, combat good, preventing prayer and that action destined to make flourish the faith and to encourage confidence and hope!

When I appear in different places on earth and express my desires, accepting them and putting them into practice would make virtue flourish; their prohibition is to prevent the good. However, if your faith is unshakable and if you keep obedience and peace, I am happy, because God is glorified through you, and the Church remains that blessed divine institution in which and for which souls are saved. You be good and be constant.

I welcome you with a lot of love, and seeing you with so many pains in the heart, I cannot but collect them all in my hands and dip them into the chalice that soon will be elevated on the altar. Meanwhile, let my promises be for you a certainty that you will not be disappointed.

Everything is tied to prayer, and among them, the Holy Mass is unsurpassed.

When the apostles had to choose who would replace Judas, the betrayer, they strongly prayed to the Holy Spirit and He designated who would have replaced him.

You must pray that the choices of your life are always directed by the light that comes from the Spirit of the Lord. Life is all a choice, but also your days, hours and minutes. You can sanctify all or waste everything. Everything can be good or bad. You keep me in mind, and if you want to assuredly make well your choices, please refer to me and ask me how I would do in your place.

Meanwhile, I bless you all, one by one. To all the children my tenderness, and to all, the promise to reward your sacrifices with special gifts. Have faith! It only takes a grain to move mountains. See you again.

The Holy Eucharist

17th June 1976

My children, let me tell you how much I desire to speak to you about my Jesus today, while the Church is celebrating his Body present in the Most Holy Eucharist. I desire the affection to increase in you, the adoration to grow and that a sense of dignified respect make you aware of the divine and human presence of my Jesus in all the churches of the world, where they keep the consecrated hosts.

It is a wonderful gift and it is a grand miracle that happens on the altar whenever the priest celebrates the Holy Eucharist.

You think with tenderness towards the Child Jesus, who was born in the stable of Bethlehem, and perhaps you have envied the shepherds and the Magi, who were able to hold in their arms the Holy Child after having worshiped Him.

Well then, for me, every Mass is but a renewal of that great event in all its phases, and if there are still those who reject Him and do not want to receive Him in their heart, I still find simple souls, in whom the transports of love repay my Child that lack of faith, generosity and gratitude.

Every altar is the city of Bread, on which descends the living Bread come down from Heaven. Every altar is the grotto, it is the manger. Every altar keeps in the Tabernacle the Man-God living and true, centre of history and of the world, the locking ring between the earth and Heaven.

You must accept by faith what is a reality. There has not been lacking, however, over the centuries, sensational miracles that have confirmed the truth. From the day that Jesus, taking in his hands a bit of bread and a chalice containing wine, uttered those holy words: *"This is my body, this is my blood"*, there has never ceased in the world the presence of the Man-God. He is there in the Tabernacle in order to have a reference point.

To the shepherds, the angels said: "*Go, you will find a Child.*" To men of all ages, I say: come, find a Tabernacle, a small house and there, there is a Child, there is the Saviour of the world. And He is there to give, with his flesh and his blood, his life.

Many people in the underdeveloped world, lack the necessary bread to live. Many people in the modern and civilized world where riches and pleasures abound, spiritually die of hunger because they refuse that Bread that gives life.

Children, learn to understand the true values, learn to discover the true good and learn to, in every moment of your life, entrust yourselves to Him who can help you and who can be for you light and strength.

I am next to each Tabernacle as the divine Guardian. I cover the shortcomings and give love and grace to those who want it, so that the sacred mysteries are celebrated with devotion. You let yourselves be guided and dominated by the grandeur of events that take place and emulate the angels, who are a worthy guard of honour at every Tabernacle.

But the body of the Lord that the Church invites to celebrate, is also the mystical body, the Church herself, of which I became Mother on Calvary. And what do we celebrate with the Holy Eucharist, if not the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, which reaches with its merits all men of earth? There is no action more universal than that which is accomplished in the Mass.

Come with me, children, at the foot of the altar and see me standing, as at the foot of the cross, to receive and offer that mangled body and that precious blood.

It is a miracle that is perpetuated over the centuries and which, yesterday as today, serves to erase, to cover, to destroy the mire with which humanity continually smears itself. It is the offering which placates, it is the offering which implores, it is the offering which saves. The Eucharist is the pledge of eternal life.

When Jesus offers Himself, the Most Holy Trinity receives a perfect reparation. He alone is the real victim, intended to replace all the offerings of the Old Testament. And as the sick in order to receive strength and health undergo blood transfusions, so this sick and suffering humanity must rely on the blood of Jesus, because it alone can give life. Many patients refuse to be treated. Many men perish because they do not want to be implanted into the body of Christ and have that wonderful blood transfusion that heals.

I call all sinners to conversion. I love you all, because I know that Jesus died for all. Will these children respond to my call? Will they be obedient to my voice? I am next to the Tabernacle and go around the world in search of mad sheep, who reject the Shepherd and who want to live in dens of wolves instead of the sheepfold, where they are kept and fed.

Help me you too and, if you can exercise the apostolate of example with a modest and devout behaviour in church, I will help you, making effective

your word and giving an extraordinary power to your prayers.

The world makes its victories consist in imposing itself on the weak with its laws. Your victories, for the world are signs of weakness. But it is God who must judge and if you want to be living members of that Body of the Lord whom you celebrate today, you do not have to worry about what the world thinks.

Observance of the Law of God and remaining in his grace are possible with the strength that comes to you from God, but they require from you humility and charity. You just have to follow me, and I give you everything you need.

I bless you, help you and I love you. See you again, children. May the blood of Jesus cover you and purify you.

The prayer that counts

18th June 1976

My children, I do not want to let you go without having clarified the thinking on prayer, which was the subject of discussion among you.

Know that prayer is like that fragrant incense which, going up to Heaven, falls back on souls in a wave of graces, and even if in an invisible way to men, it is intended to give to all help and strength.

Prayer, however, assumes different names, which are equivalent.

You can call it a dialogue with God, or love of God, or offering to God. According to these descriptions, you can distinguish vocal prayer, the mental or liturgical one. You cannot doubt the importance of this latter one, since it is the official prayer of the Church and being presented to the Father by Jesus himself, the divine Mediator.

What I want to say is that prayer does not count by its length or brevity, but by the intensity of which it is animated and by the grace of God that the praying soul possesses. The more abundant is grace, and closer is the bond that unites you to Jesus. The efficacy of prayer depends, therefore, by the grace and by the intention by which it is guided.

Every soul has her own obligations and needs, and if to some monks, the Lord asks for more hours of a regular alternation of psalms and to the faithful asks for the Rosary as mental and vocal prayer, everything must be subjected to the fulfilment of one's duties.

Even these, animated by love and performed to help the brethren, become real and proper prayer, so that one can say that it is permissible to leave God for God, when charity requires, with your work, also your full attention.

I want to remind you then that, when for the sake of God and to spread the truth and good, you go in the hospital ward or in the streets, carrying the sweet effigy of my Jesus or my effigy, and you accompany the

gesture with so much amiability, giving confidence and reviving the faith, you are carrying out, as well as a wonderful work of the apostolate, a meritorious exercise of faith, and your every action is transmuted into a prayer valid before God.

Prayer is great! It is like the ladder seen by Jacob, which connected the earth to Heaven, on which ascended and descended countless hosts of angels. When you pray, all the spiritual world that looks over you and around you is listening, and how can one not listen to a good concert in a hall, where many instruments can resonate, but listen to each one that does its own solo; and they are the strings of the soul that give off the most beautiful melodies, even if all united you give force to prayer, which becomes more powerful before the heart of God.

Therefore pray always, as Jesus said to you. Whoever wishes to say many prayers, say them; and whoever wants to pray above all by loving God and neighbour, make this love a joyful song. The important thing is to preserve charity and peace, adapting one's self to the needs and common desire in order not to annoy those who do not like long prayer, and adapting one's self also with sacrifice, when there is the opportunity to make everyone happy.

Children, I bless you. I am so happy that you love me and go along with me. Goodnight.

What it means to have faith

20th June 1976

Beloved children, both grace and peace to you and all good! I am your Mother, who in this place receives and gives consolation through prayer and love.

I know that many times you want sensitive and human consolations, but the will of God is not always adhering to your will. The will of God is far-sighted and sees what is your true good. Entrusting yourselves to it and accepting life as it presents itself, with its difficulties, trying to live a holy life is the easiest way to not feel too much of the weight of the cross and to carry it with love.

Know that many saints have gone through your same path and, with the grace that God does not let lack to anyone and above all looking at the cross in the light of faith, were able to enjoy a great peace of mind.

Many times Christians reproduce exactly the behaviour of the apostles, at certain moments. Do you remember? Jesus went up on a boat with some of them and, leaning his head on a pillow, fell asleep. Meanwhile, a strong wind arose, and waves bring water into the boat up to threatening to capsize it.

They approach then Jesus, and calling Him in a loud voice, they say: "*Teacher, we are sinking!*" Jesus rises, makes the wind cease, commands the waves; then, turning to the apostles, says: "*Why are you afraid? Have you no faith.*" He could have said: "*Do you not know that I am God, and nature and all creatures of the world are*

subject Me?" And again He could say: *"Do you not know that I am with you?"*

Many times you also do the same. You let yourselves be taken by unnecessary fears and do not think that the providence of God takes care of every soul and guides her to the harbour.

To have faith, means to abandon one's self into the arms of the Father and have trust in Him. To have faith, means to make use of the power of Jesus, who acts through the Sacraments to quell the storms of life. To have faith, means to let the Holy Spirit act, who, by means of good inspirations, wants to bring souls to holiness.

Every human event, seen in this light, can only be negligible according to the flesh, while it should elevate the soul to a more intense prayer, to a sacrifice accepted out of love and to a spiritual collaboration with the Lord, to reach that goal fixed by Him for each one.

The fear that many times comes into my children, is but a means in the hands of the evil one to bring them to discouragement, sadness, despair.

It is true that many times you feel incapable to solve your problems, which seem too difficult for you; but, if you let intervene, in addition to faith, that common sense that helps you to distinguish good from evil, and the good from the best, you will certainly know how to guide your life and decide.

I want to remind you today in a special way a duty that everyone has, irrespective of the attitude of others: the duty to sanctify oneself. Everyone, by a different route, can and must reach that degree of grace which God has fixed for him.

A mother is sanctified in the fulfilment of her mission, that is, that of giving life, bringing up, educating and directing her children according to the law of God and man.

A bride is sanctified in her married life, and in sharing her responsibilities with her husband and helping him to be a good Christian and a good citizen. The defects that spouses may have, must be mutually corrected, therefore, there must be a mutual help and patience.

