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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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To a group of pilgrims

12th April 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you now and always! How much makes me happy your visit, and how much I rejoice that you go to visit the Head of Christianity, Pope Paul VI, who, as the visible head, represents my divine Son in the world!

Do you know what is the most obvious sign of a true faith and a true devotion to me? It is trust, obedience, and respect towards the Pope. I am the Mother of the Church and I act through him, because he is the guardian of truth. Children, I point out to you at this time the right way: it is that of Rome, the centre of the world, where resides the sweet Christ on earth.

But you are preparing for the Feast of Mercy, and I cannot help but tell you: do you believe in God's love for men, for all souls, for your souls. Believe in the mercy of God, which far exceeds any human supposition.

To believe in love means never to doubt Him, never to think of being alone, in whatever situation you find yourselves, and to look to Him as the Father who cares for you in every moment of your life. To believe in the mercy of God, means not to doubt his forgiveness and to behave in a way as not to abuse his goodness.

Thus, your commitment to make known and make God loved, coincides perfectly with that apostolic action intended to bring souls to the Lord.

Children, my love for Jesus is beyond measure. Let it be so even of you; but, if it happened in your life, in some sad moment you might forget about God's love for you, know that next to my heart you will find refuge and salvation, because I will reawaken in you thoughts of faith and love to bring you back to Jesus.

I bless you all, children. In particular, I bless the young. I protect you, children, and I defend you from harm. Think of me when temptations, bad friendships, dangerous occasions, will attempt to destroy in you faith and morality! I will be your shield and your strength.

See you again, children! I will accompany you on your journey. Be serene, and let that note of youth that is in your group serve to reassure and give consolation to all.

Renew yourselves in the spirit

12th April 1977

My children, peace and joy to your hearts! I am in the midst of you, and while I encourage you to do all the good you can in every field of work in which you live, I assure you of my support and my help.

Never be discouraged, even if you see that your things do not go according to your desires. Know that with his forward-looking view God has already predisposed, according to his will, events and facts, so that all might redound to the good of souls and for his greater glory.

Observe what is happening around you. Look at the trees, which only two months ago were stiff and bare, and today, before one's very eyes, they are covered with buds, flowers and leaves. When it starts to rain in the autumn days, it seems at times that the bad weather would last forever; then, in the blink of an eye, the sky is clear, the clouds divide, and the sun appears which changes the face of every object.

It will be so for the events that direct the earth. Persevere in prayer and in love. Learn to remove from your body anything that is not strictly necessary. Learn to do penance, repenting of your sins. A new dawn of a new brighter day will arise, and happier.

Looking at the events that ensue, renew your desires of good and renew yourselves in the spirit. Every year nature renews itself under the beneficial rays of the sun. Let the grace, that you will have made in this Easter in order to reacquire, be this divine Sun, who, giving light to the mind, strength to the will, fire of love to your heart, spur you to rebuild that Christian life that perhaps you have left a little to weaken in yourselves or through laziness, or because you have not been able to accept the cross as God's gift.

Your spiritual renewal must be like the good seed that decays and gives life to a large tree, where the birds can find rest and refreshment. How many of my children, your brethren, need grace and help!

These prayer groups, which are like oases and which arise a little everywhere, are the places of my meetings. I desire them and I bless those who attend them with the desire to grow in virtue. When all have understood the need to communicate with God, all the earth will be like a new earthly garden.

Children, try, not so much to be scandalized by evil, as to confront it, to defend yourselves and to fight it with divine weapons. Revive the faith and lovingly converse with Jesus, as did the disciples of Emmaus.

It was Jesus who joined them, it is true, however, it was they who invited Jesus to stop by, and from their encounter was born confidence and hope. Three days had passed since the death of Jesus, and they were tempted to believe that all had been an illusion, just as happens to many when they are not readily heard. No, children, do not be disturbed, have patience!

The devil is smart, intelligent and capable of raising, through pride, and of depressing and bringing souls to distrust and despair. However, he is a creature of God, and cannot act if He does not let him.

From the devil you can defend yourselves with prayer and by fighting blasphemy and spiritualism. Do not let yourselves be whetted by the curiosity to know what may be your future, even resorting to illicit means!

Trust in me, and know that no one better than the Lord desires for you the happiness and joy without end. Be serene, be good.

Wherever you go, bring peace! The gift of the risen Jesus is just that: a peace that surpasses and dominates every human event. Always speak with much goodness with everyone, because peace is expressed with sweetness, which is the fruit of charity. Never short-change anyone, do not avenge yourselves, do not use harsh words. Know that good triumphs, even when it appears to be overwhelmed by evil.

What would become of the Catholic religion, if the martyrs had not been the seed of new Christians? And yet, when the emperors and the executioners performed the death sentences, all seemed lost.

Be strong, be wise and be prudent in all your outward manifestation, because from you must begin the transformation of many.

I desire for your families to be holy; through you they must rise again. How much evil, how many sins in many families! You reflect, in order to use all those suitable means to remove it. Do not care if it is at the expense of your interests! It is important to remove the evil that destroy souls. Society is corrupt, but if the families are transformed, society is changed and so the world. Children, full of confident hope, get to work. I act with you. Now I will bless you all.

Bring me little children and young people. Make them pray. The mercy of God is attracted by innocence and disinterested love.

Children, prepare yourselves well for the feast of the goodness of Jesus, so that his love may be known, appreciated and reciprocated. See you again!

You must be fishers of souls

13th April 1977 (in Muggiò)

My children, how much joy you have given me, how many graces you will obtain, and how much unity with Paradise, with Purgatory, and with the whole Church can achieve a prayer well done!

I am the Heavenly Mother, your Mother, and every time you show me affection and devotion, I rejoice for the opportunity you give me to do you good.

I desire also to satisfy your desires, above all when they concern the flowering of virtue and the help that you want to give to souls. You are many and you are good. I read into the depths of your heart. You are generous, and want to do the will of God, even if it is sometimes painful for you and uncertain. I assist you, and guide you.

Do you not call me sometimes Star of the Sea? And what is your life, the world, the Church? Are they not like a rather stormy sea, where you have to be helped to get to the harbour?

Yes, children, I am the Star of the Sea, and as the sailor keeps in sight the polar star that indicates to him the direction to take, so you have to watch your Mother and follow her in her will, to listen to the teachings and put them into practice, in order to be able to reach that holiness that the Lord wants from you and the heavenly Homeland, the ultimate goal of your life.

The image of the sea was frequent in the language of my Jesus, since the apostles chosen by Him were fishermen, who on shore and on the sea spent most of the day and night. And you who are called to be part of the prayer groups, have a vocation very similar to that of the Apostles: you also must be fishers of souls!

How many hours must you devote to this miraculous catch of fish? I would say all day, all night, all your life, since your actions, if they conform to the will of God, and when they are included in the fulfilment of your duties, become a continuous prayer, that is, a continually casting your nets to fish for souls and souls.

It happens sometimes that people who come to the group, have had some sad experiences; others perhaps had forgotten God, the Church, the Sacraments; other people are as attracted by a mysterious force; still others come out of curiosity. But, when they come near to my heart, they are caught in the net of your prayers, and I do so that they will change thoughts, feelings and actions, so that true conversions take place. But your prayer is not limited to be of help to those who come with you. It

is a calling God to your rescue. God comes and works. The actions of God have no limit. His infinite goodness embraces with a single embrace all creatures. Your well-made prayer becomes one of these divine actions that give relief, help and grace to the whole world. It is necessary, however, for love never to be lacking, which is the soul, and which transforms the actions making them prayer.

But what is this love that has the power to attract God in you, and to deify your life? Oh! Do not understand it as do the worldly or the youth, since that is only passion or physical attraction. You must love, that is, you must give yourselves to God with simplicity and trust, abandoning yourselves in his arms like a child with his father, feeling secure.

You might say to me that you do not see God, but you know that Jesus, the Son of God, became man. Jesus is the face of God, He is the heart of God, He is the arm of God. How I desire that you increase better and better your knowledge of my Jesus, to be able to love Him more and more!

He is still in the world Jesus, true and living in the Eucharist. He is still living in the Word that is communicated to you, since Jesus is the Word of God. He is present in your neighbour, whom you must love and must not hurt and harm. Moreover, He is present in a mystical way but real when, in your families, in

schools, in the workplace, you try to make unity, that is, love everyone and do good to all.

This active presence of God in the world, and especially in the Church and in souls, must bring you a great joy, and yet the Star of the Sea returns timely to correct anything that may be defective.

If the sailor does not keep the compass that indicates the polar star, he can run some serious dangers: he can take the wrong route and can be submerged by the waves and storms. On the high seas the mishaps can become serious. I hold my hand on your head and I obtain wisdom for you. It is the compass. With the wisdom I give you equilibrium, so that you may know the time and place to do your duty, without the danger of making a mistake by choosing what you like best.

Children, let yourselves be guided! Do not ever throw away your energies in futility and in matters of your choice. Let yourselves be guided along my paths, which are those of Jesus! Hold for a fact that there will not be lacking to you the sacrifices, but that these also have importance for that miraculous catch of fish of which I have spoken to you. The Easter season must call back many souls into the boat of the Church, so that salvation may be a reality.

I bless you, my children, one by one. This gathering, organized by my will, is full of good results. Help each other and love each other. You will make me happy. To

all those who are in pain I will give consolation and relief. See you again, children!

I give you love

14th April 1977

My children, be welcome in this house, where I place my abode!

I am the Mother of Divine Love, and when souls come to communicate with me, I make a gift of that divine love with which my heart is filled. Also to you today I want to make this gift, so that, filled with charity, you might grow in holiness.

I desire for your families to become hotbeds of love of God, therefore, on leaving this place, you will have a particular grace: you will be able to communicate to your loved ones that ardour with which I fill your heart.

The world lacks peace because it lacks love, and everywhere reigns pride and selfishness. You, who love me, you must change men in order to change society. Be assiduous in prayer, children, but never let there be lacking in you the desire for harmony and peace, which are the hallmark of the Christian.

I am happy to see with you the ministers of my Jesus. I bless them with largeness of heart. I invite you, children, to bring love in the Church, by your presence and example of a holy life. If you love me, I work in you

real transformations and give efficacy to your words. Make known, my beloved children, the infinite mercy of God and the infinite desire for forgiveness that burns his heart! The Feast of Mercy must call back the lapsed to the heart of God, and must spur you to fulfil with renewed fervour the apostolic works related to your mission.

I bless you all, children. To mothers I will give patience, to the men constancy in faith and in good. The Mother of Divine Love loves each and every one. See you again!

I ask for help for my beloved sons

15th April 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you, to your loved ones and to the whole world! This is my wish, that men could achieve if they collaborated with the divine action, and with good will, they sought those suitable means to bring peace first of all in oneself. I wish it for you and help you to make it a reality.

Today, however, I want to speak to you about a very lively desire of my heart and my Jesus. I mean to invite you to pray, to suffer and to work so that may flourish everywhere those religious and priestly vocations that are essential to preserve the faith and to propagate it in the world.

What is the priestly vocation? It is an act of love on God's part, not only towards that soul that is chosen, but for all those who will benefit from the actions related to the mission that the priesthood entails. It is an act of kindness and trust on the part of God, who, by entrusting divine tasks to chosen men, makes them capable of carrying them out, and entrusts himself to their good will and their response to his graces.

The priestly vocation is also a very great responsibility. So could be said that the one called is a soul who receives, at the time of the ordination, the five talents. The trading of them becomes an obligation, to which is linked his own salvation and that of many other souls.

The priest is the intermediary between earth and Heaven. The renewal of the sacrifice of Jesus for the salvation of the world, is entrusted to his will, to his words, to his actions. One could say that Jesus, before offering himself to the Father to renew his sacrifice, asks permission from a man, who may also be a sinner and pitiful, but to whom God has given great powers.

The priest is the depository of the Lord's mercy. He absolves by that authority which God has given him, so that the most serious sins through him can be forgiven. The gift of Confession is so great that it is not possible to put a price on it, because you are not able to understand the seriousness of sin and do not know the terrible punishment reserved for those who reject God's

forgiveness, because they do not recognize themselves as sinners.

The priest is the teacher who must make known to men the truths of the faith. He has an obligation to be instructed and to take in these truths, so that they can be the spiritual food that nourishes souls and make one live according to God's heart. Religious education must be genuine and based on the truths of the "Creed" and on the dogmas established by the Church.

A priest cannot not be faithful in everything to the Pope. The infallibility of the Pope must be for him a guarantee and a certainty, he therefore, can only obey and accept what the Pope decides in matters of faith and morals. The priest is not an infallible teacher, except when he is with the Church, and when, with prayer and humility, he entrusts himself to God.

To accomplish exactly his duties towards God, towards the neighbour and towards himself, the priest must be a generous soul, always disposed to give himself. Souls must form his anxiety, his hope, his conquest and his glory. He must not limit his apostolic action to those persons around him, but he must be a man of great desires and of wide vision. Everything can be realized when a priestly life becomes the reproduction of the life of Jesus in the world.

It is appropriate to recall the miraculous catch of fish. A hundred and fifty-three large fish they were able to catch the apostles, after having worked all night to no

avail, only because in the name of Jesus they had cast their nets. The priests are those who, in the name of the Lord, must call men to salvation.

But I cannot hide from you that Jesus, as the boat approached the shore, had already prepared the fire with some fish on it, and had then invited the apostles to eat. Even the priest has material needs that he cannot forget; but, when his main concern is the salvation of souls, God in his providence comes to help his beloved.

Viewed in this context, some preliminaries essential to priestly holiness, you can realize the need for priests to be helped by Christians. That is why to all of you, and especially to the sick, I ask for help for these my beloved sons! When Peter was put in chains in the Mamertine prison, all Christians prayed and suffered for him, and the angels broke his chains. He was free.

If you want holy priests, you must ask for them with many prayers holiness from God. The dangers to which they are surrounded, you do not know them perfectly, but I can tell you that there are many, and most are procured by women. A woman is either very good, or is sometimes diabolical. To repair what evil these souls cause to the priest, there must be your action full of goodness, prudence and charity.

Know that when you help a priest, you help the apostle, and the reward will be very great in Heaven. The young are called in a special way to follow the priest, obeying him and carrying out those good initiatives

designed to revive the Christian spirit. What good a priest can do when a group of young people commit themselves to carry out their work, which may be of material assistance, moral or spiritual to all!

From these gatherings must radiate everywhere good. It is you who have to carry that fire of the love of God which must give life to many good works.

The religious vocation is collateral to the priestly vocation. It is also a gift, a responsibility and a commitment of which will have to be given an account. It is a commitment to acquire perfection: to it the religious are called!

Here, my religious daughters, that at this moment my wish of peace for you becomes an incentive for you to shake off any apathy, to give without measure everything that your intelligence and your compassion can give, so that your mission may be accomplished in the best way.