That is why in marriage it is necessary to start in three, that is, to have God in the midst, so that He may direct the conscience of the spouses. When one starts badly it is difficult to reach the harbour, the more so if one pulls from one side and the other from the other.

How I would like that these recommendations were the subject of your advice to your children!

So the religious are sanctified with the observance of their rule. Unfortunately, it is so easy to slip from one permission to another, up to insubordination and loss of vocation. The religious vocation is a particular call to a greater perfection through the cross, which is manifested by the three vows of chastity, poverty and obedience.

If you live in this climate, the hundredfold that Jesus has promised to those who leave everything for his sake, becomes a reality; otherwise it becomes a bankruptcy.

What I have said, referring to the family and religious orders, also applies in the administration of public affairs. Every commitment must be understood as a duty and be performed in the light of God's Law, asking for help to all so that the good of society be real.

Prayer and honesty of life are always necessary. The fear of failing in what each is responsible is to be excluded, and it is indispensable to put faith as a base, as a shield and as a reaching point.

Now, while you are certainly eager to know what to expect, I can assure you that nothing will be against the will of God. In the meantime, pray! Your strength is in God alone, do not be afraid. See you again!

The true riches

22nd June 1976

Beloved children, peace be to you! I am here to help you in everything and to direct you more and more towards the holiness that the Lord desires from you.

Today I want to remind you of a phrase that, in its simplicity, contains a gold mine. Jesus said: "*Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, but in Heaven, where neither moth nor thieves can destroy or steal them.*"

In the world there are many people greedy for wealth and possessions, and to acquiring them they constantly direct their thoughts and their actions. You have to imitate them, but in the things of the spirit. You must be anxious to accumulate merits for the eternal life, not just for you but for all those who are part of the great human family.

Those earning earthly riches, must one day leave them and pass them as an inheritance to relatives or friends. No one can bring to the other shore what he has accumulated. But the spiritual riches reach your destination even before you will arrive. I speak of those riches that, living in the grace of God, you will go preparing with prayer, good works, and with suffering accepted out of love.

But I also want to warn you to be able to use those human riches, large or small that you have to make friends, who will forever bless your memory and your name, and to immortalise, even in the world, those merits that are already stored away in the eternal strongbox.

The Church is the Mother of all Christians, but also includes in her work of assistance all the children of men. She goes to the aid of all humanity through the work of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. Whoever, therefore, helps the Church, helps his Mother, he helps all souls.

The Church sends her angels into the world. They are the missionaries, who, though having always need of your prayers and your assistance, are a chosen part of the flock of Christ.

Among men, there are the needy, the sick, the handicapped, the poor. Well then, the Church sends her best sons to assist, to help, to console these children and brethren, becoming like them to win them all to Christ.

Thus, the Church continues to exercise that mission which, entrusted to the first apostles and disciples, has been handed down over the centuries. So is implemented the command of Jesus, who said: "*Go and announce the good news, baptize, lay hands and heal the sick, cast out demons.*" This is the mission; these are the riches that the Church offers to all those who want to get rich with true and lasting riches.

Thus every Christian receives with Baptism this commitment: to be an apostle, in order to bring in the world those spiritual, moral and material goods that help everyone to see God, to believe in Him and to love Him.

The Church, seen so, is truly the Bride of Christ and Christianity, lived so, would take away from the world all that malevolence, envy, wickedness, that make it the antechamber of purgatory or purgatory itself.

Your Christian conscience must direct your life, so that, selfishness having disappeared, it may give way to a great generosity. It is in this way that your friends will keep multiplying. The Saints will look upon you with eyes full of happiness, because they see you on their path. The souls in purgatory will be comforted and benefitted from your works, and they will become your major helpers. And all those people whom you have with

the Church and for the Church helped, will be your glory in Heaven.

How many sorrows consoled, how many pains shared, how much charity spread, how many riches accumulated!

I would like you just as my Jesus, with pierced hands through your generosity with the neighbour, which can equal the value and merit of those who have the sacred stigmata of the Lord.

Be prudent and be far-sighted, but above all trust in Providence, who does not abandon anyone, and who nourishes and thinks not only of men but also of the birds of the air. Only one ban may prohibit you from being generous: the vow of poverty that deprives you of all things, and obedience to your husband, to whom you have to ask your permission to act. Remember what I told you at other times. *"No one is so poor as to have nothing to give."*

One last thing I want to say to you, which is close to my heart. The riches, money, material treasures, are worth very little, but you possess those real goods, of which the Lord has made you custodians and of which you can dispose of at will.

You have received faith, hope and love. These virtues cultivated in you, can become a great tree, giving a way for others to pick their fruits and in their turn to get rich. Make grow more every day these virtues in you. It will

be a real triumph of your life, your death and your eternal glory.

Children, I bless you all, one by one. Continue to pray for your country.

The secrets of God are revealed to the simple

26th June 1976 (in Legnano)

My children, so dear to my heart, behold, I am here with you! I am the Help of the Christian people, and how I should not help you who love me so much?

I will help you by giving you my advice, putting you on your guard against the dangers that surround you and, most importantly, keeping you on my heart. Let it not be strange to you my way of saying. Cannot and must not a mother keep on her heart her own children? When they are little, she keeps them close to her heart, when they grow, she keeps them inside her heart, with all the pains and concerns of each one.

I always consider you as my little children and I cannot help but devote to you all my care. He who loves me, understands me well and makes treasure of my words, trying in the practice of humility to preserve himself little.

The great according to the world, can be such because pride makes them grow before their eyes and those of God's, to force Him to resist them.

The little according to the world, are the despised, the deemed incapable, the good for nothing; and they really see themselves as such, but God exalts them, and they become the masters of his heart. It is so nice for you to keep this littleness, through which you grow in holiness and grace, so as to enrapture the heart of God.

Moreover, children, I want to reveal to you a little secret. My heart is like a sacred casket, where I keep and kept right from his birth, everything about the life of my Jesus: those marvellous words, those extraordinary events that accompanied Him and the virtues which He practised.

Whoever is on my heart because little, receives little by little my food and I go unveiling to him all those mysteries that serve to increase the faith and to make known the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The little ones are my beloved, who can open my heart to take part in my joys and in my sorrows. Moreover my heart, which, modelled on that of God, is a burning furnace of charity, it is home to all souls with all those imperfections and defects that accompany them. My heart suffers for them, and the consolations it receives from those who are the beloved little children, serve to relieve its burning suffering.

Children, my heart is like that of the mothers, the best support for those about to die. The last invocation of the dying is the name of the mother. I would like to be always that Mother invoked, and I would like for every dying man to find on my heart comfort and relief. It is

your task to entrust them to me. To you the invitation to have recourse to me, so that your last encounter with me may really be a heart to heart meeting.

My maternal affection desires today to put you on your guard against the dangers that surround you. Know that the devil is fighting fiercely to sow discord in families. He, when he cannot make one commit grave sins, works anywhere to prevent good.

It is true even that my Jesus said one day that He had not come to bring peace but war, because children would have rebelled against fathers and spouses and brothers against each other, moreover the struggle against good takes on a truly evil aspect, and aims to prevent souls to rejoice on all that supernatural presence designed to make the faith rekindled and growth in love.

How should you behave therefore, when, without a just reason right ideas, sound principles and good desires are combated? You ought to respond as Jesus responded to me whom I questioned: *"Why have you done this to us, Son? Your father and I, anguished, were looking for You."* He replied: *"And did you not know, that I must be about my Father's business?"*

Look, children, when they not only do not accept dialogue, moreover, they want to hinder you in God's will, be resolved. These are the things, that is, the interests of the Heavenly Father that you have to defend.

Keep the peace and charity. Do all you can up to sacrifice, but let not faithfulness to God fail in you, for

no one is authorized to prevent that freedom which God himself is extremely respectful.

Those secrets which the Lord reveals to simple souls even through me, not all understand them. So be careful and do not expect that everyone will accept your words and your thoughts. Learn, however, to keep them and savour them until you are able to express them.

God is immense and infinite in his ways. Your constancy, your faith, your prayer and the sacrifice of your heart, serve as a means of conversion.

And now, children, an invitation more urgent than ever. There are among you some fathers and many mothers. Learn to keep in your hearts only beautiful things, and may your blessing, given to your family, bring forth fruits of holiness. With an abundance of grace and love, and largeness of heart, bless your children, and not just when they sit at the table with you, but even when they go to bed and when, out of the house, they could face dangers.

Your mutual blessing, that of spouses to each other and of the fathers to the children, given at the point of death, can be a bearer of heavenly favours.

There are some people who would like to do more for the Church. I bless these holy desires. The diaconate is as old as the Church and so much help to the faithful.

I bless you all, my children, and I promise you special graces. I bless this house with largesse and the community that inhabits it. Let the children who pass

through it be consecrated to me. I will save them, and much of the credit will be yours.

You must continue to believe

27th June 1976

Beloved children, peace be to you and grace and every good. I am your Mother; I am the Virgin of Perpetual Help.

What not would I like to do for each one of you? I would like to make you always walk in the light that comes from God. I would like to make you live a life lush with grace, unaware of death that can strike souls. I would always like you to be close to me to supply you, moment by moment, all those graces that you need.

These desires of mine are as those of God, who wants the happiness of his children. Unfortunately in the world have come, with sin, all those moral and spiritual miseries that you know in part, and death has entered. I am not speaking only of that fact of nature for which the soul is separated from the body, but also the death of the soul to the life of grace, for which she is condemned to eternal punishment.

I am in Heaven and I am on earth to be of help to my children, where, reacting to the inclinations, to evil and the devil's temptations, they can retain that life that will last eternally.

Everyone can receive help and strength, everyone can join the ranks of the predestined and the victorious, to whom will be destined a joy and an honour beyond measure. You must have faith.

I am pleased at this point, to recall to you the Gospel event, which explains well what I have told you.

Jairus goes to Jesus and implores so that He wills to heal his daughter. Jesus follows him with his intimates, but along the way come the servants of Jairus, who say: *"It's no use troubling the Teacher, because your daughter is dead."* But Jesus says to Jairus: *"Continue to have faith, because the girl is sleeping."*

See, children, what is necessary for you to be victorious. You must continue to believe, even when mischievous insinuations are made against you, even when it is said that you are crazy, or that you are gullible or fools. You have to believe even when everything seems to conspire against you, and when disappointments and dangers seem to take you away from the light that comes to you from on high. It is this certainty and constancy that the Lord rewards. It is this abandonment in the hands of God which gets you, in addition to his, also my protection.

Defending yourself against death caused by sin, is not more difficult than to keep you from that natural death that is only a temporary event. But always faith is necessary. Only with it can you live in the presence of God, and avoiding occasions of sin becomes extremely easy for you.