Do you have the care of some young ladies? That none of them be lost, neither through your neglect nor by bad example, and not even by that too much broad-mindedness with which one lets evil run. They are souls entrusted to you with full confidence from parents and from the Lord. Do not disappoint them! I bless you and I help you. Always have the humility to recognize your limits, but be also courageous in learning to embrace for the sake of God, with full consciousness, all those commitments that the Lord entrusts to you.

Children, I rejoice that some have found the way of God's heart, and that they are determined to be good. Have confidence in the priest who guides you, and do good. Peace will be not only a wish, but a reality to which you will not want to give up for all the gold in the world.

I bless you, one by one. Those who promote these prayer groups, enjoy a privileged place in my heart. See you again!

Every gift demands love

15th April 1977

My children, why not to address to you a word of pleasure and help? Is it not out of the pure love of God and mine that you have come here to pray, after a day's work? And how can I not thank you, while with this prayer you give me a way to bring light of faith and love into so many souls? Oh! yes, be blessed, and continue with faith and trust these meetings of yours.

Welcome, guard and spread those teachings that you receive! They are like precious pearls that are valid for this and for the next life. Sometimes you seem to forget everything, or that many things are not suitable for your life; but, when you have special needs and on certain occasions, there come to your mind my words and you see the opportunity to put them into practice.

Have faith and patience. You will see my love even in the implementation of what I promised you. I beg you however, through that love that binds me to you, to not only take into account what makes you comfortable, but what I want from you, and especially with those changes of direction that are used to straighten your ways and resize your Christianity in order to make it truly exemplary.

In two days you will be celebrating the love of Jesus, which is manifested by an infinite mercy. You have many times enjoyed its fruits. The Baptism that you have received, has introduced you into the sea of mercy, and as you grew in age, the merciful love of Jesus has enriched your soul. Very many times the forgiveness of sins has cleansed you and made you pleasing to the Father, and has incorporated you more forcefully in the mystical body of Christ, of which you are called to take part, re-animating you with a new life.

How many miracles of grace, the Lord has already made around your soul! It seems to you a big thing the resurrection of Lazarus, but when the absolution of the priest has guaranteed you the forgiveness of God, a real resurrection is worked in you.

Children, never be of the ungrateful who misuse the gifts of God! Every gift is the fruit of love and demands love. Ask yourselves some time if you believe in the love of God, and what you do to repay it.

Do not mistake sanctity for a simple exterior work or for only praying; holiness is a response of love, which must permeate and envelop your whole life in order to make it pleasing to God. Learn to do so, and grow in virtue, in grace, and in all that can build up the Church, of which you must be living stones.

My children, I bless you, embracing you and clasping you to my heart with motherly tenderness. I love each and every one as I loved my Jesus, and more than I loved myself. Good night!

Be living stones

19th April 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you! I am your Mother, the Mother of the Church. I desire to give you an urgent invitation to be, more and more and better and better, the living stones of the Church. I see her, this bride of Christ, suffer injuries and blows from all sides, and becomes more and more intense my desire to help her repair those blows that are inflicted on her, and to heal the wounds, which become deeper and deeper.

I do not want to discourage you, on the contrary, I want to animate you to put in your works so much love and zeal in order to be able to save the salvageable.

You are like an army in battle array, since you are assaulted on all sides, even if you have a shield, a weapon, a flag and a Leader who leads you. The fact

remains that there might also be many victims. The devil works in every way and calls after him, as collaborators, many of my children. They let themselves be deceived and, with their minds clouded by error, they sow heresies and falsehoods.

But who will give you courage to face the enemy? It will be God himself who must guide your steps. It is necessary for you to be alive to be able to fight, but how can you have life except in Him who was able to say: *"I am the resurrection and the life"*?

Oh, do not let yourselves be overwhelmed by the enemy, hold your banner high! That faith that many, without their fault, do not possess and by which cannot get comfort and strength, has been a free gift for you. Faith is the guarantee of salvation, but from it you have to draw that infinite desire for God that makes you tireless in searching for Him.

Where do you find the Lord, where do you find the Creator of the universe? You can find Him in that white host which, transubstantiated, becomes Him, He Himself, the Author of life, the divine Sun that warms, makes fertile, and gives light to souls. Seek God! Make fervent and holy Communions, so that God's action may be fulfilled in you!

Living stones you need to be, connected to each other to support the building. If you are dispersed, if you seek selfishly yourself, you will not succeed in doing valid works. A house is made of bricks, held solidly together

by cement. If there was not this bond, the first puff of wind would demolish everything. It is necessary to be united in the same purpose, even if each one has his own mission and his field of work and battle.

You must all strive to the goal, to strengthen the Church, which is the Kingdom of God, so that He may bring souls to salvation. When your personal interests and your needs seem indispensable to you, your worries are excessive, whereby you cannot flee from them and you feel all the weight, put them as a gift before the Lord so that his will may be fulfilled, and so that his Church is strengthened and triumphs. You will have performed a generous act of charity which, as it gives life to you, will communicate it to the brethren. One prays and suffers too little for Holy Mother Church.

The Church is Christianity, she is the humanity to which is united the Church of the afterlife, the one that already exalts the triumph of God and the one which is purified to be introduced in the sight of God.

Live, children, in close communion with God, in a firm and permanent union, that of grace, and live in communion of spirit with those who have gone before you. There is also a need of a communion, practical and concrete, with those who live on the earth, in mutual help, in the giving of something that belongs to you, and that to others may be essential and can make them happy.

You are all my children! Faith is the flag, the shield is the grace of God, and the weapon is prayer and charity.

You cannot say: I pray, therefore I conclude my duties, if you do not let penetrate in you that flame of love that my Jesus came to bring into the world.

So, children, as I revive your faith, hope and charity, I grant you like a new vitality that does not allow you to shed tears on your little sufferings, but that incites you to be tireless in doing good.

The body, quite rightly, has been called by some of the saints "the donkey": a donkey ready to kick and rebel against the demands of the spirit. It is necessary to keep it in check and not feed it too well, to make it agile. Take care of the body because it is the gift of God, but do not let it stand in the forefront, if you do not want it to take dominion over the soul.

Be the living stones by the grace that is in you, in the dominion of the will, in the agility that moves you to do good. The Church needs you, since the wounds are not healed with old things and without substance, but with new things and strong.

Children, I bless you embracing you. Remember my teachings and my advice. See you again!

I recall to you two episodes of the Gospel

23rd April 1977

Beloved children, with what joy I have welcomed you and how many spiritual gifts I give you so that your

Christian life becomes truly exemplary! You must only be willing: to accept what I give you, and enrich your life to make bear fruit also for your neighbour, the talents that you receive.

Today I would like to recall to you two small Gospel episodes, so that you can better understand them. Here is the first.

Jesus is surrounded by an immense crowd. More than five thousand people, all hungry besides of his Word, even of bread. Jesus asks the apostles if there is any bread or if it is possible to get some. It turns out that in all they have only five breads and two fish, and it is not possible to get anymore. So, with those five loaves and two fish, Jesus fed all and were left over twelve baskets of fragments.

Children, my Jesus has yet to feed all your brethren who are searching for God, or who have forgotten or rejected Him. What would you need to do? It is an immense task you have to perform. However, if you put at the disposal of the Lord all that you possess, it will happen again a true multiplication. The intellect, memory, desire, action, your sensitivity, your charity, your prayer, will be those precious loaves.

What will happen? That the souls will understand the value of that divine food that you give them! They will understand that you are only instruments of God's goodness, who wants to communicate with men through you.

No one should feel neither useless nor incapable, since in the hands of the Lord everything is realized, transformed and deified. Do not let yourselves be intimidated by the trials that can be inflicted on you. It is a divine arrangement, that your faith, hope and love, may be strengthened and become unbeatable.

Children, I rejoice that you have a desire to hear my word, but know that never before as on these days of suffering and fasting, have I spoken to your hearts. Yes, children, the cenacles have to be a school of prayer and religious instruction, so that, by communicating with God and knowing Him better and better, my children may enjoy that serenity and that peace that only God can give and who wants to give to all. Moreover, I want to recall to you the other episode of the Gospel.

The apostles are on Lake Tiberias with their boat when they see Jesus in the distance who, walking on the water, goes toward them. They are afraid, they believe Him to be a ghost. But when He approaches, Jesus enters the boat and they quickly arrive at the shore.

I desire for you to understand the deep meaning of this fact. When men look at faith superficially, they have almost fear and despise it; but, if they try to deepen it, then disappear doubts and fears, and God himself becomes the guide of their lives.

You have arrived at a good point. You have understood that the things of the earth are like ghosts in the face of reality. The more you delve deeper into the

mysteries of grace that God puts at your disposal, the more you will hope to run fast to the goal. You will come to the shore, that everyone must reach.

Do not be impressed by the adversities, but hold on with increasing intensity to the Church and to those truths which she guards, without any defection, for two thousand years to now.

Love one another, and let fraternity reign in the midst of you, so as to attract other souls by your example. Help each other also materially when there might be the need, and do not exclude anyone from your friendship.

I entrust to you a task: bring, into as many families as you can, the word of God and your charity. Everything will become grace, and great conversions will happen.

See you again, children! I accompany you and I will give you holy thoughts.

Pray the Lord of the harvest ...

24th April 1977

Beloved children, here you are, next to my heart, to learn those lessons that you need to journey along the path of life, in the wake of the Divine Teacher. I am happy to instruct you, and I am sure that you are not surprised if the lessons are somewhat long. They must present that clarity and simplicity that make them

accessible to everyone and that do not humiliate anyone, not even those who are humanly highly educated.

I speak to you with tenderness and love, since I desire for you to try to learn from me how to communicate among yourselves and with others. That goodness of which was surrounded the life of my Jesus, infinite goodness, I have to help you to transfuse it in you and in the world, since only with goodness is it possible to obtain fruits of conversion, wisdom and holiness.

Today I want to remind you how, to continue that marvellous work of goodness, God has called other people, whom He has clothed with a particular dignity and power. You understand those I want to talk about!

The priest is that good man that must bring into the world goodness. Jesus once said: "*The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.*" In fact, the field of work of the priest is the whole earth. All men must feel the benefit of his actions, human and divine. I would like to tell you that where the priest passes by, even with only his shadow transformations should come, just as happened when the sick went out on the road to wait for the passing of Peter.

The fullness of the priesthood is in the bishop, who is the successor of the apostles. His authority extends over a very extensive territory, that is, over many souls and over many priests, who are bound to obey. His responsibility is great, since he must edify by word and example those who are entrusted to his care, as the sheep

are entrusted to the shepherd. The Bishop needs collaboration, and holy priests who share his worries and his anxieties.

There are in Purgatory, a very great number of Bishops, who were not diligent in the exercise of their ministry, who let evil run wild and who hindered good, not realizing the importance to support it and to make it known.

The Bishop must be the voice of the Pope, since, even if within his own jurisdiction he enjoys his own rights and freedom of action, however, he must submit to the authority of the Pope, who must be informed of everything regarding the good of souls. The field of work is extensive and without divine help, a Bishop could not fulfil his commitments and act with justice and charity.

Here, children, why I invite you to ask, with fervent and diligent prayer, for holy priests! The Church is in their hands, and if the truth is misrepresented and charity is not observed, the foundations on which the faithful turn the mind and eye are lacking.

Jesus said: *"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."* The vocation comes from God, and the preserving of it requires a constant help of the Lord. The temptations to which many priests are put through by the relentless action of the devil, are many and strong, whereby a priest who prays little, who is not true to the recitation of the Breviary and meditation, will not have sufficient strength to react.

There are priests who, motivated by the desire to meet the material needs of the faithful come to neglect the Mass and all the works of tending to his own sanctification and of souls. It is like disfiguring their mission. They do not realize, what the apostles did when they saw that the division of goods and the corporal works of charity took away from them the time for the sermon and the spiritual works. In fact, they chose seven lay people to whom they entrusted these tasks to avoid any detriment to the spiritual life of all.

Beloved children, prayer must come out often from your lips and from your heart, it must be a supplication, that those who were chosen as successors of the apostles and disciples, do not consider their vocation as a pedestal from which to set themselves up as teachers, but not even to consider themselves so indistinct from other men to the point of being confused with them.

The dignity of the priest, which exceeds that of the angels themselves, must stand out in all that concerns him, in humility of mind, in purity of manners and in the wisdom of the service rendered to the brethren.

The respect that the priest must arouse on the part of the faithful, is not the affected simulation of praise or compliments, but comes from the certainty that the priest is "another Christ." He must therefore, in all his life, propose himself as a model for the faithful.

Children, let it not seem strange to you that I talk to you about them. You have to support them in their

struggles, accompany them in their ascent to Calvary, and if you happen to see that things are not going too well, that is, that the teachings you are given do not correspond to those which the Church gives as dogma and as irrefutable truth, you must have the strength and the courage, united to all that correctness that a good upbringing requires, to warn them, that they rethink it and be corrected.

Ask for priests so much righteousness and goodness. Ask that they be just, and that they personally be aware of what happens in their dioceses and parishes, so that one does not come to slander unjustly and impede that good that the Lord wants to give even through extraordinary things.

I bless you, my children, one by one. Let there be among you a holy emulation in good, and I will emulate you and exceed you in granting you graces. See you again, children! Call your priests and pastors to visit me, I will fill them with graces.

Be wise in your generosity

25th April 1977

Beloved children, grace and peace to you and all good!

Here I am with you, and if you could see me with the eyes of the body, you would say that here is Paradise. But what merit would you have in seeing me? Faith is

the fount of merits and, if you believe in my words, while you can savour the joy of communicating with Heaven, your heart is opened to hope, and you prepare to reach that supreme Good who will gladden you for all eternity.

Be happy to receive this light that comes from above as a gift from Heaven, and draw from it as much profit as possible responding with love to God's grace.

Today I want to give you a little teaching, on which you need to base the charity that you do for the benefit of the neighbour. There are souls closed and narrow-minded that would not move an inch. But I do not want to talk to you about them, because you, who have come into my house even facing sacrifices, you are not in their number. But I want you to be wise in your generosity, so that of the good that you do nothing is lost.

There are mothers who, after having made so many sacrifices, find themselves empty-handed and still need to help children who, for lack of faith and good will, or lack of health, find themselves in need.

To these mothers I give my advice: do not be too easy in repairing the mistakes made by your children, so that they do not fall as easily in other mistakes; but, if the need comes from unintentional causes, spare not, and do whatever your heart tells you. However, let it be understood that providence and faith are the good handmaids who guide your hands, so that whoever receives, can also give his own thanks to God, giver of all that is good.

The good must be done to all in the name of the Lord and for his sake, regardless of the use that will be made of it and the manner in which is used what you donate. The Gospel is clear when it says: "*Give to those who ask.*" A person may be unworthy of your help and choose to use it badly; but if you act with the right intention, you will have the merit even if the gift may be wasted.