When Jesus asserted that that daughter was sleeping, those present, and they were many, laughed. But the apostles, who had faith, did not laugh and deserved to be the first to see the little dead girl be raised.

It is always so in the world. One laughs at everything, not only at the simplicity and the faith of the good, but also at the wisdom of God and his word, and one laughs at Our Lady, who has received into custody the souls as Mother of the living.

Your faith must be your pride, your glory, your bastion and your defence shield. Only in this way can you face the difficulties of life and be serene despite the hardships.

Sometimes death comes to knock on the doors of your home, and many people are tempted to say: *"I am left alone, why live? The house is empty for me, I no longer have affection, I have no peace, I have no comfort."*

If your faith is deep, sincere, true, there will come a day when Jesus will pronounce the same words that revived the daughter of Jairus, and by the power of God the bodies will recompose and will reunite to the soul. You will see all your loved ones who have had faith, and in the family of God will recognize each other, and you will be confirmed in charity.

Children, never let yourselves be taken by weariness, by aversion of good and by doubt of the faith!

Be constantly young in spirit, always ready to serve the Lord. Always be thankful for what you have received and what you keep receiving. Do not ask for more, but ask to be always willing to traffic those talents you have received.

May whoever has received a religious vocation, always keep the torch lit. The Bridegroom is always desirous to meet with you. The religious men encounter Him in the exercise of their ministry, and manifest Him to the faithful much the better the greater their faith is. The religious women make relive among them the heavenly Bridegroom through charity, which comes from an ardent faith.

May all the faithful, at the Eucharistic banquet and in prayer, approach the Bridegroom to bring Him into the family and in the world. Thus, in the practice of the virtue of faith, the secrets of God are revealed and communicated to souls.

Children, I bless you with every blessing, that is to say: I bless your bodies and your souls, your material and spiritual interests, your families, your nation and the whole Church. Be always fervent and good. I am with you always.

See you again, children!

Make good use of pain

4th July 1976

Children, so dear to me, peace be to you! See, I look at you one by one. You are like flowers thirsting for water and coolness. You are thirsty for grace and love.

I bless you as of now and I invite you to offer that mortification that comes to you from the heat, as a gift of love to obtain refreshment for the suffering souls, who have much greater heat to bear. It is the fire of love and pain that burns them.

I also invite you to maintain that modesty which, while it does not aggravate your suffering, is greatly significant for all and sets you apart from those who are not masters of their own body.

You see, children, how much need there is in the world to build and to remedy so many evils provoked by lust and indulgence to sin. You have to give an edifying example to all, and you will truly be able to say that the Lord is the guest of your body, which is a true tabernacle of the Most Holy Trinity.

Unfortunately, in every age, the most terrible punishments were reserved to men for their licentiousness, and there is much to fear when you lose all sense of decency. But you can also say that, in every age, have come true those words of Jesus that sound as a promise: *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."* And, in every age, Jesus has chosen and chooses his oases, where He delights and finds comfort

communicating with pure souls who guard the beautiful virtue on the inside and outside.

Children, the goodness and justice of God are, one might say, on the same level, both being at an infinite degree. However, if the exercise of justice will be formally put into practice at the end of life, the goodness of God is of every day. One could say that it is current.

When you look at the life of the world and men, you become aware of things that seem bad, whereby you think God does justice. Now it is the drought, a while ago it was the earthquake, now it is a calamity, tomorrow another. Do not think that these things are wanted by the divine justice! It is much more terrible than an earthquake! The ones you can see or hear about, are only recalls of love and the goodness of God. He wants his children to live according to his Law, and as they are rebels, He calls them back with all the ways that the good Father knows how to use.

Therefore, when you see the evil that propagates itself, take no thought except to repair it, seeing on your part what there is to be corrected and making every effort to let others know about the goodness of God and his Law.

The pain that is rampant in the world is the consequence of sin, and the first task for those who love the Lord is to remove it; but the pain itself is presented to the world also as a means of reparation, which is why suffering can be useful.

One must not seek one's own will, which many times caresses and encourages self-love, in suffering; the biggest penance is and will always be to deny one's self and learn to understand others and their needs.

I give you this little lesson so that you may learn to make good use of pain and so that it might not be for you as a double-edged blade.

If you want everything to be light in you, do not seek extraordinary things, but in the normal life, perform your duties with humility and wisdom, even if it costs you sacrifice. Learn to be useful to your neighbour, denying your will, putting a lot of charity and, if necessary, also dedicating a lot of work, when this is in the common good.

The suffering that can come from your poor health, put it to the benefit of humanity and your merits will be multiplied. And if the Lord himself deigns to give you some moral or spiritual suffering, thank Him, so that the pain becomes in this way a special sign of his love.

Then there are some souls that God wanted to try in a particular way. Persons of little conscience have deprived them of their savings, earned through work.

Well then, children, do not be anguished! You know that the Lord is ready to reward not only the good works, but also the good desires. Instead of thinking and rethinking about those persons who have hurt you, consider that you have put your capital at my disposal,

you have given it to me because I myself, as your Cashier, look after your business.

I know this can be a big suffering, especially when there are children to be settled, but if you learn to accept and offer up, you will have a way to thank Providence who thinks of everything.

Now I bless you, one by one. May the holidays serve for all to grow in that spiritual life, which is the life of the soul, and to make a good supply for all those who, living carelessly, are absorbed only with themselves. See you again, children!

You are all called to work in the vineyard of the Lord

6th July 1976

Children, so dear to me, peace and grace be to you and to your families spiritual and natural.

I am here with you. I am the Immaculate who, appearing at Lourdes, asked her beloved one and all Christians for "prayer and penance". The same things I ask of you. And while I thank you for wanting to accept my invitation to gather together to pray, I promise you to continue my assistance over you, if you continue to gather in devout prayer.

And penance? What penance do I desire from you? That which comes by the observance of the Commandments of God and the Church. I do not ask you

for extraordinary things. And yet, as a reward for those small sacrifices that you will offer me, I will convert the souls who are dear to you and give them the help they need to become true Christians, observant of God's Word.

There is a vast number of mothers who weep over their children who have lost the faith, and over children sick in the spirit and in the body.

Well then, I am the Mother of mothers, I mourn the irreparable ruin of many of my children, and the way which I give you to recall them to my heart, is always the same: prayer and penance. Has not my Jesus also told you that some demons are cast out only by prayer and fasting? It is so!

When in the heat of summer you feel the desire for cool and would like to give your body that freedom that you think gives you relief, give me the gift of a flower, give me a mortification. I will give consolation to your heart, and my heart, exacerbated by the ruin the youth encounter, burned by impure sins, will have consolation.

Children, modern youth is taken by the demon of lust and many times becomes nervous and bad. The young rail against God, against their parents, against society and the world, but it is only because they do not possess God, they have no peace. You have to help them, these young people, calling them back with the example and with the persuasive and simple word.

The vineyard of the Lord is great, and all are called to work: some as a religious, others as a layman, as a mother, as a daughter or son. The apostolate that I call you to do is a sacred duty. The Baptism that you have received, obliges you. Your religious vocation and as Christians is a continual reminder to do good. The example of the saints who have gone before you is an incentive to follow that road they have travelled.

Shake yourselves, children. If you love me, do not put limits to your fervour. Look at me and see me always with you: hands joined, eyes to heaven. It is there your destination! You are all invited to walk, but no one should be alone. Everyone has to draw behind him a group of souls.

Those who pass next to you, whom perhaps you only know by name, are your brethren to whom you must do good. You must be tied to all men of the earth who, like you, call God "Father", and also to those who still do not know Him so that they may have light, understand and believe.

You have received the incomparable gift of faith. Well then, it is not a wealth exclusively for you, it must not be a privilege.

I help you and make use of your prayers, your work, your penance, to accomplish in the world that Kingdom of God for which my Son worked, died and gave the Church its mandate. With you I work for your family, I work for your priests, whom I continually call to conversion and holiness.

Do not be afraid, do not doubt, give everything you can and be strong in faith. I will strengthen you in grace and in love.

See you again, children! When you pray here, I am with you.

How much Faith is worth!

9th July 1976

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

See, I am here as a Mother and Teacher, and I desire, as such, to give you consolation and light, so that your life may pass serene and be illumined by faith, which must be your strength, the anchor of your salvation. Unfortunately, in the world evil reigns and, with it and for it, pain. But he who does not have faith, in addition to pain has despair and cannot have strength to carry the cross.

If you knew how much faith is worth! Remember, children, that I had need of faith, a heroic faith, in order to face all the difficulties of life and to say continuously my "fiat" (so be it) to the will of the Father.

All Christians have received this precious gift with holy Baptism, and if all cultivated it, guarded it and tried to increase it, no one would be miserable. Everyone would have enough strength to be able to welcome, day by day, life in its reality, and faith would transform even the painful things in a source of joy and happiness.

The martyrs who, after Jesus, gave their lives in the midst of the cruellest torments, where did they draw the strength to cope with death, and the joy to go rejoicing to meet it? By faith, children!

Well then, there are some who do not appreciate this gift. There are many young people who prefer professing themselves atheists, instead of believers, and with extreme ease reject truth to accept error and superstition. For them, even if everything seems easy while they have strength and health, old age will be very hard.

He who has faith, has in himself a divine vigour that keeps the heart forever young. But what will be of the young man who, having lost his faith, seeks in false love his consolations? He will find himself disappointed and exhausted, because life without faith becomes dull and without ideal.

Faith is a support and a lifeline. Jesus said: *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."* Salvation is therefore attached to faith as the fruit is attached to the branch from which it had life.

There are many people who do not appreciate the divine life that faith lets know, and you find parents who postpone the Baptism of their children. They say: *"It is better that they decide and be able to choose."* But how can one not understand the need to be inserted in the tree of life, to be able to enjoy its benefits? It is the lack of faith that makes one neglect these duties. And there are also a lot more serious ones.

When in a family the first place has not been given to God, all that concerns Him is despised, and it even goes so far as to be afraid of the Sacraments and the priest who administers them, up to letting die without religious support those whom one fears are intimidated or frightened.

Thus, people without faith, families without faith, they become the plaything of the devil, who seizes the opportunity to take possession of souls.

It is true, each one is free to believe or not to believe, as one is free to respond to God's grace and be saved, or not to respond to it and be damned. But do not you think, children, that it is a big mistake to throw away the infinite riches of Christ's heart, that He got at a great price for you?

Children, the faith which you have received as a precious inheritance from your ancestors, and that the Church has guarded for centuries, is summarized in that code that you call "Creed".

Say it often the "Creed," and let each article be the object of meditation. If you believe in the Most Holy Trinity, if you are with the Church, you can watch with serenity eternal life, in which faith will no longer exist, because those truths in which you now believe without seeing them and without understanding them well, will be clear in front of your eyes; and the more your faith will have been simple, sincere and pure, the greater will be your bliss.

And now I want to recommend to you something simple that I have so much at heart. The thought of faith that has helped many to sanctify themselves was this: God sees me! The presence of God, who is everywhere, must help you to love Him and serve Him with great fervour.

Whoever is sick, serves Him with the illness and loves Him through the pain. Whoever is healthy and dedicates himself to the service of the neighbour, in him must see the Lord. How much light in that service rendered to the person of God, Jesus, the Son of God! How much fraternal charity, what peace, what serenity, if the thought of God will be constantly in your mind!

Looking at heaven, some great ones of the earth could say: *"It is beautiful, but it is not for me,"* because they had lost the faith and with it, morality. If you have faith, there is your home, but even from this earth the thought of Paradise will be of relief and strength to you, whereby you will enjoy great peace in advance.

Courage, children! Courage! I am always at your side and I help you. Do not let yourselves be disheartened and do not let yourselves be misled. Be faithful to the Church in the person of the Pope. Be obedient to your superiors and do not be afraid of anyone. Show your faith in front of anyone. Jesus will not be ashamed of you before the Father.

The persecutions they suffered in all times those who believed, are not finished, but also in the form of cold war can continue. You be those who fight evil, never

good. And remember that those who do good, must undergo the trial by fire with contradiction.

To all my motherly blessing, especially to the sick, to whom I promise, that every time they recite the Rosary, I will be at their side to encourage them.

You have the use of great wealth

11th July 1976

My children, thank you for having come here to give me your loving tribute! I am the Lady of the heart of Jesus, and whoever comes to me, obtains the divine riches of which I am the Keeper.

Today I want to give you a valuable counsel. You are disposed with great means of salvation, of which the world makes a great abuse and mess. I desire to teach you to use, for yourselves and for others, these riches.

What saves the world is the blood of Jesus. In the Holy Mass it is Jesus who immolates himself, offering all his blood to the Father for the salvation of souls. But how many people do not seek this blood, except for their own damnation! How many sacrilegious Masses, how many sacrilegious Communions!

It is your task to collect this precious blood and offer it up to the Most Holy Trinity in reparation. Your Masses heard with faith, your Communions received with fervour and love, serve to repair and enhance this infinite wealth, the blood of Christ that saves.

But there is another wealth that the world does not want to accept and understand: it is sorrow. It can and should be the price of redemption. If accepted and offered with the infinite sorrow of the Passion, it takes on the same value. The victim souls become truly other Jesus', and complement and continue in the world the work of salvation.

But even the little sufferings of every day offered up, the misunderstandings, the adversities, the slanders, the persecutions endured, are precious coins of inestimable value. They are demonstrations of love that Jesus transmutes into a shower of graces for all.

You must be these delicate and loving souls who make of life a continuous offering of love. Your little sufferings offered up that will open way for me, so that I can enter into souls to prepare the abode to my Jesus.

Moreover, I have given you another means of salvation: it is the Rosary. Already you love it, because you know it and practise it. Well then, make it known and loved! If in all families they were to recite the Rosary, peace, harmony, love would reign. This is my gift, use it. In this way, the blood of Jesus, your sorrow and prayer, will take place that transformation in souls so necessary and urgent.

Children, I love you so much and I bless you one by one. See you again!

To a group of pilgrims

11th July 1976

My children, with what joy I welcome you in this place! They have led you here, as defying a danger, but the dangers that you ought to defy in life will be much more serious, and the courage to be able to resist the forces of evil will be indispensable.

Know now that this place has been chosen by me to communicate with my children and to show them the right path that leads to Heaven. I teach my children to be constantly united to the Church in the person of the Pope and to practise charity.

Unfortunately, so easily one disobeys the Church and divisions are created. Know, children, where souls are divided the devil triumphs.

That truth of which the Church is the repository, is to be kept intact as my Jesus has given it to her. And also charity is to be kept, because it is only through pride, envy and jealousy that are created divisions in the world.

You love all, forgive always, and be faithful to God in the profession of your faith. Prayer will be your strength, because it is the means that God has put at your disposal to communicate with Him and to obtain his graces. Do not let a day pass without having prayed, and never let it be so for you to go to bed in the evening without having reviewed your social relationships, to be at peace with everyone.

I bless you all, one by one. I will grant you special graces, but above all I will help you for your placement and the choice of your vocation. Be persevering!

See you again, children! I embrace you with infinite tenderness. I am the Mother of Divine Love and your Mother.

When it is necessary to speak and when to be silent

11th July 1976

Beloved children, I am your Mother, the Queen of Carmel. I desire that you pray to me under this title to solicit from the Lord the gift of rain. Did not the prophet Elijah pray on Mount Carmel to obtain rain over the lands parched by the sun?

It is very important to you that the Lord grants you this gift, for which there must not fail bread for you and so that, provisioned with the necessary things to the body, you can rise good and grateful towards God.

I desire also for you to help your spiritual mother with prayer, to whom are not lacking difficulties and sufferings. "*Give and it shall be given you*", I can repeat to you, and that with which she will be enriched through your prayers, shall fall upon you in so much help and in the abundance of her giving.

You will take a few days off. That is to say, you will not be here to pray, but you will multiply the good for as

many people as you are here. You will find good souls who come to your home, or at church, to pray the Rosary with you. You can also read a little thought about the blood of Jesus, which has been given to you in another time, and you will be so happy.

May those people then who go elsewhere, do not forget that they are everywhere, not only in the presence of God, but also in my company, whereby the apostolate and Christian behaviour will be very easy.

Today I want to remind you of an evangelical deed very significant. A possessed dumb man was brought to Jesus, and when he was liberated, he began to speak.

Here, silence can present a problem for you. Sometimes you would like to speak to prevent evil, and there is like someone who stops your mouth and makes you silent. Be very careful, because of that evil that you could prevent and that you do not prevent, you may be responsible.

Of course, your speech must not overwhelm like an avalanche, or like a stormy wave; it must be the affirmation of a truth, or the sincere expression of a thought or of your own will of good, that does not arouse anger or disappointments such as to break the friendship. Whoever hears you, must understand that you want the good, without pretending to impose your way of thinking and acting.

However, there are times when it is necessary to know how to be silent. When you are in company, it is

easy for murmurings to foul the tongue and minds. That is when it really is the case to be silent. With murmuring many times you ruin the reputation and honour of persons, even if you do not get to slander. It is therefore necessary to be prudent and to make silence a language pleasing to God.

How my heart enjoys speaking to souls silent, always listening! These souls grow more and more in grace and know how to express very well what they have inside with the sweetness of the smile, more eloquent than the word. So, speaking in the name of God and keeping silent for his sake, you will become so much like Jesus and me, and you will gladden us.

There is another important time when you have to talk and one in which you have to keep quiet. You have to talk when one offends God with blasphemy, to repair and to admonish; and to stay silent when you wish to count your merits and talk about yourself.

Praising God and practising humility is really a beautiful degree of perfection, that Christians should practise. It is difficult, I know, but I am there, I put myself in front of you as a model and help you. For this reason, you need not fear and be strong.

Days of test pass by and then you are pleased to have suffered, to have been silent, to have been humbled. It is as if all these things became jewellery for you, and all serves to prepare you for the eternal life, that will never end and that will be perfectly happy.

There are souls among you tried by slander and by moral suffering: brides unfairly thrown out by the husband, mothers misunderstood and thrown out by their own children. My beloved daughters, learn to keep silent, to love and to offer up. The victory will be yours; I promise.

To the dear nuns present, my tenderness. To those who spread my Rosary, a special promise: I will multiply the spiritual graces as there are beads of the Rosaries that you spread.

See you again, children! May my blessing have today the solemnity of a divine gift. May the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit bless you with me.

Man renders love to God with prayer

13th July 1976 (in Premia)

My children, peace and grace be to your hearts and your souls. See, I am really among you as Mother and Teacher. Oh, how many things I would like to tell you, how much confidence I would like to give you! You are eager for my graces, less than what I am to grant them to you.

Everyone has special needs. But I desire to grant you the love of God, which comprises all good.

Do you know what was the first act done by God to demonstrate to man his love? It was that of communicating with him. For God was always in

friendly conversation with our first parents. Only afterwards sin interrupted his conversation. He sent always, though, his messages through the prophets. Then came his divine Son to continue that admirable language of God among men.

And even now, after two thousand years, the Lord speaks through his prophets and through his Son. The Pope is for Christianity the main prophet. His word is infallible and safe, and is a sign of God's love for men.

God can only love, and therefore cannot be silent. He talks and loves, He speaks and calls, He talks and forgives, and his word, even if it is not sensitively felt by the human ear, is evident and clear. He also speaks by means of things, He speaks to the minds, to the hearts. He speaks to the whole universe and with the voice of the universe.

There are those who listen and those who are deaf to his word, full of sweetness and tenderness. There are those who listen, meditate, and gather, and in turn want to tell God their love.

But how can man be able to render love for love? With prayer. God speaks and man prays. That is why prayer is essential. It should be a universal manifestation of gratitude, of acknowledgment, of fidelity and above all of love. The needs of men are to be submitted to the primary need of raising to God a hymn of thanksgiving and praise.

How beautiful it is, children, prayer understood like that! It becomes truly that fragrant incense that floats around the throne of God. It is truly that precious gold that forms the ornament of the royal crown. Prayer so made, becomes like a blanket of protection through which souls, families, the world, are like immunized from dangers, disasters and evils of all kinds.

Prayer, however, must have a universal expression, it must that is, enwrap, with the power of its love, all creatures.

That is why, when you pray and pray well, Heaven is wide open above you, all the angels and saints are in your company and add their own merits to yours. And the suffering souls, in that fire of love that burns them irresistibly, can but only feel comfort and cannot but beseech the Lord for those who pray. It is a perfect unity, which makes the Church triumphant, suffering and militant, the most marvellous concert of love to God.

Blessed are those souls who, feeling particularly attracted to love God, know how to respond with this adherence and transform their lives in a continual prayer.

It does not matter the way, nor the mission, nor the diversity of the state. It is all a flowery field, in which the Lord wants to resume, as in the earthly paradise, his dialogues with man. The Church is his vineyard, but the universe is his temple. The soul is his flowerbed, but the family is his palace. Everywhere and always, God must be loved and must have his response of joyful fidelity in the direct communication with Him.

Everything has to be prayer! Families in this way are healed, souls live or revive, works flourish because the Lord descends, renews, transforms and revives the faith, hope and charity in all.