A sense of balance, however, must direct your life, and to this you may appeal when it comes to giving toward your fellow man special treatment.

For what depends on you, you must use goodness and justice; however, you can require also that your neighbour be just and does not use deception or fraud. This you must want it, not because you do not want to be cheated, but because justice is a cardinal virtue, that is, a basic virtue on which is sustained the Christian life. "*Be simple as doves*", Jesus said to you, "*and wise as serpents.*" This is true in any field, whether you need to take action, or you have to suffer the actions of others.

The works with which must be filled your earthly life, must be made in God's grace that they may have value for eternity, and they must respect that ranking that is part of order.

The first neighbour are those who are related to you by blood. Therefore, they are the ones who must have the benefit of what you possess spiritually and materially. Justice must have its triumph and must never be subordinated to charity. When one is just, one does

the minimum, then one goes up step by step with the generosity, and one seeks to anticipate the desires and needs of all.

There are some social differences in the world, created by wealth, that to look at them with human eyes seem injustices. Instead they are the choices made by God so that the depositories of this wealth must meet the needs of those who are in poverty.

Wealth is like a double-edged knife and a great responsibility, so it is not really desirable. But it can be a great way to help humanity and promote the works that redound to the benefit of all. Providence knows no bounds, and all the more generous souls are doing their utmost to distribute, and all the more the barns are filled, and not just the eternal ones, but even the earthly ones.

Among those to benefit must be put in the forefront the elderly, the sick, and those families in which the many children are mouths to feed, bodies to clothe and minds to educate, whereby the essentials must not be lacking them.

The young, have to work in whatever field they are, and must limit their needs, eliminating unnecessary things. To provide work to a young man, is saving him from vice and putting him in front of his own responsibility, so that he might not become a parasite.

The cleric must also live by his work, even if higher and spiritual. Those who serve the altar, must live by the

altar. The faithful are therefore bound to assist the priest, that he may not be in poverty. I desire for my beloved children to live detached from what is material. Sometimes, however, they need to complete some works, and to collaborate with them for their success is of great merit, that will lead to a participation in the good.

Even the works of assistance to orphans and the handicapped enter the providential plan willed by God, so that these souls, suffering without their fault, can understand that God loves them and will not abandon them.

Not encouraging vice and selfishness, is part of a primary duty to which all must abide.

Children, I bless you and help you in all your needs. As I do, do you also with your peers, and may the happiness that you can procure for those in need, return in so many blessings upon you and upon all those who do good. I bless your works and those who by your means are beneficiaries.

To a group of pilgrims

26th April 1977

My children, be welcome in this place of my encounters with souls!

I desire your happiness, not as the world gives it, but as the Lord can give. I therefore desire for you to be good and that these pilgrimages, which you do in the places blessed by me, bring to your souls that desire to improve yourselves that is already a clear sign that you love me. From an encounter with Heaven must be born virtue and trust in God, so as to become exemplary for all men.

Today, however, I also want to spur you on to never doubt of being able to bring to the faith and to the good all those who are dear to you and are currently far from God. When Stephen was stoned, to approve the evil that the executioners did, there was Saul, who by Stephen's sacrifice was converted and became Paul.

Your prayers, your works and your sacrifices, combined with my tears and my sorrows and soaked in the blood of Jesus, must be the means to obtain many conversions. Cultivate this trust in you, and act so that it never fails even before situations that seem unsolvable.

Children, I bless you and help you. I bless your guides and the minister who acts as your interpreter. See how beautiful what the Lord arranges: my instrument interprets the heavenly Mother, and others interpret her! It is all a bond of love and mutual help.

See you again, children. Keep up with faith and love your prayers, which obtain many graces wherever you go.

God works in the soul in grace

26th April 1977

Beloved children, peace to you and grace and all good! I am your Mother, and how I would fill you with goods of all kinds!

When my children are wayfarers on earth, they are not capable of understanding what the real goods are, and they go begging from creatures for what they see as things of great value. But when they are faced with the reality, when that is, with death they are stripped of all that is human, then their eyes are opened, but perhaps too late.

I desire that the vision of the afterlife be familiar to you, and that you be able to journey in this life enriching yourselves continually with those riches that no one can ever take away from you.

The prayer that you do with much fervour here and elsewhere, is a means to understand. It is like a door that opens and allows you to make those precious acquisitions of which I speak often to you. Without prayer you can do nothing, because humanly incapable of gaining.

Prayer attracts to you the compassionate gaze of God and his help, whereby you can avoid evil, and work according to his Law. Prayer prepares your soul to pardon, so that grace can come and live in you.

What is this grace? What is this marvellous gift that leaves amazed the angels themselves? It is God himself, the sweet Guest, who comes to dwell in the soul. But do you think that God remains idle in that soul that lodges Him because he loves Him? Oh, no! He works tirelessly to embellish his dwelling, and He gives birth to all those virtues of which He is the source. All the human works carried out by the soul in grace are as deified. It is the same God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit who works by destroying the defects and bringing light and warmth.

When you see a deformed being, and he seems to you an outcast or a parasite that lives off society, perhaps because his brain does not have the strength to work perfectly, you have a thought of compassion, and much more, you feel sorry for the parents who gave him birth. You are wrong, since the soul housed in that body so miserable has a divine splendour. This splendour does not remain stable, but grows dramatically and gives splendour to the whole Church.

Suffering is a coin with which, even unconsciously, this being increases his holiness, and the patience exercised by the persons next to him is a valuable collaboration that also redounds to their benefit. Well then, children, this marvellous work, done in an imperfect body by God himself and by the Church, is the fruit of grace.

Now try to look at the distressing picture of whoever does not possess grace. It is as if a spectacle of death

sowed pain and slaughter. The soul does not enjoy the presence of God, even if by his immensity and his right He is present everywhere.

The works, though good, remain sterile, that is, they do not serve to renew life and to communicate it. As deadwood in which the sap is not flowing, they do not add merit and do not produce. The presence of God, working in the soul in grace, is excluded and the soul in sin can only be harmful to the Church and to the society to which he belongs.

If Christians were aware of the ugliness of sin and of their state of walking corpses, horrified they would resort to the remedies in order to be cured from this state of death!

There is no human measure, there is no disease; adversity or misfortune, which equals that of the soul in mortal sin, which finds himself in a serious state of uncertainty of being saved and danger, if one considers that death can occur at any moment and be an irreparable evil. Consider, my children, how many people live in this state, heedless of their situation and without any fear of God, and curse, if not in words, in deeds!

What ought you do, who live in the shadow of the Church and who are eager to help her grow in size and splendour? The same care that you would dedicate to a sick child or brother, you must devote to these sick in soul.

Do not ever be surprised to see people, endowed with intelligence and health, misbehave! The threefold temptation of the devil, the world and the flesh, makes them an object to be enslaved.

Only your work, validated by the redemption that continues into the world through the Church, will be able to obtain those conversions that the Lord desires. It is not a very easy work but not impossible, since the salvation of souls is the greatest desire of God's heart.

If you possess grace, you are given the gift of God's omnipotence. You just have to collaborate with Him and make your prayer a continual cry of love that calls for the salvation of souls.

It is great to see in the flowerbeds of Heaven, souls, burning with love of God, joining the angels to hasten the salvation of those who are on earth; but it is also beautiful to see good souls make themselves shields for others to give to them that spiritual help with which they can be defended from the dangers and brought to salvation.

Here, children, that, while I beg you to keep in you that precious treasure that is worth more than any earthly goods, I invite you to procure for your fellow men that happiness to which also you tend. It is true, the conversions are not human works, but divine. But you have to collaborate. Your husbands, your children, relatives, friends must be at the forefront, and for them no sacrifice is enough.

Children, I promise you the conversion and salvation of those you love, if you know how to preserve grace and follow me with fidelity and love.

I bless you, one by one, and I embrace you with great tenderness.

The Church needs you

29th April 1977

My children, thank you for the reparation that you want to give to the insults that, even with the different means of social communication, they want to bring to my virginity and my divine motherhood!

I bless you as of now and I promise you spiritual and material graces. Above all, I grant you to love me and understand the miracles of love made by God in my soul, so that, knowing them, you can with me thank the Lord every day.

Children, today, in memory of Catherine, the patron saint of Italy, I invite you to pray for the Church, and to love her, respect her and defend her like your mother.

The Church is the spotless bride of Christ, and you will see her triumph when the elect, having reached the full number, at the end of time will be glorified in Christ, the Redeemer of souls. She will be the innocent bride who will sing hymns to the Bridegroom, to whom she will present herself with lit lamp: the lamp of faith and

charity, which she shall have preserved by adding the oil of prayer, constancy in good and loyalty in waiting.

Children, with the risen Jesus all the faithful must prepare themselves for this great triumph, working for the spread of his Kingdom right from this earth. Oh, never say that you do not know how to do it and do not have the spiritual or moral or material possibilities! You are not only subjects, but children of the King, and through this sonship that Jesus himself has re-established with the Father, you have the right and the duty to work for Him.

The Church needs you, even if it is the rock against which the waves break upon without destroying it. It must grow and be always living, and you, as living stones, you have to contribute to her vitality.

Do not allow little children, youth and adults, to be attracted by the foolish atheism and demeaning materialism; you would be lacking the oil of the lamp that is light and strength. You have intelligence and will: learn to use them! You have the faith and the word: let them be the weapons that you put at the disposal of God.

If evil makes headway, you must not remain impassive. Put before your divine power that comes from the life of grace, and call together as many souls as you can, so that a dam can be put to evil, and good propagated. I am constantly near you.

These lessons must not remain a dead letter. A living language must be yours, like mine! Make listen, make read, make live what I teach you!

See, children, if in every parish there were to arise these prayer groups and were flanked by the priest, they would be transformed. The extraordinary would be the only means of attracting; then one would understand the importance of the faith, the need to be united to the Church and to appreciate the priest.

Pray, that may be understood these desires of mine and be realized. I always await the priests next to me, so that, living out their priestly mission in a perfect way, they can be sanctified and sanctify souls.

You are on the threshold of the month dedicated to your heavenly Mother. I desire that you understand me and call all close to my heart. For me, there does not exist the good and the bad. You are my children, those who, being baptized, are a part as members of the mystical Body of my Jesus. I must bring you to salvation. It is my desire and my task. It is necessary for souls to accept me into their lives and leave me to act.

In Lourdes, as elsewhere, as in the place chosen to talk to my children, I work miracles of healing with the permission and with the power that God gives me. Every grace and every miracle has one purpose, to awaken the faith so that one can live in accordance with the will of God. What would be the worth for me to give you health,

if it were to serve for sinning? The Church triumphs when all her children live with Christ in God.

It is true, the mystery of sorrow is often incomprehensible to men, who, losing health, get agitated and would always like to stay well. But, if you consider that what you are experiencing is not true life, but a preparation for the life that will last forever, you discover also the beauty and necessity of sorrow, which serves as the fire that purifies the gold.

When, after days of drought or after the summer sun comes the rain to freshen the air and soak the earth, it seems to you that everything relives, and nature, withered from the heat, seems to revive and reinvigorate.

Children, life with its temptations, passions and dangers, often becomes like a dry land. Sorrow comes, the tears become the beneficial rain that gives new life. The thought of God returns easier, prayer wells up spontaneously.

Here, children, for I want to tell you with a few words the importance of your prayers and your apostolic action. It will be a collaboration with me to make revive among you the Lord.

Children, I bless you, one by one, and I promise you to call back through you, many priestly and lay souls to my and your heart. See you again.

Keep in you the divine presence

29th April 1977

My children, thank you for your prayer so fervent and so full of faith! The consolation that you give to my heart serves to repair a multitude of sins. Your capacity for action would be nothing compared to the spreading of evil, but the scent of your prayer is so powerful as to stifle the pestiferous miasma that is covering humanity.

Be consistent, be strong, and set your home in Jerusalem, that is, be in the Church of God as those lamps designed to illuminate also the others. So it was with Catherine of Siena, who, despite being so incompetent, was able to be a teacher in the Church.

Love to be together in order to take in deeper the divine truths and to know the secrets of the faith, which help to be happy in this life and in the next, and then become beacons of light. It will not be your personal light, but a reflected light that the Holy Spirit instils in him who seeks Him.

Children, do not be intimidated by the propagation of error and immorality! You set your heart in the heavenly Jerusalem. Make sure that the thought of Paradise is habitual to you, as it becomes easier for the sailor to think of the port, or the exiled to think of the homeland.

Learn to be expected at the royal banquet with the nuptial garment, therefore, take care to keep in your soul that divine presence that is everything for you. What

would you be if in the world, so perverse, you were missing God's help? He must direct your life and be your shield and your salvation. This is realized only if, in the flight from sin, you keep yourselves pure.

Children, I want to give you a gift: during this month of May, I want to hold you on my heart and hide you under my mantle to establish with you a loving dialogue. The net that you possess, then, which is the Holy Rosary, will be the means of attracting to me the souls who, immersed in the pleasures of life, do not know how to appreciate the joys of Heaven.

To all, a word of encouragement. To the fathers present I promise help in the upbringing of their children. Learn to consider them as brothers and converse with them serenely.

Good night, children! I love you all and I bless you one by one.

Do good in every field

30th April 1977 (in Legnano)

My children, I am here to give you that spiritual bread so necessary in the life of man.

Jesus said one day: "*My words are spirit and life*", and, as He explained to his disciples the importance of feeding on this spiritual food, there were those who said

that the language of Jesus was too hard and went away. At this gesture of refusal my Son did not oppose, but He asked the Apostles: *"Do you also want to leave?"* Peter, the apostle of faith, asserted: *"Lord, if we turn away from You, where shall we go to find life?"*

This simple fact of the Gospel is repeated continuously even in your gatherings. Again you are given that spiritual bread that gives life: it is the word of Jesus and the bread of the Mother. It would be so beautiful for the children, hungry for divine grace, to welcome it and translate it into practical life, like they assimilate common foods. Instead in steps doubt, and sophistry on the way and the form, up to no longer enjoying what should bring benefit and growth in virtue.

You know and are familiar with my desires, but I would like to be able to communicate them to all and I would like that all, without human respect and with faith and courage, become promoters of this spreading of good.

Charity made in the form of material aid is praised, but how can one forget what gives life to matter, and what is indispensable to acquire that life that has no end, and which will be the encounter of souls with the Word of the Father, God and Creator of everything?

Learn to give the right value to the faith and to everything that in it is enclosed. Receive with simplicity and love this motherly word, which does not fall within

the eloquence of the wise, but which is common wisdom available to all.

Here now, as the most beautiful month of the year is facing you, the May dedicated to the Mother, I give you an ever pressing invitation: take in deeper the Christian truths and be masters, since the Church is not afraid of those who, attracted by the desire for God, want to discover his secrets; but fears ignorance, which can easily be deceptive and delusive; and fears pride, which puts the soul at risk of being deprived of God's gifts.

If you want to do me something pleasing, have this ideal of evangelization. Oh! yes, children, I will encourage you always to do good, regardless of the outcome and your personal satisfaction. You see how those who work with the evil one to the harm of souls, overexert themselves and face sacrifices and overcome difficulties! Be bold!

Do good in every field! The doctor has a mission as great as that of the priest, on the human plane. How much good the doctor can do, who feels he is a collaborator of Christ in raising humanity from that suffering that is inevitable and accepted so badly! It is necessary to learn how to overcome, and be able to create around oneself that halo that comes from holiness. A holy doctor brings to conversion and to holiness souls more than any other category of people, since to him the sick are attached with confident hope.

You are in a hospital. All the world is currently a large hospital. And who wants to be a doctor? Who wants to help the sick to heal, to understand the gift of suffering and to ascend back to God?

Remember the parable of the Good Samaritan, who on the road to Jericho finds an injured man, he puts him on his own mount and brings him where he can find assistance. He pays out of his own pocket, and leaves again with the thought of returning to see the state of his health.

All have to be good Samaritans. The sick, the injured, and the needy in the spirit, you can find anywhere, and the same sick can be those who, with their faith and their patience pay in their person.

Children, this month that you call of flowers, must make flourish around you that smile and that peace that only God can give, and with which He wants to fill your heart. Everyone complains everywhere. Everyone would like to have what they have not and desire the unreal and unattainable. Let your serenity be like a spring that triggers the most important device, that of faith, which in many hearts is extinguished, in others dormant.

Children, human science often finds it impossible to solve the serious health problems threatening the life, but with God there exists no problems of any kind. "*Nothing is impossible with God,*" the angel said to me when he announced to me the divine motherhood. Even your

action will be enhanced and deified, if you will try to imitate me and let the Lord enter in your life.

Children, I bless you all and I give you the go-ahead for a very important apostolic work. Do not call humility what can be a temptation! Act with a right intention and put all your soul into it, because I will be at your side to guide you.

I bless those who work for the volunteers of the suffering and for the poor.

To the young and the little children present, my wish and my blessing, that they may be interpreters of the voice of Jesus and Mary beside the adults.

To the priests who work in this hospital, my commendation, so that through them is rekindled in Christian piety that precious collaboration with me and with the doctors to heal bodies and souls in Christ the Lord.

To all, my embrace.

To the young

1st May 1977

Beloved children, joy to your hearts, since the heavenly Mother has truly come to visit you and, in this moment, she is addressing to you her word. Is it not perhaps true that I love you more than myself? And it is

precisely because I love you that I want to communicate with you. The Mother enjoys talking with her children.

Always along the centuries, appearing in different parts of the world, I called back souls next to me. to assure them of my love. In these times, however, very difficult, there was needed something more important than an apparition. Error is disseminated everywhere; it is necessary to combat it by bringing the truth. My direct intervention is necessary to promote virtue and combat vice. To defeat evil, it is necessary to make more effective the word of God and good stronger.

My presence is hidden but still active, here as in many other places. You must rejoice with the presence of the Mother and, welcoming my teachings all suffused with love, you must repay me with the practice of virtue made with the same love. You must be like those affectionate children who hang from the lips of the mother, and try to accommodate her in everything.

In families, even the best, there are many rebellious children who badly put up with authority, and who want independence, fun and continuous entertainment. Even in the great family of the Church, made up of the baptized, there are authorities established by Jesus himself, but her children are often ungrateful and rebellious.

I am the Mother of this great family, and as mothers of families suffer and weep for the disorders created by the insubordination, so I suffer for the baptized who do

not want to believe, do not want to love, do not want to be saved.

What do I ask of you? What do I want from you? First of all, that you observe the Law of God even in its smallest details, and then that you accept me into your life as a guide, as a friend, as a teacher.

See me near you, when temptation assails you, when your character makes you go wild like a horse without a bridle. See me nearby when you pray, when you study and when you perform your duties, each one according his state. I will always have a word to say to you, a suggestion, some advice. Those inspirations which I give you by means of this instrument, will be light to your minds and you will feel happy to be under me.

Children, Christian life is simple, but it can also be heroic at the same time, since the order and the precision that you can put in the fulfilment of your duties, can bring you to perfection. This I desire from you.

I bless you all, one by one. Children, I hold you all on my heart, and I will help you to sanctify this month of May that it may mark a starting point in your life. See you again!

The candle, the rose, the ear

3rd May 1977

My children, peace be to your hearts! Behold, I am here to tell you with particular insistence what I desire from you in this month consecrated to me.

I am the Mother of God and yours, and all you do for me must go back to the glory of the Lord, of whom all are adopted children. Affectionate children, then, love to express with their gifts the feelings of their hearts, and to express in words what they have in their mind. Thus, affections, thoughts and words, form as a single offering, which returns pleasing to him who receives it, and which falls in a flood of graces upon those faithful and loving souls.

I therefore want to come into your life. I want to work with you, and I want to receive from you what I desire.

In some shrines, where I am still pouring out my graces, I asked the seers to come and visit me, carrying lighted candles in procession and by honouring me with songs and sounds. Here I ask you to come up with the lighted torch of your faith. What would be the worth of your prayer if it were not illuminated by faith?

In Lourdes, appearing to Bernadette, I said: "*Come in procession.*" Here I say: Come with your faith illuminated and illuminating, because the road that you have to walk on is dangerous and threatened by many dangers. The faith is your salvation. When you come in

this place, I consider dutiful on your part to demonstrate to me a faith superior to that of an ordinary Christian. You will receive special graces, and to these graces you have to respond.

I ask you to be like Jesus and I want you to be; that is, just, because faith has penetrated the depths of your mind and your heart.

There are many who demand miracles to increase their faith and that of others, but to you I ask for a simple faith, humble and profound, precisely because I want to work miracles even through you. This is the candle that I desire as an ornament of my altar. But I want more.

You have decked me out with roses, and I thank you, but in a few days these flowers will be wilted and will no longer give out that scent that makes them pleasing. I desire from each one of you, every day, the rose scented with charity.

The rose is the symbol of love. When your acts of goodness and generosity are the fruit of love, they are for me a welcome gift, which will never wither, and which will keep the delicate fragrance of the rose. Do not ever let me miss this comfort!

I see your difficulties, I can see how difficult it is sometimes to smile when your heart is not perfectly quiet, and how it is difficult to understand others when you want to be understood. And yet, in silencing one's own self is the triumph of God, who perfumes the air and

who gives to all as a new breath. These magnificent roses gladden my heart.

You call me the "Mystical Rose", because my life has all been a fragrance of charity. To all the children of God and of the Church I have given, and give all the time, the petals of the rose, of which is composed my life. Reciprocate to me your affection, your charity, and give me generously your works that bring help to the neighbour. They will flower again, more fragrant than ever, these roses in the heavenly Jerusalem, where shall be compensated even a single glass of water given for love of God.

And now, I ask you one last gift: an ear of corn. It is a very small thing, but it is a great symbol, a great thing! It represents the Eucharist, which is the sun of life, the centre of the Christian faith, the hinge that supports the Church. The ear gives you that flour, with which is cloaked Jesus to be your food.

Who does not want to be that transubstantiated bread, to bring within himself the Lord and to transform in Him his own life? Children, you can be if you let come into your life that sacrifice which is synonymous with host. To be little hosts that serve to transform the world: that is what you have to desire for!

Do you want to satisfy my desires? The water droplets immersed in the cup become wine, then blood in the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Every sacrifice, though small,

becomes a grain of wheat that will be bread and then the body of the Lord.

Three things you will bring me every day at the altar: the candle, the rose, the ear, symbols and reality that demonstrate your love for that Mother who took you at the baptismal font and leads you and loves you because she wants you with her in Paradise.

Children, I bless you all. Peace to all, and grace.

An act of goodness is a fragrant rose

4th May 1977

My children, how much pleasure your prayers so careful and so fervent give me, and how much joy it gives me your desire to hear the good words that my instrument addresses to you! Know that it is the Spirit of the Lord who acts in her, whereby He does not allow for error to pollute the crystal-clear water that you are given.

I know that many battles are breaking out a little everywhere, not against evil, but against the works of God. Well then, know that, if the Lord allows also scandal in the world, nevertheless He says: "*Woe to those through whom the scandal comes.*" Fighting against evil is the right thing, but fighting good is diabolical, and it is a great responsibility that most people take on in the name of faith and prudence.

You must not, however, get upset, even if some have to desert the ranks in the name of obedience. Their sacrifice is the seed of new calls, and will make fruitful that word that the Holy Spirit gives so abundantly.

Be persevering and learn to give, with your life, a witness of consistency and holiness. Learn to bring back from these meetings that serenity and that capacity to dialogue that makes you real teachers and welcome by sincerity and simplicity.

The Lord, who can draw the children of Abraham also from stones, raises, with means always new, always new apostolic vocations. Learn to believe with a faith true and genuine. Always keep in mind this ideal: to make God loved and the Church, to seek the honour of God and to make the Church flourish. Let then act in you the Lord, who loves you and wants your holiness.

Unfortunately, times will come much worse than this, and it will be so useful to gather regularly in homes to pray. The wicked and the evil one act on fear and on human respect. Be brave, learn to live up to the teachings received and practise virtue.

When you see the first buds sprouting on trees, you think that spring is near. From many symptoms that you have, you know how to distinguish that something is approaching. However, you must not be fearful, and you must continue to fulfil your religious, social and family duties, with great love.

When they mature, the fruits of goodness and right, the Father says: "*Blessed is the tree that I planted.*" So is the tree of your life. It has been a gift of the Father, your life, and it must produce fruit, which they can enjoy the brethren who live next to you; Everyone should enjoy it, even those who do not want to see and do not want to hear.

It is a joy for my heart to see souls thirsting for truth and faith, eager to love me and honour me! The month dedicated to me is the month of roses. Do not be miserly with anyone of this gift of love. An act of goodness is a fragrant rose. You can offer it to me, but you can give it to your fellow man, and I rejoice in that as well.

Come to the foot of my altar and bring me your hearts flowered with charity. Go, full of blessings into your homes, and spread the fragrance of those prayers and those consecrations that you have made to me and that you renew. Wherever you pass, emanate the good odour of incense through prayer, and the odour of the rose through goodness. Evil is choked with good, and hatred which fills the world is overcome by love.

Your pains are the jewels with which is decked your life. Learn to see them as so. I ease them for you, to some I take them off, but know that they are part of that penance that my Jesus commands, and which I keep asking for in every apparition and in all the allocutions and inspirations that I keep giving in many places.

Children, I bless you all. Bring my maternal embrace to your relatives, family, and especially your sick. Keep me always in mind, and love me as a true Mother, if you want to have my maternal affection.

See you again, children! Give me roses of goodness, and I will let fall on you a shower of graces.

To a group of pilgrims

5th May 1977

Beloved children, be welcome in my house! I welcome you with open arms, as one welcomes those that one loves very much. You come from far away, and I am happy to leave Heaven to come and talk to you. Know, however, that by a miracle of grace, I am always with you and I am always with the angels and with the saints in Paradise.

What do I ask you, children? I ask you to love me and to make me known, because this is the desire of my Son.

I am the Mother of the Church and your Mother. What a mother desires, you can imagine. She desires for her children to love one another and help each other, and that they listen to her teachings and put them into practice by following her example. I too desire this from you, because no one could say he loves me if then he did not love his neighbour as Jesus taught us to love by dying on the cross.

I see you all the way into the heart, and your sorrows and your needs are not hidden to me. That is why I tell you: you are looking to live in the grace of God, flee from sin, and I will promise to fulfil all your requests.

Life becomes more and more difficult, because the evil one keeps manifesting his power continuously. Above him however, there is God, who cannot be vanquished. Have trust, and believe in the love of God for his creatures, whom He has redeemed with his blood. Form as a barrier, that may defend you from the evil by means of prayer and charity. I will always be with you and you will be victorious.

Children, I bless you all, one by one. I bless your guide. See you again! I love you so much.

The mission of the mother

8th May 1977

My children, I am here with you! I am the Mother of mothers and, as you have come rejoicing to celebrate me, so I desire to present to you my best wishes and tell you with great love my thoughts.

How many mothers there are in the world! How many good mothers, eager to do their duty towards God and towards their own offspring! How many mothers misunderstood and poorly rewarded! How many mothers could rightly be called martyrs because their life has been a continual torment!

Well then, to all these my daughters and sisters, who with the help of faith and willpower have constantly kept high their dignity, goes my motherly embrace.

Never will it be understood enough the importance of the task entrusted by God to these creatures, to the mothers, called to collaborate directly with Him to give life to other children of God, to other men, destined for Paradise. It is the mission of the mother that ensures the future of the world and that populates Paradise! The mother, it is true, does not give the soul to her children, but from the first moment of conception she can communicate to them those virtues which then will manifest and grow.

The first germ of life, placed in the maternal womb, becomes the fruit of life. The mother is the guardian of this life in embryo, and must continue her work throughout her life, as it never fails in her the right to be a mother and the love that allows her to be so.

The mother is the first teacher of the child, who learns from her, with the first words and the first gestures, to know and to love also the One who oversees life and the world.

The mother is the role model. It is true that many models are flawed, but there is in every mother an intimate desire of seeing herself reproduced in her creatures in a perfect way, and from that are born those corrections and that desire to want to improve certain situations.

The mother has a great responsibility before God, before her children and before society. There are no tears shed in vain, in a mother disappointed in the result of the upbringing given, since one cannot measure such pain. I alone can understand them, these unhappy mothers; I, who after having given my Son as a victim, I have seen nullified my own and his sacrifice. And yet, when a mother has done her duty to the end, she must and cannot have regrets, like I did not regret the passion of Jesus and my enormous pain.

A good mother is like a tower that rises majestic and strong, sustained by God's grace. From the top of this tower she looks and suffers, she listens and is silent. Every gesture of return and reflection on the part of the son who does not believe and does not understand, makes her tremble with joy and hope. She is sure, confident and prays. The father who was waiting for the return of the prodigal son, scanned the horizon. The mother searches the heart, and feels played out in herself all those movements that lead children to amend themselves.

How much confidence in a mother's heart that loves God! She seems to be an oak this being, that perhaps slender in person and weak in health, has the courage to give to everyone. Let the children try turning to their mothers, when real or supposed enemies try to harm them! The mother will become a lion to defend them and will be able to perform heroic deeds. The words will flow from her mouth when she has to defend them. If in

a moment of discomfort a moan proceeds from her mouth that shows the defects of her children, do not reveal these defects yourselves: she will become a hyena to defend them and you will lose her friendship.