I bless you, my children, and I thank you for having agreed to a precise invitation of mine. When you want me again, I will be with you. I promise you graces of conversions. Have faith, and I promise to release those relatives of yours who are still in Purgatory.

I embrace you one by one and I leave in your heart the joy that good souls enjoy in contact with Heaven. See you again!

Humble and universal prayer

15th July 1976 (in Premia)

My children, I want to continue to tell you about the qualities that prayer must have, since he who knows how to pray has by half ensured his salvation. Did not my Jesus tell you: *"Pray without ceasing"*? And the Holy Spirit does He not assure you that *"he who prays is saved and he who does not pray is damned"*?

But know that your prayer must have this characteristic: it must be an act of humility turned to God. That is to say, your attitude of prayerful souls must be that of those who, recognizing the supreme greatness of God, also recognize their own nothingness. The example of the publican, standing at the bottom of the

Temple, beats his breast recognizing himself a sinner, is the model to imitate.

I do not speak at this time of the immensity of God the Creator, infinite in every attribute, but it seems to me very appropriate that each see their own shortcomings, defects and imperfections. And what is humility, if not this recognition before one's self, the neighbour and God?

You are all sinners. "*We are sinners. I have sinned,*" each one has to say. And when one prepares to communicate with God through prayer, the sorrow for one's own sins must move the conscience to a sincere resolution, after expressing to God the displeasure of having offended him.

God uses nobodies to do great things, and knows how to employ even the evil in order to draw out good. The recognition, however, of one's own weaknesses and miseries is so pleasing to God, and He feels attracted to those who humbly recognize themselves as wretched.

But I want to give you an invitation ever so pressing. Each one of you is wretched, since, even if you had not committed great sins in your life, you have the ability and possibility to commit them. It would be sufficient only for a moment for the Lord to depart from you his grace, for you to find yourselves, without support and help, wretched.

If therefore, your recognizing yourselves wretched must make you extremely small before God, you cannot forget all men, who are in your condition. Your

humbling yourselves before God, before, during and after prayer, must be like a cry for mercy for everyone.

Each member of your body has its own importance and, if a very small part of it suffers, the whole body feels it. All that is in the world is as connected in God, and with Him and in Him, has to form a beautiful unity. That act of humility that puts you before God in the quality of a needy person, of a beggar who expects material, moral and spiritual aid, must become the voice of humanity that is needy, suffering and above all proud.

"I do not want to serve you," many say. *"I do not want to love you,"* say others. *"What have I done wrong, that I should suffer?"*, many say, even Christians and beneficiaries. And so the existence of God is denied, He is hated and combated; and the existence of evil and sin is denied, while it is committed.

For all of them must rise the cry of faith, trust, hope and love: *"Lord, we are sinners! Do not treat us as we deserve, but have mercy on us."* Here, once again, the universal action of praying brings benefits to all, and in individual humility is realized the great collective humility, a sure indication of sincere repentance that is worth the mercy of God.

Children, be always like so before God, like those children who, knowing themselves incapable, ask for help, and noting they had soiled their clothing, rely on their mother so that she takes care to put it back in order. I want nothing more than to put you in the condition to be not only acceptable, but very pleasing to the Father.

Children, I bless you, one by one.

Be docile sheep

18th July 1976

Children so dear to me, be to you the most beautiful graces and divine favours for that generosity with which you accept and offer considerable sacrifices to come and listen to my word! I am your Divine Shepherdess, and you have to be by your docility, truly my sheep.

You see that the Gospel events are repeated in every age and in many places of the earth. Today I want to remind you of a little episode, which was reflected in your spiritual family.

The apostles, returning from their labours of the apostolate, approach Jesus. He becomes aware of their fatigue and, after having blessed them, invites them to get away from the crowds and retreat to a quiet place to rest. Some people, however, having understood the words of Jesus, precede them in that place, so that arriving there, they find new work and new good to do.

It has been also the case for your instrument, and I enjoy giving her my help and health, so that no one has to lack the divine word, and all can be consoled and helped in all their needs.

I love to keep my sheep close, however I do not cease to say, as my Jesus: I have other sheep, which I wish to join to this fold.

Today, where no one wants to be guided any longer, I go in search of souls simple, humble and good, who want to entrust to me their present and their future.

One claims to be self-sufficient and wanting to do one's own thing, until you realize you are too fragile. On the contrary, it is so beautiful to let one's self be directed and to be able to say with sincerity and faith: *"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."*

God is the One who is, and men are the nothing who from Him had life. Jesus, the Son of God, sent to earth for the salvation of all, He is the universal Shepherd, but He has entrusted to the Church, in the person of Peter, the task of feeding lambs and sheep. Of this Church, of which I am Mother and see the needs of any moment, I guard the fold.

How much peace, how much harmony there would be in the Church, in the obedience to the Pope and in the common work of the apostolate with the Mother of all Christians!

Sometimes it happens that sheep, left to themselves, might find death among the snows of the glaciers or among the weeds of a forest. It can also be the same for souls and in a way even easier, since reason and pride combine to make rebels, who defy the dangers and do not recognize them.

I am your Shepherdess, and I know to perfection all your needs. I like at this point to remind you how, at the wedding of Cana, at which I attended with my Son and

his disciples, I began to really implement my office of Mother and Shepherdess. To much higher things than eating and drinking was called Jesus! But do not you think that the sheep need to drink? And here's the miracle: the water is turned into wine.

It does not matter that at that moment Jesus had in appearance given me a reproach, because my request was in a sense to change the designs of God. I knew how much Jesus loved me, and if in that moment He called me "woman" instead of Mother, it was just to show me that He began his mission outside of the family, and also for me it outlined the mission of Mother of men and the nascent Church.

Know therefore, dear children, that, whether in your spiritual needs or those material ones, I am next to you as your guardian and, if with faith and with trust you have recourse to me, I will not remain deaf to your invocations. When you ask, you have to have the same confidence with which I said to the servants: "*Do whatever He tells you.*" It is the same Jesus who works: He who had compassion on the crowd because they seemed sheep without a shepherd, and He who had compassion on the spouses because they lacked the wine. "*I trust you*", you have to say, and you have to have the certainty that what is good for you will be granted you. "*Give us the daily bread*", the Teacher has taught you to say. "*Give us the water that quenches and the drinking of which, one no longer thirsts,*" He taught to ask to the Samaritan woman.

So, kept on my heart, fed by the Father, you, sheep my flock, can say with faith and love: *"Lord, that all men of the earth form one only flock under one Shepherd."*

Children, I bless you all. I bless my ministers present and all those who are spiritually connected. To all, my maternal embrace and my peace.

How one becomes family of God

20th July 1976

My children, both grace and peace to you and all good! I am the Mother of Jesus and Mother of all the living, whom I call continuously close to God and whose salvation I want, according to the will of God and by that mission that He has entrusted to me. I call everyone, but to my devotees, who know my voice and who are docile to my teachings, I grant graces upon graces, so as to make them my co-workers in the work of salvation.

Whoever strives to accomplish a particular mission assigned to him by God, becomes brother and sister and mother of Jesus. He himself said this to you in the Gospel.

There were in fact, on that day, many people around Him, and my relatives, according to human law, saw wrong in what Jesus did. It was for this reason that they invited me to go with them to recall Him to return home and not to preach anymore.

Therefore, they sent a young man, when we reached the place of the meeting with the crowd, so that he might say to my Son that his Mother and his brothers were calling Him.

Jesus turned his gaze around at that moment, as if to speak to each one individually, and said: "*Who are my mother and my brothers?*". And it seemed He wanted to say: "*You, you, you ...*", and invite all to do the will of the Father, since only in this way one becomes family of God.

In the world, many persons are keen to be descended from people of high rank, others are proud to have as friends the powerful. The Christian, to whom earthly life must only concern as a means of attaining eternal life, cannot give value to power and knowledge, and not even to friendship and kinship. These are all things that pass. Human brotherhood and affection that must unite men, have a reason far superior to the human benefits that they can derive.

God, who is Father of all peoples, and who, by the incarnation of the Word, has raised man up to letting him live a divine life, wants that in the fulfilment of his will, he strives to establish relationships of close kinship with his Son, and with Him. What thing more desirable than this? But what therefore, must be your task?

If each one has a mission to accomplish, which was pre-ordained with infinite goodness by God concerning him, discovering and accepting this mission becomes a

means not only pleasing to Him, but also for becoming his blood relatives.

That's how the Christian, from the moment he is incorporated as a living part of the Church, assumes the task of continuing what her invisible Head pre-ordained and which the visible Head commands. So it sets out in general terms the mission of the Christian: to work for the Church, for its consolidation and the spread of the faith.

To a mission of general character, is the implementation according to one's ability and means, but the ultimate goal must always be: to cooperate in the work of salvation willed by Jesus through the triumph of the Church in the world.

Children, each one of you, at this point, can be considered a small world, not independent, not autonomous, but connected as a satellite around the sun. Suppose that the sun has to receive an increase of light from many small worlds that surround it. Each one would give its own ray, each one its own brightness, and all would be competing to make it more beautiful.

What does not take place in astronomy, can take place in the spiritual world. Each soul has her own beauty, strength, grace. If the Christian, cultivating in himself this strength, this beauty and this grace, wants to honour the Father and do his will, he will give increase and brightness and power to that admirable work that is the Church, and her smallness will become greatness.

When God works in the world, He performs marvellous works. When He operates in a soul who is disposed, He accomplishes the work of sanctification, which surpasses all human possibility. When a Christian lends himself as an instrument to implement the designs of God, the human disappears because God acts, and the works become divine.

But I want to warn you of a very important thing. When the priest, taking in his hands the bread and wine, pronounces the words of consecration, this bread and this wine, though becoming the Body and Blood of Jesus, retain the appearance of the species that previously existed.

So, even you. When, attracted by the desire to do the will of God, you try to carry out your mission in the most perfect way, you retain your nature with all those defects, those deficiencies and those weaknesses that are common to man.

Well then, do not be disturbed. If your heart is good, if your mind has good intentions, if your soul is in God's grace, even if your works retain a defective human appearance, God sees the inside and has already received what you offer Him, as true good. May all of this serve to give you comfort and to not let yourselves be disheartened in difficulties.

Children, I bless you all. Persevere in good and never tire to resume with renewed fervour, your resolutions. I bless the nuns present and their mission. See you again!

The soul is reached through the body

25th July 1976

My children, here I am with you! I desire to give you an ever so important lesson, based on a Gospel passage.