It is not possible to list all the positive qualities that God sows in a mother's heart. It is necessary, it is true, that a mother cultivate these virtues, stifling her selfishness and own will, to devote fully, in adherence to the will of God, her own life to those souls that the Lord entrusts to her. But it will not be difficult, because love makes one capable of heroism. I seem to hear you say that this is just fantasy, since really holy mothers are few. And yet, I want them all to be so.

At my school you have to grow in virtue and grace, up to being an object of admiration to your children and also to me. I am not talking to you about those mothers without faith and without love, who give scandal to their children. I desire rather that you raise your prayer for all mothers in the world.

I invite you also to bring back to your families that prayer that has the scent of roses. It will be the bond that will unite the family members with each other and with me. It will be the means to call back those who, attracted by false loves, have left the paternal roof. A feast can be a call for a more intense spirituality and for a love more effective and more holy.

To rebuild, it is necessary to break down old habits and make a clean sweep of what clutters. In families is

necessary a work of healing. The Rosary will be the means.

On the ruins of pagan temples and places of orgies, arose a sanctuary where I am pouring out my graces. Every family must become my sanctuary. I expect a lot from you! After a spiritual and moral regeneration, it is necessary to build a true Christianity. Be my heralds and bring everywhere my Rosary. Be spiritual mothers and missionaries of Our Lady.

I bless you all one by one. Take my blessing to those sick whom you have commended to me.

See you again!

It is necessary to reawaken in hearts charity

9th May 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you! I am here with you and I am glad to see your faith, your simplicity and your love. I look at you one by one, and I see your needs, your worries, your desires and your hopes. I also see your defects and your virtues.

My encounter with you is designed to give you relief and make you better. I will not have to completely take away your crosses to make you happy, but I will help you to carry them and will make them lighter by that spirituality that I will go more and more increasing to

you, so as to let you see beautiful even those things that so far you have judged bad and ugly.

I love, however, to point out to you the virtues that you have to practise, and among all I desire that you possess charity, the queen virtue, without which not even the penances and the most grandiose works have value.

You know, children, the Church has spread throughout the world, not so much because the apostles went out to preach, but for the charity that united the early Christians and for the love that they carried anywhere, whereby their mission could be identified with the spread of charity.

Even today, it must be so. And, if I go about calling my children to prayer and penance, it is not just that these two things have an end in themselves, but they have a very specific purpose: prayer, to help souls to love God, and penance, to help them to love their neighbour by means of the death of one's ego and with the devotion to one's brethren.

Children, it is necessary to reawaken in hearts charity, for an end to all those difficulties created by envy, by jealousy, by slander, by murmuring, to tell you the most common things, to move on then to other more terrible things such as violence, crime and lack of respect for the life and personality of others.

Spread love, children, if you want that men be converted, and take up the path again of the Church and

accept the faith, necessary for salvation. If believing in prophecies once could have been useful, if admitting the order that exists in creation could have been an invitation to believe in the existence of God, now it is no longer enough. It is necessary to show the brethren that you are Christians, by the love that is manifested with those works of mercy on which souls will be judged at the end of life.

From this first encounter with the heavenly Mother, must spring forth a renewal of life, which is enlivened by charity. I will be close to you, and you ought to give to all your work, be it family or social, individual or collective, an address: it ought to become an act of love, a commitment to love, and it ought to render a loving service to those persons to whom you intend it. If a mother serves her loved ones for the sake of God, she sanctifies herself, and if the children reciprocate in the loving service, they serve the Lord and please Him.

What stands for the mother, stands for the priest, for the religious and for anyone who works for the good of many. Collaborate in the parishes, so that everyone can enjoy the benefits that the Holy Church gives to her children, it is a praiseworthy work of apostolate. But how pleasing it is to my heart, even the humble service of those who visit the sick, and who take on the sorrows of others to relieve them and to help, like Simon of Cyrene, to carry the cross!

Children, the charity of Christ must push you to sacrifice yourselves for others, since it is just that each one carry the burden of others. When in your hearts there is perfect charity, a great peace and joy will be in you, since there will be excluded all those defects, which generating resentment and hatred or even ill-will, take away serenity.

Children, I bless you all: infants, youth, adults, priests and religious. I bless your city, and I promise you, if you persevere in my devotion, it will be preserved by many punishments. I bless your families, in which I want to enter as Mother and Teacher.

Consecrate yourselves all to my heart, that I may guard you and protect you! I will bring to salvation all those who entrust themselves to me, since the power as Mother of God, that God himself gives me, I put it at the service of my children.

Love one another, and do not be afraid of losing the faith if, entrusting yourselves to me, you intend to fight the evil one, who has no other purpose than to turn away from God and to bring in hearts despair. Be good. Believe me, I am your Mother, I received you at the foot of the cross and I want to take you to Heaven.

Goodbye, children. See you again.

Two graces you must always ask me for

10th May 1977

My children, peace to you and grace and every good! Here I am with you as in an amiable conversation. So many things I would like to say to you! I would like, with each of you, to start a conversation that could be interrupted constantly by your questions. I would like to question you and I would like to respond to your problems to your great satisfaction.

However, I desire to warn you, telling you that a lot of things to which you have attached your mind and heart are not things of great importance. I want therefore, to urge you to make a real selection, to distinguish what is good from what is bad, and what is good and from what is best.

All that the Lord has created, and everything that He gives to his children, is good. But everything has to be accepted with gratitude and used with love, in order to obtain a greater good. This good is the eternal life in God, in whom resides all good to an infinite degree.

You all desire, for example, to have health. It has great value because, through health, one can work in the vineyard of the Lord, and one can be more zealous in doing good. Even prayer is easier when one feels good. This gift would seem insurmountable and to be put in the forefront, but it is not. If you think how many mistakes one can make when one feels good, you understand that not always and not for everyone it is good to be healthy.

It is true that man has as the duty of his life that of serving the Lord. It therefore seems natural that one must act, and to perform those works, which God requires from his creatures, it is necessary to feel good. But it is not really as many people think. The Lord wants sometimes to be served by people who cannot due to their illness get out of bed, and requires, as a humble and great service, the doing of his holy will.

Certainly, it is pleasing to God the desire to do and to do a lot, even if all the difficulties, including that of health, interfere, in a way that prevents any work. Of course it is nice to praise God with the works of the apostolate, which even the apostles sent by Jesus did in the world, but it is much more valuable the silent work accomplished in physical or moral suffering, and even spiritual, which can be an apparent inertia, and which is devoid of any human satisfaction.

Being able to choose between different goods is difficult for you who live on this earth, since you are as unable to lift yourselves up and how many times the wings are clipped by human inclinations; but, if you look at Heaven and consider that all of you are headed there, you can understand more easily.

There are people who hold it a good thing, indeed very good, to get a good position and handsome profits. From a high position, they think that one can do greater good. It seems that the good social position has to be the indispensable means to communicate and take hold on

hearts, one's own views. Even for these things I have to tell you that one is wrong.

Many times simple people, who knew how to show their faith with rectitude, rising in rank, let themselves be won over not only by human respect, but also by that unbridled desire to excel that took them far away from God.

What has happened to many, could happen to all, since human weakness is general, it is not reserved for a few. Did not Eve let herself be flattered by the thought of being like God? How many, for having ascended to a higher position, have lost the faith and kept their needy neighbour as beneath their feet!

Children, if I have to accept your questions, you must first promise me that you will feel happy to do the will of God, even if it is not fully in line with yours. Two graces you must always ask me for: sorrow for sins, that assures you forgiveness on God's part, and inner peace, that embodies all that is good.

When you ask these things, I agree to give them to you, because I know that there are no other things that are worth more. Indeed, he who acknowledges that he was wrong and turns to God to receive forgiveness, possesses grace, which exceeds in value every created thing. Grace puts you in communication with Heaven and transforms your human being in the dwelling of the Most High. Only in this way every action, every thought, every affection, is as deified.

If you only understood what sin is and the value of grace, you would have no other aspiration than this: Lord, let me live in grace! A mother who has understood this truth, will ask for her children only this: that they live in God's grace. A priestly and religious soul will have no other desire than this: to be a channel of grace, and to give to souls the joy of feeling the presence of God in them.

If then you think how painful it is to live in places where there is no peace, you can realize its preciousness! A family where there is no peace is an antechamber of hell. A society without peace lacks order, it will not be able to produce, and the crises will happen in the midst of the peoples, without finding a way to escape. A soul without peace is like a being who lacks breath or air.

Peace is the fruit of a good conscience, but it is also the fruit of balance, and it is victory over the devil and all that is a result of selfishness and pride. This peace, which is order, harmony, virtue, serenity and tranquillity, you must ask me for, and I am happy to grant it to you, provided you concur with your will.

Children, I bless you all. See you again.

To a group of pilgrims

11th May 1977

My children, be blessed! Come, come to my heart and establish with me with a true bond of love!

I desire to teach you to love more and more, and better and better my Jesus. If you stay on my heart, everything will become easier for you. I desire that you, loving with a love pure and simple, you might also repair the innumerable offenses that many of my children cause to Him, who is still living on earth.

The Most Holy Eucharist is Jesus with men. It is the divine sun which ought to illuminate the life of every Christian. Unfortunately, it has been targeted for a continuous outrage to the Son of God. To you repairing these injuries. Your well-done Communion avail to give what others take away from the heart of Jesus.

He burns with the desire to be received by men, to make them live his life. His children reject Him or receive Him in sin, in doing so it is the greatest of outrages, since it is like forcing Jesus to unite himself to a corpse.

My children, give honour and glory to the Most Holy Eucharist. Glorify the body of Christ, who wished to remain among you for your strength, your food, a pledge of your glory. But know, my children, that the mystical body of Christ is the whole Church, and it must be respected and honoured in all your brethren. Whoever offends his neighbour, whoever mistreats him, whoever makes him suffer, whoever gossips and slanders, tears apart the mystical body of Christ.

Try to propagate charity, of which the Eucharist is the sign. Try to love everyone, because in every member of

the Church, in every human being, the Lord is present by right, by conquest, and by that divine fatherhood which is a free gift to all men.

Children, I bless you all one by one and I will accompany you again to your homes, where you will bring the fragrance of your prayers and virtues.

See you again, children! Know that when you come to this place, you give me so much pleasure. Take my blessing to your loved ones, to your parishes and to your nation. Thank you, my children, I love you so much.

Look for the true good

11th May 1977 (in Muggiò)

Beloved children, here you are to listen to my words. I am the Virgin of Light, and I want to give light to your minds. Whoever walks in darkness, cannot see the dangers that he meets; but whoever owns a lantern or whoever enjoys the light of the sun, can avoid the dangers and can enjoy tranquillity and peace. Even things that may seem ugly in the darkness, seen by the light of the sun appear beautiful or harmless.

Why do I want to illuminate your minds? I want you to learn to distinguish and look for the true good. I want you to be truly as branches joined to the vine; who not living for yourselves, try to be lush and to produce plentiful fruits of good.

You are the vineyards planted by the Lord. Even if with a different call, you have been the object of assiduous care by the divine Vinedresser: the soil has been prepared, the seed has been planted, and the little plant has had the first care, which was to be transplanted into another family, or into a religious family, or into another place, so that it would produce more abundantly tasty fruits. It also happened that the fruits did not have that goodness and that gentleness that the Vinedresser had expected. Perhaps they were unripe or sour fruits. Now, however, with other treatments, with other graces, He wants to heal the plant.

It is necessary to be grafted to the tree of life, and let circulate in you the same sap. It depends much on your willingness to let invigorate your spiritual life. The Lord helps you, and I too as the heavenly Gardener.

The Lord knows how to care for them, his plants! If they do not produce fruit, He prunes them so that the other branches reinvigorate. The pruning is suffering, with which He allows for human life to be surrounded, because from this He draws a good for many.

The sap, children, is that grace which makes you great in the eyes of God. It is a mysterious force the divine life in the soul, which gives value to every action and which reshapes the human weakness until it disappears.

Do you want to know if it is difficult to keep the grace of God? If you consider that God is your Father, and that He loves you with an infinite love, it is not difficult to

stay united to Him and to reciprocate his love with yours. This is living in grace. I know that the dangers are many and they come to you by your very nature, the devil and the world, but they cannot scare you, since you know that, above all opposing forces, is the supreme force, God himself, who loves you, and wanting you happy inhabitants of Heaven, defends you.

It is necessary to be reflective and not act rashly. It is necessary to want the good ordered to God's Law. When a mother is guided with this Law, which puts her before her individual, family and social duties, she can do no wrong. However, she must be attentive to the requests that can come to her from selfishness or pride. Looking for one's interest, many times becomes a necessity and seems a duty, but it is nothing more than a forgetfulness of the rights of others.

When in a family the mother, who is the pivot, is all inclined at procuring true happiness of its members, she forgets her rights and sees only the duties to perform. In this way a mother becomes heroic!

I have spoken to you, however, of true happiness. A mother becomes holy when she spends all her life in getting her family members to understand and enjoy how beautiful it is to serve and love the Lord, without losing with sin his precious friendship.

So a religious realizes her holiness when, not taking into account human needs, in the most perfect obedience keeps her rule, having in mind the good of souls that she

with her oblation calls to the heart of God. Each action of the religious becomes as a request to the Father, that He may take care of all those souls that pass along her road, where duty has placed her, and charity wants her.

If you want to sanctify yourselves, my children, you just have to search your hearts, to see the extent to which you have melted your heart with that of Jesus, and to what extent you feel the duty to give yourselves to others to win them over to God.

It is true too that many times the Lord uses your words to persuade and attract to good, but the author of each conversion is God alone, who acts directly by means of sanctifying grace. To grow in the grace of God is to know how to act on souls and become centres of attraction.

In front of those who do evil and deny every principle of truth and admit of no dialogue, the action to be taken is this: love these souls up to being ready to sacrifice your own life to save them; make every effort to grow in grace, fleeing not only mortal sin, but also those imperfections that are displeasing to the Lord, and that do not edify the neighbour.

Children, the light that I give you, is a commitment to use your will, your talents and graces of the Lord, according to your state, to acquire that holiness that the Father wants from you.

Give me saints, and the earth will experience as an evolution. They will be the saints who will change the world. They are not the words or deeds, but the lifeblood, which circulating in you, will make you capable of performing miracles. Through your holiness, in the simplicity of life, in the humility of thought, in the boundless love for God and brethren, will bring forth a new world, as you desire it, as I want it.

I bless you, children. To all, a word of encouragement. To the teachers my recommendation, so that, at least in this month, may be intensified devotion to me and I may be made known and loved.

See you again, my children. I love you so much.

It is necessary to repent

13th May 1977 (in Saronno)

Children, so dear to me, be blessed! I am with you, like one day I was with the little shepherds of Fatima, and, if I do not show myself to you in the flesh, it is only because I want to support your faith and make it capable of this demission that goes beyond appearances.

I am the Mother of Jesus and yours, desirous of your good and always intent on seeing your spiritual progress. I desire your holiness in a way more intense than you could possibly desire, and every act that you do, and every moment of your life take on for me an immense value, because they will have a reflection in eternity.

Everything about your lives interests me! The good and the bad that you do have a resonance in my heart as mother, and to all I would like to give my praise or my admonition or reprimand. When you hear your conscience that approves or disapproves you, know that it is the voice of God, my voice as mother who tirelessly follows you.

Your spiritual improvement and your growth have a base on which to rest. If you want to build a large building, perhaps a skyscraper, you have to go down very deeply with the foundations. If it were not so, one would run the risk of seeing overwhelmed by storms or wind also large housing developments. The spiritual building, on to which I myself with you want to lay a hand, is much higher than a skyscraper. You have to reach the divine perfection, that is to say, the infinite heights. It is necessary to go down, to go down, to go down!

The world is going badly, and it is digging its own grave, because pride dominates it. Men do not know how to recognize their own nothingness and humble themselves before God. They do not acknowledge their mistakes; they do not ask for help from Him who can give it. They want to do it all by themselves. They want to imitate the builders of the Tower of Babel, by which the summit could not be reached because they did not understand each other anymore.

You must set an example to the whole of society, not only with the humility of life, but also with the recognition of the rights of God over you. You must also make sure that your language presents that unity of form and that coherence that shows to the people of God your desire to be as He wants you.

Children, I desire from you the practice of that virtue which makes you so pleasing to my Jesus and that allows you to communicate with the brethren. Jesus said one day: "*Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart.*" You have the model, and you have only to imitate the gestures, the words and the behaviour of your Teacher.

But I would like to hold your thought on a detail of the apparitions of Fatima. When I showed the sun that was falling upon the multitude of people present, I invited everyone to repent of their sins. I desire this act of humility on your part and of all men of earth. Only by recognizing oneself guilty, men could put an end to all those painful events ripping apart humanity. It is the first step, and it is essential. It is necessary to repent! This is the penance that I asked for at Fatima.

Unfortunately it is not understand the seriousness of sin, it is therefore difficult to change one's mind. I entrust to you this assignment. Do not be so easy to pass from the state of grace to that of sin! If God's mercy is infinite, life cannot be an insult to his Law.

That is why I invite you to that sensitivity of conscience that makes you fearful of sinning. A broad conscience is always flawed, and it certainly does not bring benefit neither to the Church nor to humanity. Be sensitive children. Be worthy of your Mother, please! Do not be sloppy in the fulfilment of your duties, and you will not run the risk of having to stay for a long time in Purgatory to cleanse many imperfections to which you have not given importance.

This is all part of that humility that I ask of you, and also puts you in a good relationship with your fellow beings who look at those who call themselves practising Christians to accuse them of incoherence.

Humility, which makes you turn to God, asking for forgiveness of your sins and those of others, makes you look at the world with eyes full of goodness. Charity becomes the result, and the understanding and justification of the behaviour of others towards you will be a means of preserving the inner peace that is essential for you to live serenely.

Children, the precept of charity cannot be realized except through humility of heart, whereby others are not considered guilty, but they are asked sweetly explanations and clarifications, without agitation and without ill-will.

I asked the little shepherds of Fatima to bring to the world a message ever so painful and sad. Men laugh at what Heaven communicates to the earth, and yet one

does not speak in vain and no lies are told. I speak, and that which I want is manifest to you. Let your lives reflect the faith you have in my words.

Do not lose sight of Heaven, to which you are heading. Keep the grace of God, and if you happen to fall through weakness, repent and turn to the priest, so that he may give back to you that whiteness which is like the wedding garment that you must present to the Bridegroom in his coming.

Children, I come from Heaven, and I desire to take you all to Heaven. The material graces are always in relation to eternal salvation. I look at you and condescend to your desires. To those mothers, wives, sisters, who pray to me for the conversion of their family members, I promise that they will be saved. Let them persevere in prayer, especially in this collective prayer. It will be I myself who will intercede for them.

Even the material graces that are important to you, you can and must ask for. Did not Jesus teach you to ask for the daily bread? And did I not perhaps myself ask Jesus for the wine for the bride and groom at the wedding in Cana? Do not be afraid, but also know how to wait.

I bless you all. The little children are so lovely, and they will be protected by me in a special way. I bless this institution that has welcomed me. Truly, today is renewed my visit to your home, and with more faith and with more love you will say: "*Blessed are you among women.*" It is dear to my heart that I am invited into

parishes and families. Every fruit of good and grace is tied to these encounters.

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

My school is for a good growth

13th May 1977

My children, thank you for your prayers and for the love with which you have embellished it! I am the Virgin of the Rosary, and every time you offer me this marvellous gift made up of so many "Hail Mary's," you make me jump for joy and force me to reciprocate with precious gifts. I smile at you, and I really consider those good little children who, caressing their mother, are saying to her that they love her.

Children, this place is blessed by the presence of my Jesus and me. It is a place of prayer, it is a small shrine, where for many, many years will come from every part people to pray.

Not all those, however, who come here, depart with the same gifts. There are some people who do not come with a desire to improve; thus they remain as those who go to draw water without taking the bucket. There are others that come alive with fervour, but it is like a flash in the pan that is immediately extinguished. They do not draw therefore, that spiritual profit that I desire that they obtain by their encounter with me. But there are also those who, touched by grace, make holy intentions and

try to keep faith, and continue in virtue and in Christian perfection.

I desire for you to be among the latter. Every time that you come here, I want to look at your little garment and see you really neat and clean. You understand what garment I intend to talk to you about! The more you are prepared, the more you will receive. My school is for a good growth. My words would be of no value, if they were not for you a lifetime commitment.

The child who does not grow mentally and physically, is abnormal. You, from one meeting to the other, must realize the path you take. Do not act thoughtlessly, reflect and do everything you can. If you work hard, I am satisfied, even if the results were not too satisfactory. Your good will has a great value, and God blesses it from the start; then entrust yourselves to me for every concern of yours.

May the parents represented here, entrust to me their children and the nagging problems that concern them. Do not lose heart, and know that your daily sufferings are the currency to be paid for the good outcome of those children that you have consecrated to me.

May the young maintain serenity, even if sometimes those dreams to which they give so much importance are slow to be realized. It is true too that one does not need to marry to get to Heaven, but the Lord having put in your heart the desire to start a family, will help you achieve it. Stay serene, do not be troubled, and do not be

too eager to reach the goal. Know that serenity will ensure you the success; it is a note of great value in the life of a young man, since it helps him to form that balanced character so important for the future life.

Everyone here with me, must receive that abundance of grace that makes your inner beauty shine, whereby I can rejoice for you. I have already seen many improvements and progress; do not ever slow down, because the path of perfection must last a lifetime.

Children, I wish you a happy night. I host you in my heart, which has the door open, where you can find refuge at any time. Pray that the lapsed do not make me wait in vain. The night of sin is dark and full of pitfalls. Your night, spent in the company of your Mother, is sweet and serene. Each day that comes brings with it my light and my blessing, until you reach the day without sunset: the happiest. May the angels assist you.

I bless you in the name of the Most Holy Trinity.

Conversion is the greatest of graces

14th May 1977

Beloved children, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. I, your Mother, of this grace and peace I make myself bearer, and I desire to so fill your souls and your hearts, that the purest joy has to take possession of you, and to make you its bearers.

Children, I would like to commend you for coming, even with sacrifice, to pay me a visit; but know that what you do for me, you will have a great reward, since Jesus, my Son, rejoices in seeing honoured, loved and known his Mother, and holds done to himself what is done for her.

You have come to honour me, and to ask for favours. You give me, therefore, recognition as Mediatrix of Graces. So has established the Lord: that all men are to be helped by me and that, in their needs, they must turn to the Mother, as also occurs in human laws that direct families.

Is it not true that the children preferably turn to their mothers to get what they want? I enjoy to accede to your desires. However, when a child, full of confidence, allows her mother to do it, because everything she does is done well, the mother feels a great satisfaction, and she feels committed to carrying out better and better her mission and to grant even more than what the child asks.

This is what I want from you: that, having shown to me your affection and your trust, you let me do. I am omnipotent by grace, and what seems impossible to you, is easy for me.

If you ask me for miracles, I am the Queen and Mistress of the heart of God. If you ask me for conversions, I am the Refuge of sinners. The change of the way of life is so difficult to a person. To me it is not difficult.

Conversions must be a response to God's call and a retrace over one's steps, repenting of countless mistakes made.

Conversion is the greatest of the graces that you must ask for, and which you can obtain for you and for others. It is not a gift that God throws on shoulders, it is a gift that is necessary to ask for persistently and that involves the whole person. The will, the intellect, the soul and the body, must take like a new approach to adapt to the Law of God, from which, in moments of confusion, they turned away.

It is a work that requires patience, but that cannot fail of good results, when you turn to God with humility. To be converted is to resurrect from death to life, it is to resume a normal life, it is to give up old habits, it is walking as risen ones towards the goal, towards good, towards Christ.

There are good people who, with a sense of anguish, turn to me to obtain these conversions: they are brothers, family, friends or relatives whom they would like to see on the right path, in a different light, on a different level. To these people I wish to give my motherly response, which does not disappoint them, and which gives strength and courage to continue on.

Know, my children, that I am working with you for the benefit of those souls. Everything that seems adversity or difficulty, are nothing more than trials, the

means with which Providence makes use of, and uses to bring in the bosom of God, and in my arms, those souls.

Never be disheartened. Make your heart a brazier, from where the purest love may rise to God to show Him your fidelity; and in the daily offering of your being, to Him by my hand commend tirelessly those souls that you want to redeem. I promise you they will be saved, even if your suffering seems unbearable and sometimes beyond your strength.

My dear children, how much gratitude you owe to God for the wonderful gift of faith! It is a free gift that must be preserved and increased. It is the lifeline in the difficulties of life, that without faith would lead to despair. It is a sacred deposit, which can be taken away from those who do not appreciate it, and from those who do not bother to take in deeper the truths to better live them.

Unfortunately, many of my children lose this immense treasure; at first, they feel a sense of relief, because it seems to them to be rid of a yoke, then takes place a sense of confusion.

Sometimes one regrets having lost the faith; at other times it goes from bad to worse, denying every truth, even the most obvious. Whoever feels the need of faith, is already on the road that leads to the light, for the Lord will not take long to manifest himself. Whoever stifles any thoughts of faith, is truly blind, and the miracle must be very much greater, even if not impossible.

When Saul, the persecutor of the Church, was thrown from his horse on the road to Damascus, blindness was necessary so that he might regain his spiritual sight. Thus, in the things of God, extreme evils are cleansed with extreme remedies, of which God alone knows the utility.

Children, I made to you a long exposition of what is the general situation in these times of great confusion, so that the thought of sinners must be the magnet that attracts your actions and your desires. Be my collaborators, and do not forget that whoever saves a soul secures his own.

I bless you all, one by one. Take away the painful thorns that surround my heart, let yourselves be drawn by me and work with me. Forget everything that is material in order to attach yourselves to God. Repeat as did John Bosco: *"Give me souls and take away from me everything."* I embrace you.

To the young

15th May 1977

Children, so dear to me, peace be to you! See, you are making my Rosary a topic of discussion, and you insist in things that are not in contradiction, but that adapt well to souls, each one according to his capacity and his own way of seeing.

The Rosary is like a miniature Gospel as a reminder that in it are the most salient facts of Jesus' life. These facts could also be meditated upon and not bring any benefit, as there are those who read the Gospel without drawing any profit from it. The meditation of the mysteries are to be understood as a reflection, to see what in one's life is in contrast with the life of Jesus and myself.

The profit that must come from the recitation of the meditated Rosary, is therefore a spiritual healing, a true conversion. When, however, for lack of ability or even to want to give me a simple gift, one recites only the beads, one can also receive just the same infinite graces and the same effect obtained as meditating.

Love, in fact, is the best way to arrive at a true conversion. Look at what happened with the Magdalene, who had made her life a rubbish dump: it took an act of love to make forget all past guilt and to make her the model of loving souls! So you see the good thief, who addresses the question to Jesus, if you wish also out of self-interest, to be with Him in his Kingdom, and who is immediately heard. Love is the means to transform prayers and actions and to give value to the same words.

Love, children, and know that every good spirit praises the Lord. Do not fall into excesses, and learn to understand that, when you humbly accept the teachings that are given to you, maintaining harmony and peace, you give me so much pleasure.

Even the early Christians, you know, often argued, and there were the intransigent, and those who wanted to support their principles; however, they relied on the judgment of the authority, which could be Peter or the elder who presided over the community. This humble acceptance of their advice was blessed by God, and the grace of the position that they possessed, made them serene and enlightened.

You also do the same. It is not prohibited for you to expose your ideas, but also know how to accept those of the mother that we have proposed as guide of your group. Rest assured that her advice is only based on love and on the desire to meet the abilities and needs of all.

I bless you with a great heart and I love you.

Grace and refined manners

15th May 1977

Children, so dear to me, peace be to you! I am the Mother of Jesus and yours.

I desire to make you the gift of grace, with which is rich my soul, and I desire to make you the gift of that refined manner that seems the fruit of a good upbringing, but which in reality is the outward manifestation of that richness of the inner life that you possess. Why, you might ask, combine these two gifts?

Children, while in the world one does not know how to appreciate the gift of God, and one runs headlong towards ruin through sin, and while men, especially the young, smear their language with words that reek of depravity, and have manners so poorly cultivated and refined, I like to give you a pressing invitation to learn to be able to aromatize with beauty, and especially with charity, your lives.

I am the Mother of divine grace, and you, as children, you should resemble me. I beg you, to remove from your lives not only blasphemy, but also those trivial words that are a scandal to the little children and infect the air.

Your way of behaviour should be neither feigned nor sugary, but it has to attract souls by the delicate fragrance with which it is steeped. How many times, finding yourselves with nice and polite people, you have exclaimed, full of respect: that person is an angel!

Know that you are always observed, not only by the One who will have to judge you for even a single unnecessary word, but also by your neighbour, to whom you can give scandal and whom you can harm in soul perhaps forever.

A sensitive soul lives in God's presence, and talks about Him with his every gesture, work or prayer that he performs. Learn to show what you are, but try to remove from your heart all that can become a thorn for my heart and for that of your neighbour. Thoughts of goodness

give rise to good actions. Words full of goodness bring serenity and joy to the hearts.

Learn to see my Jesus in the brethren, and if you see them suffering or even flawed, do not deprive them of your help and your comfort. You will become as so many Cyrenians, and it will be for you as it was for the Cyrenian who, for the gesture he made, was sanctified.

Children, I beg you to put on very strong glasses too, but to carefully observe the virtues of your neighbour. Sometimes they are simple souls who have suffered for years, maybe their whole life, and have not met one who could understand and accept them. Knowing how to welcome these souls is truly like to welcome me. When John welcomed me as a mother, he loved me and I loved him immensely, because I saw in him my Son. Do you also like this: Welcome one another, and help each other to create that unity which is the infinite desire of God.