Jesus had gone up the mountain, and an innumerable multitude had followed Him. He talked for hours, until, night being close and knowing that those people had to travel a long way to go home, desired to feed them so that they might not perish along the way. So it was that He worked a great miracle, that of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

Children, do not think it strange that I should highlight to you the behaviour of Jesus, as ever human. He could have dismissed the crowd and invited everyone to bring to their towns and their homes his divine teachings, instead He was concerned for their material needs.

As you can see, Jesus shows that even the bodily needs are important. In fact, I would say that by performing this miracle, He confirmed his words and showed, together with his divinity, also his humanity.

Now I come to you, especially to the mothers and to those daughters eager to bring to all that food spiritual which is the divine Word. You come here and, in the likeness of the crowd that followed the Teacher, you feel high, as transported by thoughts of faith and high

spirituality, and you would like for others to imitate you and taste what you enjoy.

Take heed and imitate Jesus, in order not to run the risk of getting adverse effects. If you want to make your loved ones swallow a sermon, while their stomach calls for some pasta, you ruin your work and God cannot in that moment be well received. Learn to give to your family duties and also those relating to the culinary arts, that importance they deserve, to be able, in time and place, to make effective your word and welcome your thoughts of deep spirituality. Never forget this principle: the soul is reached through the body.

Do you believe that your missionaries could speak about the goodness of God, of redemption and salvation, if they did not dedicate themselves to the sick, if they did not give food to the hungry, and did not share their fate with those whom they wish to call to the faith?

In the world, then, everything is based on the human. Have you not noticed that in relations between the rulers of the various states, there are entertainments with lavish tables.

It is certainly not to be blamed the good table, when the guests do not squander, do not do like the rich man Dives who denied even the crumbs to Lazarus, and when being at table serves to unite hearts, to make them more good and to communicate those spiritual treasures of which the Holy Spirit favours those who seek Him.

Everything that I have told you is part of that humanity, of that justice and that prudence which must guide your life.

Jesus often spoke, in his parables, of feasting, and He also participated in certain feasts, not just weddings, but also in the homes of people considered scandalous to the point of being called a sinner, because He ate with sinners. And they also called Him a glutton and a drunkard.

Let all this be of encouragement to you, even when you are in front of hard talking people. One must make sure that one's stomach does not become an idol, that one looks for what is good, and that moderation always directs your eating and your drinking, do not forget that proverb which is the fruit of wisdom: *"Gluttony kills more than the sword."* Many diseases, in fact, come from a poorly regulated diet.

There were throughout the centuries persons called to live in particular penance, and there were some who lived without eating and with the Eucharist alone. But this must be a call from God and not something arbitrary, and this will of penance must be subjected to that of one's spiritual director.

A certain mortification that can return pleasing to God, will be that of offering to Him, in the person of one's neighbour, the best portion. It will be, this act, pleasing like the sacrifice of Abel, and will find a reward in health.

Children, I bless you all very warmly and I mark your forehead as if to indicate that you are mine and that no one will take you away from me. See you again, children! The little children present will have very special graces.

The wheat and the darnel

27th July 1976

Beloved children, peace and grace be to your hearts and your souls! See, I am here with you as to give value to your prayers and to teach you how to pray, just as they did once the good mothers with their children.

Always pray quietly, be all united, so that your prayer may be like a sweet music that broadens the heart to hope and brings relief and joy. When you pray well, time goes by fast and prayer does not seem to you long and boring. When you pray well, it is as if you walked through an avenue of flowers, and the deeper you go in the more you smell the fragrance of flowers, and the more you like to linger to admire its beauty. So, if you pray with feeling, the reflection and meditation is easy for you.

Have you heard sometimes the song of birds in a tree? Their chirping is so combined as to really form a unity; and you rejoice in that joyful chirping, as if the birds have something in common with you, even if they speak a different language.

So you, when you pray all together, are heard by the angels, who, despite being different from you, they

rejoice. The angels then, as God's ministers, gather your song and bring it to Him.

The grace of God must not be lacking in your soul, for the prayer would be out of tune, or not be transformed into voice. The grace of God, children, is everything. Add faith and also recollection, because the voluntary distractions would make your prayer a cabbage patch, from which come and go freely buyers and sellers.

If you happen to find yourself in sin, before your act of prayer turn your sorrow to the Father, with a promise to get yourselves back as soon as possible in intimate relationship with Him through Confession.

Thus, all the days of your life become a hymn of praise to God, until, called into the other life, you will be able to continue to praise the Lord, extolling his greatness and his infinite mercy.

Today I would like to remind you that prayer is like a sowing of wheat in the field of the Lord, and how the devil works in this field to sow the darnel. The devil also makes use of men, who will tell you that prayer is useless and that it is necessary to act. They will say that those who pray are crazy, and they will endeavour to destroy the works of God.

Do not you mind, do not be fooled, and let your works be always interwoven with prayer and love. Then, when the time of harvest comes, one will be able to separate the wheat from the darnel, that is, the works that come from God from those that come from the evil one.

Those works which, tied to prayer, will be divine, they will merit an eternal reward, and the others will be thrown to the demons, who desired them.

Children, I have given you a simple explanation of a parable of my Son. Be aware, however, that also in other ways Satan works in the world. Sometimes he also uses good people to distort the truth and to divert the children of God from the true faith. There are those who are led by a false zeal and would like to be those who rip out the weeds; meanwhile they create divisions, conflicts, heresies.

Be faithful to Jesus' invitation. Allow to grow together the good and the not so good. Edify all by your example and let only the Lord judge.

Be united to the Pope, and do not think that he was wrong or that he is wrong; it would be like not admitting his infallibility as Head of the Church. Do not even think that his personality is diminished or destroyed.

My Son and I have the duty to assist and defend him, and if priests and bishops disobey him, creating divisions, the fault lies solely on them, who, led by pride, believe they are superior to the Pope, and it is not certainly due to the weakness or the inability of the Pontiff. The heart of the Pope suffers from this situation and for the offense given to God, even in his person, but his holiness is continually increasing.

Children, the good wheat are those children who, feeding themselves with the Eucharist and participating

in the sacred mysteries, edify the whole Church by their unity and through the humility with which they also accept the humiliations to make the ear of wheat grow more luxuriantly. Excessive zeal threatens the unity of the Church more than the error of Protestantism and false doctrines.

One last thing, children. Perhaps you think that Jesus would not have been able to expose and expel from the group of the apostles Judas, before he could betray Him? And maybe you think that He could not have prevented Peter to be a perjurer? He did not do it, because the parable had to become reality for all ages. The darnel and the wheat are to grow together.

Pray for all, give a good example, and try not to do evil and to prevent it, not to rebel against the Gospel, the Pope and the Church directed by him.

Children, I rejoice to see you numerous and fervent in this place and to instruct you on the divine truths. It is precisely to call you to this school that I grant graces upon graces to all. Be persevering.

To all my embrace and a blessing that serves to give you health and grace. See you again!

You have the Eucharist

1st August 1976

Children, so dear to me, peace and grace be to you and your families.

Oh, do not tell me you can no longer go on! God gives health and strength to his creatures, as they need it to do good and to attain the highest Good. You could fall ill elsewhere, could you not? But it is so great the need for prayer, that I advise you to continue your beautiful gatherings. The graces will be more abundant than ever.

You will be those who keep the flame alive and who spread the light. Do not fear anything, but always say: *"Cold and heat, rain and wind, sun, stars and moon, bless the Lord."*

Let others, especially the little ones, learn to praise God and to give Him glory in all his creatures. I will join you, and we will make a wonderful choir in the universe that will serve to make reparation.

Don't you see, children, even in your families, in Christian families, how much evil is committed, disseminated and spread? And don't you see how those who are following Satan are bold and heedless of fatigue? It seems that, competing with the good, they are far superior to them for consistency and strength.

Oh, children of light, do not let yourselves be overcome by the children of darkness! Be confident, courageous, and stand firm at the cross that the Lord gives you, because only with it will you get to Heaven.

The Hebrews, who complained in the desert regretting the onions of Egypt, must not find reflection in you. You have the living Bread which came down from Heaven; you have the Eucharist, which is far more

than the heavenly manna; you have Jesus living and true as food, as hope to give you life. If you feed of the Eucharist with desire and love, it will invigorate your strength, whereby the spiritual life and the physical will feel its benefit.

Oh, do not seek too many things! The pledge of eternal life, in which is renewed and strengthened your hope, is Him, it is Jesus, the Bread of angels. Let it not seem a contradiction to you. The angels do not feed on the Eucharist, but those men, those souls eager to live on earth as angels, serving God and spreading so much goodness, are those who better than others can nourish themselves with the Eucharistic Jesus.

He is with you my Son, always with you in your churches, in your tabernacles. Of what do you want to be afraid?

The history of the Church speaks of sensational miracles made by means of the Eucharist, but, if you wanted just to review, since I appeared on the rock of Massabielle at Lourdes, how many sick are healed before the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, you could rejoice over it and be convinced that Jesus is now, as yesterday and as always, the Son of God, a miracle worker.

Behold, children, that in this month all suffused with poetry for the festivities you celebrate in my honour, I invite you to make me a gift of fiery acts of love to Jesus in the Eucharist, that serve to stifle and destroy the heat

of the passions and miasma of hearts who do not know the value of purity.

So you will prepare yourselves, with the Queen of the angels, to celebrate her assumption, body and soul into Heaven, and the freshness of Our Lady of the snow will come to give relief to you and to the souls in purgatory.

Children, I bless you all, starting with your spiritual mother.

Remain in the charity of Christ, and as the Eucharist stands to indicate the unity of the grains of wheat in the same flour and the unity of the grapes in the same wine, so may it serve to indicate the affection that must unite you, exactly as in a real family of God. I assist you in your needs.

See you again, children.

Be Angels!

2nd August 1976

Children so dear to me, be blessed for having wanted to visit me on this day.

I am truly the Queen of the angels, and I want to make your soul so pure that it can reflect the purity of the angels. In a world corrupted, you must carry the scent of the lilies, and the splendour of grace must be reflected in your eyes and on your face. Oh, yes, be angels!

Spread goodness everywhere. When a person is very good, you say he is an angel. Well then, be angels, and

let everyone understand that your model is the heavenly Mother.

I have learned from my divine Son to be good. He was goodness personified. You learn from me! It is not hard to be good, when you consider you have the Mother next to you, who is as a teacher to you and gives you a hand.

It is necessary to have faith, always a lot of faith. Remember Peter? He had asked Jesus to be able to walk on the water, and Jesus consented to his desire. When, however, faith was inferior in him, he could no longer float on the water and began to sink.

So it is for you. You have to be, in a certain sense, above all the miseries of life. If you have faith, you can float, and you are like Peter or like the angels. If you count on your strength, you no longer hold, you definitely sink.