Whoever loves is in God, and God loves him up to choosing as his abode his heart. Whoever does not love is in death, and how will he be able to raise his voice to God to obtain grace for himself and for others?

The Church must be composed of souls who love God; therefore, they choose Him as Father and Master. But, if there are many divisions in the Church, it is certainly not because God wants them, but because the devil has sown them to have an easier dominion over souls.

Your community, which enjoys so great privileges and my special protection cannot not be modelled according to the will of God. Love one another and do not exclude anyone from this affection, for if you exclude anyone, you would become guilty of having torn the body of the Lord.

God carries out his wonders in the souls who love Him, He creates solidarity, and makes flourish the works of whoever accepts the collaboration of all and trains himself in the continual victory over himself to reach out to others.

I desire that your holiness be manifested in the family, where all of its members must be edified by your dedication and your sacrifice. But each one, in the place where he carries out his mission, must be able to anticipate the needs of others and be able to give, to those who benefit from the physical work, material or moral, that comfort that comes from grace.

A woman religious will make vocations arise with refined manners and with the serenity of her face. A serene teacher will make the school loved, and the pupils will have confidence and trust in her. A female or male nurse, who use polite manners, will be loved and obeyed, and the blessings of God will transform their works so as to enrich them with merits. A worker, an employee in whatever workplace he may be, using refined manners will reap the esteem and confidence of his superiors and colleagues. A priest who knows how to listen and speak

sweetly and with love, will make religion loved and will attract to his preaching and to his priestly works many souls, who will be edified.

I propose to you a little competition of kindness to be carried out first of all in the family, then outside, wherever you may be. Do not lie, but model your behaviour on mine. Ask yourselves what would I do in your place!

Whoever asks you for a favour, do not ever deny it to him, even if the inappropriateness of the hour or your personal needs would not allow you to grant it. Be good, children! Put yourselves in the place of others always, and do unto others as you would want done to you.

A final recommendation. You all know you are imperfect, especially for those character flaws that are so difficult to correct. Efforts should be made to remove these defects, and admonish each other always with the desire to please God.

Children, may the grace, diffused into my soul in its fullness, and the sweetness of my gaze and my voice, be the gift with which I enrich you and which you will seek to trade and to assimilate.

See you again!

You will collaborate with me living by faith

23rd May 1977

Beloved children, grace and peace be to you and every good! Here, you have come to visit me to honour me in this month of May, and I am grateful to you because you give me a way to introduce you to many things, which I desire from you, and so that I can show you my affection, which greatly exceeds that of all mothers put together.

What do I desire from you? Children, your city needs to be transformed. The youth must reinvigorate and rightly direct their own lives, they must nourish it with the words of life that the Gospel gives to men, and they must eat of the Eucharist to have strength against the temptations, which are becoming more numerous and terrible. The elderly need to reflect on the need to stay united to God and to live a deeper and deeper life, in order to edify others by their example.

There are the sick and the healthy in body, and the sick and the healthy in spirit. All, however, are in need of help from on High and mutual help.

And how you can be of help to me? Those who are poor, those who are suffering, how can they give help to others? And yet every one of you must be like the extension of the hand of God, so that all, young and old, can feel the need to dive into that wonderful pool of Bethesda, which is the heart of God, in order to be able

to have health, grace and strength. You have to believe that that God who created the world without man, cannot save it without his help.

The Lord wants everyone saved, but salvation is not a wealth that is thrown on the shoulders of everyone, even if they do not want it; it is a free gift that must be accepted, asked for, and worked for in order to be realized.

That there are in the world electric turbines, you also know; but if the electricity is not utilized, what are they good for? Thus, the blood of my Son, his passion and death are the price of your ransom; but what would they be worth if the Christian does not want to be redeemed, if he does not accept this precious gift and despises the call to salvation?

Children, my invitation is very insistent and urgent. Many unpredictable things happen in the world, that disrupt and terrify. You go out quietly from your home, and you are not sure of returning, so much the human consciences of many act badly. It seems you are well, and suddenly your health changes; you get sick and death strikes you.

If life presents these uncertainties, how can you live without thinking about something that gives you greater security? Your faith guarantees you the existence of another life, in which you will enjoy superior and imperishable goods.

How will you collaborate with me? Living by faith. Whoever lives by faith, spreads around himself an atmosphere of confident hope. It is this what the world needs! Everyone must know that, if life presents difficulties, with the help of God they can be overcome. All are called to be happy. It is true too that many times, along the way, the strength diminishes, but God does not abandon anyone and, through the Sacraments and prayer, gives light to all and his divine strength.

Children, learn to believe in this way, so as to be able to spread the light and convince the others of truth. They do not listen to you? They do not follow your example? They are indifferent and rebels? You continue to behave in an exemplary manner.

When a bell rings, not everyone hears its sound, and not everyone listens to it. He who does not hear because he is deaf, can be justified because he is without fault, but he who does not want to hear is at fault. So, you are the bells ringing, and you are people who listen. Be sensitive to all sounds. Be attentive to every call, because it is a responsibility that you have, when the Lord in different ways communicates to you his gifts.

The sad times that the world is going through, can be transformed into times of joy or in a continuous joy, if you learn to collaborate so that faith may be revived, trust may be spread, and hearts may be all united in mutual help.

You have been told that the Kingdom of God suffers violence. Well then, the effort that you will make on yourself to improve yourself, and the apostolic action that you will seek to extend in all fields where you live your life, will be the most beautiful omen for a better world.

Children, I bless you all. I bless the youth present. I know the desires of your heart and your concerns. I promise you help. I never disappoint anyone. To all my smile. To the little girls present my caress. To the priests and religious who come to pray here, I give special and extraordinary graces.

See you again, children.

To all I give my help

24th May 1977

Beloved children, I am the Help of the Christian people, and I am here with you to assure you of my help and my protection.

I was born with this specific mission: to give to the world the Saviour; but, through this mission so divine, I had the task of being also an instrument of salvation. Man is so weak, the distance between him and God is infinite, the tendency to evil makes it difficult for him to rise. How will he be able to ascend his soul into the celestial spheres, if he feels attracted by the earth and by

susceptible things more than by the heavenly and spiritual things?

A help is necessary for souls, for every soul, who is like a bird without feathers that does not know how to fly. But who will give the help to these children, who also are called to the heights of the spirit? Behold the Lord wants me next to them, that I may exercise my mission as mother. I have to help each and every one. Man is composed of soul and body, that is why I have to help you in all your spiritual and material needs.

Know that the body also is a gift of God, that you must use as a means to do good and keep as long as the Lord wants to leave it to you. The material graces which you ask for are not a contradiction. When Jesus taught you to ask for your daily bread, He intended to raise in this petition all that is useful, necessary and indispensable to human life. Health, work, and sufficient goods to live, it is proper to ask for them, even if you have to adjust your will to that of God's, who has a thousand ways to provide for the needs of all.

I act as an intermediary and, as a wise and caring mother, pre-empt your questions and interpose mine. I arrange everything with affection and sensitivity, seeking your true good, as do the mothers with their children to whom they desire that nothing be lacking.

But there is a second life in man. It is the moral life of each one, which is nourished, sustained and grown. I work next to all, so that may never be failing that right

conscience, that moral sense, that desire to progress in every field, and so that the development of the moral qualities, the intelligence, the will, the uprightness, may be harmonious and efficient.

Whoever entrusts himself under my direction, is illuminated and supported. Whoever proudly rebels and thinks he can do everything by himself, is lacking a support and a strength; not so much because the Lord does not want to help, because I as mother exclude someone from my affection, but because God resists the proud. This resistance should be a stimulus to make oneself small and to ask for help.

But there is the most important life in man: it is the spiritual one, the only real life! To give aid, extends all the power that God gives me.

Sin is like a great scourge that strikes the soul. By it, the soul detaches herself from God, rebels against Him, does not want to serve Him. I am the Help of Christians, and I want to annul those rebellions against God that are the cause of true evils in this life and the next. I take remedial action: I mark out the roads, I direct to good, I make shine the truth. Sometimes those evils that are so much deplored, physical evils and moral evils, serve to open the eyes so that one may regain the faith, the grace, the spiritual life.

If you knew, children, how much light I obtain for souls so that they might understand the value of the soul and that of Paradise! Many souls seem deaf; however, I

pursue them, and I succeed in snatching them away from the hands of Satan, even if only at the last moment of life.

Whoever accepts my help sanctifies himself, progressing day by day in virtue and making his life a journey towards perfection. My desire to help all is not an illusion, but a reality of all times. If you could see how precious my intervention is, you might better appreciate prayer and your recourse to me!

My help is individual and family, my assistance communal and social. I help the Church and sustain the apostolic and missionary enterprises. I arouse vocations, I bless the priests and the religious, making them instruments of the glory of God. Society, peoples, nations, are the great human family willed by God. In it, I work so that the Kingdom of God may triumph on earth, in justice and in mutual love.

My work appears very little. It is a hidden labour that you will see in Heaven. It is as if I were to weave a magnificent canvas, of which the elect are the threads. To all I give my help, which is spread over all the earth not by my power, but in God, who makes me a sharer of his immensity.

The Spirit of God, my heavenly Spouse, the soul of your soul and the soul of the Church, breathes over the world his divine strength inseminating good, and I, with his collaboration, give to men Jesus the Saviour.

Oh, do not be mute, do not be indifferent to the needs of humanity! Call me! The intensity of your prayer will hasten the healing of souls and the world.

I bless you, children, and I promise help in all your needs. Sense me near to act with you and in you. See you again!

Exercise yourselves in the virtue of humility

25th May 1977

My children, grace and peace to you and every good!

With what joy I see open up a new cenacle! You will call it the Mother of Divine Grace, and I will be happy to pour out upon you my heavenly favours.

When a priest is working to fulfil my desires, calling souls to a more intense prayer and religious instruction that comes directly from on High, there comes to him extraordinary aid, and the parish is reborn as to a new life. This will happen in your parish if, with good will, with effort, you persevere in prayer.

You have chosen well the date of this meeting, as you are preparing for the feast of Pentecost, and I myself will call upon you a pouring out of love, that makes you burn with holy desires and puts you swiftly on the not easy road of perfection.

The devotion that you have for me is a good omen. I desire, however, as my devotees, for you to exercise yourselves in the virtue of humility, which is the basis of holiness and which puts you securely in a position to communicate with God.

Oh, yes, children, be humble when you pray, and with prayer ask God for help in all your needs! Know that nothing is due to you, everything is a gift. Of everything therefore, you have to be thankful to Him, and to make use of everything for the greater good, for his glory.

Be humble in your requests, and know that humility touches the heart of God. Be humble even in your behaviour with your neighbour. Consider that no one can live independently from others. All give and receive help. Know that, only if you are convinced that you are nothing, and that you need the neighbour, can you keep that charity which is the queen virtue.

I desire you pious souls, that is, souls who go to Church, who receive the Sacraments and offer prayer; but, if you lacked humility, you would be building your perfection on the sand, and the human storms, the conflicts, the difficulties would soon destroy all your good enthusiasm.

Therefore, you must be humble even with yourselves, and be convinced that without God's help, you could do no good. The apostle Paul so clearly told you: "*You would not be even able to name Jesus, without his help.*" I will be your neighbour in this work of conquest of the

virtue of humility, and know that the more I see you like me, the more I will be able to say that you are my true devotees, and your prayer will be effective.

Children, I bless you and I love you. I bless your pastor, with whom I am happy, and to whom I say: ever more and ever better, because the peak to be reached is very high. I bless your associations, that they may really be a help to the parish and to souls. I bless your families, where I desire for peace and harmony to reign. The little children and the young who participate in these meetings, will have special graces. I will direct them and prepare them according to the state of life they choose. I bless the elderly, who will be prepared by me to the great and final meeting.

I desire that joy fills your hearts, and be an interior gift that no human event can alter and destroy. Love me and love one another. Do not exclude anyone from your affection and your respect: the good and the bad are all my children! Whoever distances even one person from his heart, distances me.

See you again, children! Remain in my love now and always.

What Jesus asks you

27th May 1977 (in a parish)

My children, behold, I am here to pray with you to confirm your prayers and to obtain for you never ending help and graces.

I am the Mother of Jesus and your Mother, and who better than me is desirous of your good? Every mother would want for their children to build a palace and put in there all the goods of the earth. Unfortunately, the possibilities of earthly mothers are few and they must limit themselves to do that little they can.

I am a Mother omnipotent by grace, and all that my children ask me for their greatest good in relation to eternal salvation, I can grant it. That is why I invite you to put as intention, to these communal prayers that you do and that you will do in my company, first of all, the salvation of souls.

Today you have had a special call. My Jesus and I, we have wanted you here, because we have something to tell you. One day Jesus asked Peter: "*Peter, do you love Me?*", and He addressed him this question a good three times. Today, we want to address the same question to each one of you. You will answer that you love me and love my son, and I will say to you, if you love me, you have to imitate me; if you love my Jesus, you have to do what He desires from you.

In what will you imitate me? Look, children, come with me to the Cenacle, where I went with the apostles and with a few disciples in awaiting the Holy Spirit. What was being done? One prayed, and one prayed well! This you need to do to imitate me. You have to give a special importance to prayer, and to teach all those who live close to you, how one must pray.

I desire that your prayer be humble and recollected, just like the one we did in the Upper Room. From this prayer will derive immense goods, but above all the light of the Holy Spirit, who has to nourish, strengthen and make fruitful your spiritual life.

But here there is also Jesus, who, in response to the love that you have declared Him, asks you to do what He wants. What does He ask you? That you love each other in order to be able to do good. Where there is love, there is God. This is how you can bring the Lord in the world: by loving everyone.

The first step you must do it at home, where you have to be ready to sacrifice yourself for others, and where you must be bearers of peace. Then you need to extend your action among friends and relatives. You cannot say you love Jesus, if you exclude someone from your affection. You cannot say that they are persons you dislike or bad, whom you do not want to love, because these persons are my children and they are brothers of Jesus, for whom He died on the cross. You need to widen

your love up to imitating Jesus, who loved even those who had put Him on the cross.

Love also means to forgive. There are many people who think they are good, while they nurse in their hearts, rancour, envy and hatred. They can never say they love Jesus, and will not even be able to obtain from Him the forgiveness of their sins. What a difficult situation is created between the soul that does not know how to love and forgive, and Jesus, who will be a judge severe and relentless!

So, doing what I have said to you in this encounter of ours, you will merit for me to widen my arms to welcome you and take you to my divine Son.

Now I bless you all, one by one. I bless the mothers, to whom I will give special graces, and the little children, whom I will guide and protect.