Be angels, and to be such, trust the Lord, trust in my help and give me your good will.

Children, I bless you all starting with the children, who most closely resemble the angels.

Today, in memory of the gift received by St. Francis, I will obtain for you mine through the mercy of God: forgiveness of the punishment of sins. Enjoy it, and be fervent in preserving in your souls a heavenly splendour.

See you again, children!

Love and not sin

3rd August 1976

Beloved children, let there be graces to you: material graces, but above all spiritual graces of light and of genuine and true faith. I give you with both hands everything that is beautiful and good; you just have to welcome within you, like an open cup, everything.

When the first ray of sunshine comes to illuminate the earth, the flowers, which during the night they closed their corollas, open up slightly and almost invisibly to welcome light and heat.

You have to do every day so, and if the darkness of doubt, the darkness of guilt or the sadness of sorrow have closed your heart to love and your soul to faith and prayer, you must reopen yourselves to the rays of that divine sun of grace, which I give you in the name of Him who is the author of grace.

Yes, children, be available, be willing and alert, for you not to miss that help that comes to you from above. It is not so easy, I know, to get up when sorrow grips your mind so as to make it fixed on a thought. It is not so easy to climb up a steep road, when one has fallen down in the valley, but nothing is irreparable, if you keep in mind those principles that helped others to save and sanctify themselves.

But what are those goals that others reached? Here, each one must say to himself: I am on this earth to give glory to God; I am subjected to a test of loyalty; Paradise,

however, will be my final home. If you keep these principles well in mind, the Christian ideal will not appear a utopia, but something extremely great and beautiful.

Now, how will you be able to glorify God from the moment that between Him and his creatures there is an abyss? Children, who will give most glory to God? The one who in every moment of his life will strive to be like Him.

God is love. He who knows how to really love, makes himself similar to God. And as the Almighty turns his gaze on men and loves them all without distinction, regardless of their merits, so, those who love Him, must want the good of all, be they good or bad, whether they do good or evil to them.

This is perfection: to love, to love without measure, to love everyone and benefit everyone. One is on the earth for a test of fidelity, and it is not possible to call oneself faithful except in the observance of the Law, which is to say, the flight from sin.

Children, many times in the world it is said one believes, but one believes only in words. One seeks one's own satisfaction, one seeks one's own comforts, one's own interests, while the Law of God wants something else. And yet, the way to happiness on earth, and that leads to Heaven is just that, that adherence to the will of God that He wanted to express and continually expresses in the Commandments.

Love and not sin, here is the staircase that leads to Heaven! There are not too many shortcuts, there are no insurmountable difficulties. It is necessary to keep in sight this marvellous program in order to continue gradually to the summit.

I do not mean that you have to be flawless and have a heart bursting with love. No, I want everything to be translated into practice. Love is dedication, it is forgiveness. Your works of every day must carry this mark. Everything must lead to love and must be the fruit of love, from the most humble and tiring services to those that demand for your patience, your intelligence and your renunciation.

So every action can be prayer, and all your prayers can be acts of goodness to help all.

Translating into practice the "do not sin" is very simple. It is to keep the will constantly far away from sin; and, when out of weakness, impatience or through some evil instinct one falls, one needs to be ready to rise again having recourse to God and, if the sin has to be better combated, also to the help of a holy confessor.

See, children, that what cannot be lacking in Paradise, comes to surface also on earth: love. What will be excluded in Paradise, you begin by excluding it also on earth: sin.

So I have outlined to you what you must keep in mind and with what method you must follow your Christianity.

Now I bless you and give you courage. Let each one reflect and see if he has something to remove, something to add.

I bless the nuns present and their communities and families. I bless the whole Legnano group. To each one my maternal embrace to be brought to your families. See you again, see you again!

Keep humility

8th August 1976

Children, with what love I welcome you and press you to my heart! You have to really be my beloved ones, those who, loving me, try to please me in everything. I, for my part, want to satisfy you in all that is good for you.

Oh, I will never let you receive graces that come back to your detriment, rather than your spiritual advancement! You are my pupils, and the school to which you so assiduously participate, must be for you a source of light, peace and grace.

Be content with what you get and do not be attracted or seduced by false lights, even if they seem to be dazzling. Sometimes it happens that certain souls deceive themselves to possess special gifts, whereby they can become teachers of truth and faith. But take heed, because it is easy to make blunders, as you usually say in common parlance. It must be the Lord who

chooses his prophets, and He does so by granting special signs.

The Lord prepares souls with a heap of graces when He wants to entrust a particular assignment. The extraordinary is, so to speak, like a light that comes from Heaven and invests the person chosen, despite him.

Whoever goes in search of the extraordinary, runs the risk of being deceived by the devil, who with cunning and intelligence knows to accomplish extraordinary things that also have of the miraculous.

You keep humility, which is the virtue that puts you safe from the wiles of the devil and makes you very pleasing to God.

Remember what the devil said to Eve? *"You will become like God."* After all, he did not say a bad thing, it was also an appreciation of God. *"You will become like Him, as great as Him, as wise as Him."* But it was a temptation to pride, and it sufficed an act of pride, an acquiescence to that temptation to ruin all humanity.

So, my children, while I invite you to be wary of the suggestions of the devil, I invite you to be cautious in accepting those teachings given by those who, through the gifts they receive, intend to glorify themselves, rather than seeking the true glory of God.

The light that I give you is all the more delightful to be welcomed and does not blind the soul with pride.

When you come here, I open your heart to confidence and trust, so that there will not be lacking to you that inner peace that the children enjoy in being with their Mother.

But take heed, children, to leave no place in your soul to that dissatisfaction that does not permit to carry out the works to completion, by showing you always a new one to be given a start. When the urge to act and be someone takes your spirit, have recourse to prayer straight away and ask God for humiliation, that may be like a cold shower on your fatuous enthusiasms.

Follow in order, as far as possible, my will, so that guided by me you are not led to failure in your undertakings. That peace which I give you, you must welcome it and collaborate to maintain it.

Jesus told you to live from day to day, and I invite you to repeat with particular insistence that phrase which is trust, hope and abandonment: "*Cover me with your shadow just for today.*" Oh, how I would like that the persuasion of being in the hands of God to calm you with peace and serenity!

There are many people who, being disturbed for what the future can hold for them, get agitated and cry for what perhaps will never happen. It is true that in many of my apparitions I spoke of chastisements reserved for the world for unbelief and immorality. I invited, however, always to prayer and penance to put a remedy to all the ills.

The prayers and the apostolate that you do, and you will do spreading goodness, charity and prayer, will be those lightning rods that will prevent evil.

On your part, coming to this place, you must learn to live in God's grace, fleeing not only serious sin, but the same imperfections that are displeasing to God. What is the worth for you to go talking about the punishments of God, if you yourselves did not try to live humbly and with much faith God's Law? Whoever keeps the Law for fear of punishment, will never be truly converted.

I told you one day that I wanted to be the mistress of men's hearts, to bring them all to salvation. Do not abandon this my desire. Talk to all about the goodness of God and the desire for salvation that I want to achieve in practice.

I want you not only good, but holy. I want you always active, but for your activity to be effective, it must be animated by that divine force which is grace. Without humility, grace is not maintained. Without grace, it is impossible to work for the Kingdom of God.

Children, do not tell me that you've heard many times these things. I will repeat them to you constantly until I see you perfect.

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

You will be given a hundredfold

19th September 1976

Beloved children, be blessed! You have done as those workers of the Gospel who, having gone to the service of their master, after having done it, went each to receive their wages.

And what do you do in your homes and in your towns? Do you not go doing those works that bear my mark, the name of Mary or the name of my Jesus?

And now you are here to receive, by word of encouragement, a sign of reward. I can neither promise nor give you a definite reward: that will be at the end of your life and the centuries. I, however, as the Lady of Mercy, promise you that none of you, in the name of Jesus and my own, who will have offered a sacrifice even small or promoted a work or lived honourably, will go unrewarded. You will be given a hundredfold and in inheritance eternal life.

Always act with good intentions, seeking the glory of God. Act out of love, for it is love alone that gives value to the works. Do not think that the Lord wants from you great things; if He wanted so, He would prepare you with so many humiliations to make you understand that you are nothing, and that it is only He who acts in his creatures. Take the responsibility of the moment. Be true witnesses of the living God, if you want your works to serve to bring souls to God.

Alone you can do nothing. With Jesus and with me everything you can, as long as you let yourselves be led. Do you want to get in line with us? You just have to be docile; we do everything, and you reach Heaven loaded with merits, while with everything you will have a prize.

There were some workers who complained to the master because the latter received the same coin of the former. You do no comparisons! Know that you are loved and that you will be justly rewarded.

Do not measure the things of God by human standards. Look up, and may charity, goodness and generosity establish among you a solid bond, sincere and, I tell you, eternal, because they do not have to end here your prayer groups. They must continue in Heaven, with Padre Pio who started them and with all those who have guided, through the inspired word, their bloom and their spiritual journey.

I bless you all, one by one according to the mission of each. Work and pray, both orally and mentally, and, if you are lucky enough to be able to join sufferings and sacrifices to work and prayer, thank the Lord doubly for double will be the reward. See you again, children.

The Divine Wisdom

26th September 1976

Children, so dear to me, peace to you! See, I am always here to perform that divine action of teaching the truth and infusing the divine wisdom.

There is a human science which seems a great thing, but it only serves to inflate the minds of those who want to instruct and to create the proud or conceited.

True science is guided by God and, while trying to investigate things human and natural, it does not forget that above all things, and the origin of everything, is the Creator, who will never allow perfect knowledge, even if, gradually and in the limits willed by Him, it can be a conquest.

However, I do not close you the door to human science, but I open to you that of divine knowledge and wisdom, which, based on the fear of God and impelled by love, makes you move thoughts, feelings and actions towards Him in order to know Him better and better. The knowledge of God is the most important fact that has guided the life of man of all times.

Oh! tell me, who ever could have imagined this mysterious Being, eternal, infinite in all his virtues, if He had not shown himself in the earthly garden, to Moses and Elijah, as under the appearance of a burning bush or a delightful wind, and if He had not manifested his will, his power and his glory through the centuries?

Well then, this God, invisible in his essence, but visible in creation and creatures with his magnificence, is not far from you, in fact He is so close that He assails you with his love and goodness.

Oh, what a gift for you, therefore, that I speak to you about Him! I can already tell you about Him because his

beatific vision gladdens my heart, my soul and my whole being; and also because the eternal Wisdom, Jesus Christ, took from me that physical body that made Him like us.

Oh! have no other desire than this: to know God through Jesus Christ. I act as your interpreter. Knowing the divine truths, deepening the teachings that come from the Father, you will live a truly Christian life.

It is true that you cannot be without guilt, since it is not possible to be perfect. It is a great illusion to believe oneself confirmed in grace; it is an illusion that can result in terrible falls. No one, as long as he lives on earth, can expect to be immune from guilt. The saints themselves, to whom were not lacking extraordinary gifts, felt until the end of their days the burden of the flesh.

You must not marvel, therefore, neither of your mistakes, nor those of others, but, admiring the power of God through the gift of wisdom, you have to study to be like Him.

First of all, you must be good in order to please Him. Every day that passes is a step that takes you to eternal life, and makes you reduce a little of that human hope that perhaps made you put a lot of trust in your own strength. Let the divine wisdom uncover for you the importance of working for eternal life, and teach you to close serenely your eyes on the day that dies.

Children, the school of wisdom came to us from the teachings of the Gospel, and he who has been able to

deepen them and put them into practice, has understood that the untouchable substance of these teachings is charity. Behold, the Apostle John is unable to speak to you about anything but love, and Paul will say to you: "*The charity of Christ impels me.*" All the apostles, faithful to Jesus, gave their lives to bear witness to this love.

Children, I will not ask you to die as martyrs, but to bear witness to your faith without fear, without human respect.

Know how to be consistent. You come here to pray, do not change the system when you are out! Express your thoughts serenely and confidently, and accompany your words with that goodness that makes you like God.

I, your Mother, I ask for you to the Holy Spirit the gift of wisdom. Learn to welcome it and use it. From wisdom everything will come to you, but especially that balance that will make you truly wise.

Now I bless you all. I bless the nuns present and those who continue to propagate the word of God and devotion to the Rosary.

I could call you all by name. Your names are written in my heart, and who can delete them?

See you again, children. The greatest blessing I reserve to the Supreme Pontiff and all those who keep to him loyalty and trust.

Your likeness to God

28th September 1976

Beloved children, I want to press you to my heart with motherly affection, doing so with you what my Jesus did often in the streets of Palestine. Oh, how I want you to be my little children! Unfortunately, growing in stature makes you lose that desire for humility that keeps you children, and continually receiving graces, rather than make you grateful and thankful to the Lord, many times it puffs you up. Come, come close to my heart! Let us say together: "*My soul magnifies the Lord.*"

If you could see the incessant work done by the divine wisdom around each of you, you would be amazed. The divine Craftsman does nothing but impress upon you the likeness of the Father. Remember what Jesus said? "*He who sees Me, sees my Father.*" It's all here the work of grace: to imprint the resemblance with God. It is also true that every soul is made with this similarity, but unfortunately the evil one, the world and the evil inclinations do but spoil the divine likeness.

I, therefore, want you here today and I start by making you reflect on your thoughts, which often roam like dragonflies in search of fatuous lights and human support. Here, children, I desire that your thoughts be those of the Father: thoughts of salvation, of peace, of good.

Then I desire to make you to reflect on your actions. Oh, how I would like them to be divine! Take away all

the dross that makes them too human! You must not harm neither yourselves nor others.

Your rectitude must not make you seek human approval for the good that you do, and you must not even act with ulterior motives. Too many people already do so, and while they want to defend their rights, they forget those sacrosanct of the sick who suffer in hospitals and the elderly, and even those of children and of madmen, who need assistance and help.

I beg you, children, be the good Cyrenian, be the compassionate hand, and pray for a sense of balance and justice to guide the actions of men.

Behold, I see your hearts. In each one there is one or more crosses. The cross sanctifies you under this condition: that you live in grace and that you go to meet it joyfully and enthusiastically.

Tell me, would you want to compare your cross with that of Jesus and also with my own? Do you not think that there is certainly no comparison and that, if you put it on the same plane, would you all take up yours again?

Well then, know that in your encounter with the Father, He will find you similar to his Son, if the cross will have transfigured your body and made your soul luminous.

Children, a sense of anguish seems to afflict the world. Remember, though, that the most serious evils do not come from those earth movements that scientists call aftershocks, but from that irreparable hatred that reigns

in hearts, so there is no peace, no charity, no harmony. None of this that makes us like to God, but rather, everything that makes us like the devil and to the incessant work that he is doing.

Now I cannot conclude without telling you: entrust yourselves with confidence in me so that I can work on you, and put a lot of good will in order to be able to see, in all your fellow men, the face of the Father. Help me and help everyone.

It is a time of the most tragic in the history of the world, the one that you live: time of confusion, of sin and of evil. But it is also a time of extraordinary gifts, and those who have faith, see the face of God uncovered before their very eyes.

Do not be intimidated, do not be distrustful neither in God nor in yourselves, nor in others. Life, even if it is full of difficulties, is always worth living for the purpose that God gave in bestowing it and for what awaits it.

Children, be patient, be constant, do not get disheartened over the little things. I know you one by one. Of the religious I know the problems; I will help them to solve them. Of the mothers I know the concerns, and I am a mother. Of the single I know the anxieties and I give you grace so that you can overcome them. Of all, men and women, I know the aspirations and desires. Be of good cheer, I am with you.

I embrace you. See you again, children.

To a group of pilgrims

29th September 1976

Beloved children, with what love I welcome you! You come from far away and you did not keep account of the sacrifices, you let yourselves be guided by the heart and good will.

I thank you; I bless you and I promise you graces in abundance.

They are beautiful these meetings of earth with Heaven, of children with their Mother, of subjects with their Queen. Oh! I do not say that you are subjects to make you notice the gap that there is between you and me, but to tell you how much I must and want to be generous with you, who love me really. I want to give you first of all the graces that you need for your state.

Are you teachers? Jesus said one day that only one was the Teacher. It was Him! Well then, what did this divine Teacher do? He announced the truth and showed by example his doctrine, so that you can read in his behaviour what He taught.

How much I enjoy calling some of you teachers! It is a mission ever so beautiful and divine. From you many souls will receive those precious seeds, those teachings that will not only be basic, but will be the guide of future men. Yes, dear children, teach the humanities as well, but they are never separated from the moral and spiritual teaching.

Be consistent then, and your pupils can really see in you something superior and incomparable for uprightness and honesty.

I now turn to the mothers. You are my sisters, and I know how much is needed goodness, and patience. It seems sometimes of power and of having to react in family and out with force, but your real strength is in that ability to continue to love despite all the evil received, and to continue to be patient despite the temptation to react.

But no one can be good without the help of prayer. That's why I repeat to you in a thousand ways: mothers, pray! If the day is not enough because work fills your time, pray at night, since a mother who does not pray is like a soldier without weapons.

It is beautiful to see the family gathered in prayer! Then, when there are children and young people, it is as if in a flower garden entered your heavenly Mother to sow good desires and to grant special graces.

It is also dear to my heart that some children, friends of Dominic Savio, have come here for a prolonged prayer. Dominic prayed for hours and hours, and your friendship with him must make you like him.

However, I desire to make you a promise that I think of your great interest. All you boys care about starting off the school year well and to end it with a promotion. Well then, I promise you that, if you can keep your purity, you will have enough light to understand, to study

and to be promoted. Jesus said: "*Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.*" I tell you, blessed are the pure children because, in addition to the joy of the heart, they will be promoted.

To the dear daughters who, for various situations of life have not met marriage, my embrace and the promise of special help. Marriage is not necessary to get to Paradise, and whoever knows how to accept virginity for the sake of the divine Bridegroom, will receive a prize big and unimaginable. I will fill your loneliness and give you special graces.

I bless everyone, even those who are not able to come, those whom you have left at home, all those you love.

Did you know that in your journey I made Archangel Michael accompany you so that he would keep far away from you all danger? I give him to you as a special protector.

See you again, children!

You too are called to perfection

1st October 1976

Beloved children, peace be upon you! See, I welcome you in my arms, and I enjoy repeating to you what shapes my main concern: we will meet someday in Paradise and sing the praises of the Lord forever.

This is my desire, that you can and must achieve by responding to the grace that the Lord never lets you lack.

It will be sanctifying grace; it will be actual grace. It is all a call and help. It is enough that you say your yes, and that you respond with a firm will to want to follow the right path. Life can be short or long; it does not count. Remember Therese of Lisieux? At a very young age she had already achieved great holiness. In recognizing her littleness in responding with great love and to the graces of the Lord, she was able to climb the ladder of perfection.

You too are called to perfection, each according to his own state, and according to the degree desired by God himself. The important thing for everyone is to not let the Lord pass by without professing your love to Him and without renewing your resolve to always want to serve Him in the Church, in the neighbour and in the fulfilment of your mission.

The Church needs you, the more you will grow in the response to grace, and the more the Church will increase her vitality.

And your neighbour? Know that all men, whether they are bad or not so good, feel the presence of grace. There will be those who rebel, but many will reflect, and the neighbour will be converted almost without your knowledge.

So you will imitate St. Therese, who in this moment I am giving you as a protectress of your pilgrimage.

See you again, children! I bless you.

To the young

3rd October 1976

Beloved children, do not be astounded by those discussions that can only be beneficial to your souls! Always make sure to pull out wise conclusions, and everything will give glory to God.

First of all, I have to repeat those statements that are fundamental in the Church: baptized Christians are the living stones that make up the Church, provided that the grace of God dwells in them, and the action of the Holy Spirit is not limited, but is extended to all souls. That the Church be vivified by the families that compose her, you cannot deny it, and even the many subdivisions into groups of high spirituality are also permitted.

Look at how many religious orders live in the Church in obedience to the Pope and as farmers who work the vineyard, each according to their call and mission. If all was to be unified, there would be great confusion for the different inclinations and different opinions, that would be cause for discord.

Even in Paradise there are subdivisions, there are the nine choirs of angels, each one with their own duty, and the saints, each with their own glory in proportion to their merits.

That exist in the Church associations and organizations that do good, is a divine thing. The important thing is that, without criticizing and without

envying each other, each one may walk on its own track seeking only the glory of God.

If then you have reason to feel regret for your shortcomings and failings, do not blame anyone but yourself. Since grace is not lacking to you, it is necessary only to commit oneself more to improve.

This group, which is endowed with very special graces, is willed by me, and is enriched with those charisms that will be handed down in the Church as a precious heritage.

All that you will do to vivify and to make this group more active, you do it to me personally, while I will grant you special graces so that you can enrich your spiritual life and bring in the family, in those families that you will start and society, a real fervour of Christian life.

Every flowerbed has its own flowers, every flower its scent. You are cultivated by me: keep humility and peace. I am always at your side to bless you.

See you again, children!

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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 the 30th April 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 the 22nd March 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 the 9th May 1910. She died in the peace of Christ on the 25th November 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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