May every orphan return to the Father's house

28th May 1977 (in Legnano)

My children, peace be to you! I am the Mother of orphans. I am here to offer, with yours, my prayer for all of these children, who have great need to be helped and rescued. You understand that I do not intend to speak only of those little children that death or other painful events have deprived of the assistance of their parents. I

intend to speak also of those who reject the Father and the Mother, in order to live in sin.

I am the Mother of the living, but, of those, how many are dead to the life of grace! I desire that your prayer solicits, from the Father who is in the heavens, help for those souls who, loving sin, reject the divine fatherhood and my motherhood.

If it is painful for a mother to lose a child to death, how it is more painful when this son by his own volition, chooses to move away from home and live, without restraint and without rule, a life that dishonours his own family!

Children, multiply by a huge number this fact, and see how many want to move away from my heart dishonouring their name as Christians.

Think of how many sons, who had by a special grace the gift of a vocation, reject it because they want to live a free and worldly life. How many young people, who have had special gifts of intelligence, health and grace, have left, with the earthly home, the faith, the Church and all sense of morality. They, like the prodigal son, go looking in the world for pleasures and earthly satisfactions. Think of how many parents should have had to, in conjugal fidelity and their duties, raise their children in the holy fear of God and honour the Church to which they belong. Each of these categories presents painful spectacles.

The orphans for my heart are multiplied, and a great desire ignites in me, and I would like to be able to communicate it to each one of you: that every orphan may return to the father's house to be able to taste how good is the Lord.

He provides for the material and spiritual needs of everyone, even of those who blaspheme Him, reject Him, and not wanting to acknowledge his power and his goodness, despise Him. But how it would be pleasing to the Father, by loving Him, for his children to turn to Him with trust and love, to ask Him for all those riches of which He is the source! They are his riches the spiritual goods, but also health, work, bread, are gifts from God. Everything is in his hands, and He gives everything that is useful and that contributes to eternal salvation.

Oh yes, children, you all have to reach the heavenly Homeland! Over there, there will be no more orphans, because those who reach the Father, will have in Him every good, and He will be the All for each one.

Children, you have spent a beautiful time in prayer before my Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It has been the best preparation for the feast of Pentecost. With so much faith and with so much love, my minister made you pray and reflect on the words of the Pontiff, and has invited you to implore for holy priests, holy vocations.

You did well! This petition must continue every day, and must take all your actions and your affections. It has to be a nagging desire, like the one that made my Jesus

say: *"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send many labourers into his harvest."* You need them as one needs life.

Holy priests are equivalent to holy souls. They, if they are holy, are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. They are the holy priests who feel the need to give a family to a lot of orphans, and above all who feel a strong urge to make return to live a life of faith and love of God those that sin leads to ruin.

Children, thank you for the gift you have offered me: it will be reciprocated with an abundance of graces. You have to be convinced that, if the prayer is well made, it is not only incense that ascends to the throne of God and perfumes the air, but it is a pouring out of goodness and love which, coming from the heart of God, descends on earth. Never tire, and let the Holy Mass and the Rosary be the two means of your contact with the Church suffering and triumphant, who yearn to see you holy and happy.

You have prayed in a place of graces: ask and you will obtain. You will return here again.

I bless you all. May my minister bring my blessing to all his brethren, and tell them that I await to be comforted in my great sorrows by all those who pass through this house.

See you again, children!

Be apostles of good

30th May 1977

My children, here you are at my feet to get a good word and some advice.

I am your Mother and, if I am worried about your health, I am much more desirous for your holiness.

That is why, in this octave of Pentecost, I desire to invite you to take advantage of this solemnity, designed to remove the coldness, indifference and apathy of men, using all those means which the Spirit of the Lord puts at your disposal to exercise that apostolate that is a true sign of God's love.

Oh yes, children, be apostles of good by word, by example, through prayer, through suffering! Know that your tears touch the heart of God more than the long prayers, and your example is more effective than the long sermons that you could do to your children, to relatives, to friends, to your neighbour.

If you want to work marvellous things for the glory of God and the good of souls, you have to fill yourselves with the love of God, you must let God act in you, and make your life a gift of love. Pentecost must renew you in the spiritual life, so that on your example the world can be renewed.

Children, the Church awaits your help; I wait for your collaboration. There are outstretched arms that cry out for help, and there are souls sunken in sin as in the mud,

who require your help. Do not let any opportunity pass, but contribute with your availability, to heal the world.

Children, I bless you all, one by one.

I bless the young, whom I hold to my heart and of whom I expect a lot, a great lot. Have high ideals, if you want to maintain yourselves worthy of your vocation as Christians. The Church places her hope in you. You will return to this place, and you will have light for the choice of your state.

I bless those mothers who weep for the children who have lost their faith. Consecrate them to me, I will bring them back to you!

See you again!

The life of the Christian has to be a miracle of love

31st May 1977

My children, peace be to you! When you come in this place, you come to pay me a visit. I promise you to repay it to you, to enrich you with grace when you approach Holy Communion, and I promise you to visit you in your homes to re-establish that order and that peace that you desire so much.

Children, go back in time and see me as a young girl, heading towards the home of Elizabeth. I knew that my

relative needed help, and no difficulties stopped me from going to her to be of service to her.

I would like it to be like that for each one of you. I would like for you to be always ready to forget yourself for others, and for you to be always ready to anticipate also the desires of others, in order to exercise true charity.

Perhaps you could do away with non-essential work to do some much-needed visits to those who are in need. Also some visits should be a little modified, so that they can enter into a spiritual plane, and be truly compared to the visit made by me. In that meeting of souls was manifested the greatness of the Lord, and from our hearts went out songs of praise that the whole world remembers.

Children, the magnificence of God must manifest itself also through you. Jesus alive, and hidden in my womb, at the sound of my voice made John jump. Your words can also have this wonderful power. They must have the ability to re-awaken the faith and the love of God in those whom you approach. It is enough that you live intensely your life of grace, so as to let Jesus act in you.

Oh, a miracle of love has to be the Christian's life! It has an ordinary appearance, as was that of a young betrothed girl who goes to see an elderly mother, but how much wealth of gifts and life was enclosed in this trip and this meeting!

In this way your friendships, your family and social relationships, can become wonderful works of good, because in you there is, He who brings serenity and peace, and who, through charity, manifests himself so that from every heart may come out a song of thanksgiving to God, a Magnificat that, exalting the Lord, makes all more good.

When Elizabeth called me "*Blessed are you among women,*" she but proclaimed the greatness of those souls who, making Communion the centre and the sun of their life, are capable of doing the works of God.

But, children, how can I let this day go without inviting you to spend with great fervour the month dedicated to the heart of my Jesus? I am the Queen of Hearts, and I am also the mistress, the lady of the heart of my Son. I desire that you make a gift of your hearts to me to be able to direct your affections, and to put you in the heart of Jesus, so that it may ignite you with love and destroy in you everything that can be harmful to your spiritual health.

The visit that you have paid me will be reciprocated, I have promised it to you. I want to talk to you personally, I want to encourage you and rebuke you according to the need. You only need to be docile and listen to me.

To some I will say: continue on the road you took, do not be impressed by temptation, do not fantasize too much! The imagination is like an unbridled horse; if you

go along with it, it takes you out of the way and makes you desire unreal things that the Lord does not want from you.

To others I will have to say: why do you not shake off your apathy? You can love more. I mean you can do more for your neighbour. You see how much need there is in the world. Do not stay a long time to think about what you have not, and the minor ailments you have, throw them as valuable coin into the heart of God. Learn to take care of your body, but not in an exaggerated way, as if you with your treatments could also eliminate death. Do everything with moderation and with love, and know how to make virtue a necessity. Let me explain to you: every year that passes brings new thoughts and new ailments. Do not add weight to them, and realize that the time of death is fixed, even if you take care of yourself.

To some people present I have to recommend serenity, which is a sign of youth, an important feature to be able to get along with everyone and not become a burden to anyone; while to others I will have to say: take life more seriously, because the things that pass do not deserve your frantic search.

I would like to put you all into a supernatural vision of what awaits you when yours will no longer be a visit made by faith, but you will come to me and see me face to face. What a great day it will be when I will present you to my Jesus whom you have loved and honoured, so that you may be given the crown of glory that you have deserved! Do not

marvel that every time I speak to you, I remind you of Heaven. If you think of Heaven, life seems easier and the cross less heavy.

I embrace you, and I bless you with your children, especially those that make you cry. To love, to suffer and to pray: this is what is useful to you!

See you again, children. I love you so much!

I entrust to your heart three categories of persons

1st June 1977

Beloved children, I am here to begin the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire for you to take into consideration this, and that you spend this month in a manner pleasing to Him, trying to understand his desires, to make yours his affections.

When a son truly loves his father, he does not put limits to his affection, and he tries to carry out those duties and those actions that give him pleasure. Jesus is your father and brother. His infinite desires are all directed to the salvation of souls, of whom He wants happiness in this life and the next.

Unfortunately, by the vast majority of men are not understood these desires, and one continues to look for in the fleeting things of life, that happiness which they cannot give. The world is filled in this way with

dissatisfied people and with sinners, who make things their gods.

To give solace to the heart of Jesus, you have to come with me in search of sinners. Many are in your own homes, many in your city, but the human family embraces all humanity and a vast number of souls can be called rebels. You must, in this month, be an extension of my arm to get to heal the wound that sin produces in souls, and that which is produced in the heart of Jesus, who loves sinners and wants them to be saved.

What is sin? It is a lack of love under whatever aspect you may consider it. Your giving will therefore be made of love.

While in the world Jesus is hated, He is insulted, He is blasphemed, and is denied his divine attributes and his own divinity, you have to show Him a boundless love, making your every action an act of love. You must not make a difference between a work humble or challenging. You only have to transform the actions into prayer, to make that love flourish for which Jesus is anxious.

But why does the Lord of the universe desire to be loved by men? Are not these creatures nothing but misery? Are they not the wretched who, if left to themselves, become capable of every wickedness? And why does He want to be loved by them? Because their souls were created in the image and likeness of God; because they were redeemed, with great sorrow, by the

Son of God made man; and because their extreme weakness attracts the Lord, infinite goodness towards them.

It is necessary for everyone to understand this infinite condescension on the part of God in stooping down to you and in asking, almost like a beggar, to be loved. When you give Him love, you repair the injuries of the rebellious and you establish those friendly relations with Him that He would like to have with each human being, as in the earthly Paradise.

Spending a month intensely loving the heart of Jesus, is like telling Him that He still has to reign in souls and in the world, and giving Him the means to call back the lapsed that they come to understand his loving designs on each one. I desire, however, that your love be put into effect in some good action, designed to make feel to those who benefit by it, the infinite goodness of God. That is why I present to your gaze and entrust to your heart three categories of people.

First of all the sick. You know how sickness is a burden on those who are affected, and on those who look after the sick. I desire that you go to bring a word of faith and comfort, and where you can, a sensitive help, even material, to alleviate certain misery. Learn also to renounce to God for God. Learn that is, to put charity before any religious work, or practice of piety, which might matter to you.

The same delicacy that you would like to be used over you, use it with others. Know that my Jesus, living on earth, did nothing but give comfort and relief to those whom sickness made in need of help.

The second category of people whom I entrust to your heart, is that of the young and the children. They are the fragrant flowers, of which Jesus wanted to surround himself throughout his life and whom He calls persistently next to his heart. Everything you do to them and for them, is charity blossomed which consoles the heart of my Son. Learn therefore, to love the little ones, and everything you do for them will reach the heart of God.

The young and the children are strongly attacked by the devil, and corrupt society scandalizes them and leads them to ruin. Learn to put good before evil. Learn to build, where they demolish, the Christian principles of faith and morals.

It is big the apostolate carried out to save the youth, but it is also useful the good that each one of you can do, to help the priests to be true ministers of God.

I will help you, so that you can bring encouragement and light to so many priests who, misled by false doctrines, betray their apostolic commitment. You love them, pray and sacrifice yourselves for priests. Know that a holy priest can sanctify a whole people, and those who work with the apostles, will have the reward of the apostle. Do not forget what I have told you!

I bless you all with a great heart. I will see to your personal needs ... Be patient! Love God, love your brethren, and you will see realized your desires. Children, take my blessing to your families. I embrace you and I love you.

You have to bear witness to your faith

3rd June 1977 (at Monza)

Beloved children, I am here with you. I am the Mother of God, Queen of the World. I am here to start a new prayer group. If you only knew how much joy, and how much glory it gives me the opening of a new oasis, where my Jesus can find relief and comfort to the many offenses given to Him all over the world! I look at you and I bless you, as I invoke upon all graces and blessings.

I desire, even if you have a break for the summer, for you to resume with renewed fervour your prayer, to be able to follow those teachings with faith and love which, from time to time, I will go on addressing to you.

Meanwhile, do not forget that wherever you are in the countryside or the mountains, or the sea, you have a great duty towards God and towards your brethren: you have to bear witness to your faith. Jesus once said that those who will recognize Him before men, will be recognized by Him before his Father. With this teaching, fixed in the mind as a program, you will be able to overcome all human respect and to show you what you are.

See how bold are those who do evil and those who collaborate with the devil. They know how to make any sacrifice and subject themselves to great responsibilities. It is said that the world belongs to the bold. I would like that for each of you could be said to be bold. Not being afraid to exercise one's practices of piety, not fearing to make representations against those who do evil and encouraging those who do good, shows one to be true Christians.

The world needs coherent people, who have a conscience and know how to call a spade a spade. So you need to be, even if you must not exclude prudence and charity. When a person knows how to be coherent with the faith he professes and knows how to put into practice his faith, even if it is combated since the devil hates it, deep down he is also esteemed, and if one needs help and advice, even the less good will turn to him.

Children, know that of everything you will be asked a strict account. You who have received much more than others, you also have the most serious duties to perform towards men and towards God. Know that those talents of which Jesus speaks in the Gospel, are those spiritual gifts with which He has been generous with you. Learn to use them, do not be afraid to look bad and have no fear of being called derogatory names.

It is God who has to judge you, and reward or condemn! The judgment of men has no value. They could deem you saints, and you may not be so. But even

if they deemed you bad, who cares, when with such judgments they do not provoke any change in you?

Live in the presence of God, doing what is pleasing to Him and fleeing what displeases Him; this is true wisdom, for to Him you must strive with all your might, if you want to enjoy Him forever in Heaven. If you love me and want to imitate me, I will be with you a good mother and stern at the same time. I will know to understand your weaknesses, and even inspire you to good when I see enter in you laziness and indolence. I will shake you when a spiritual drowsiness threatens to make you overlook that good that you can and must do.

How happy I would be if, by going to towns where people pray little, you were to promote some prayer group! It also would be enough for me that you asked to introduce the recitation of the Rosary before the daily Mass. Every action that you do to make me known and loved, will be blessed by me, and will fall back like a river of graces on your families and communities.

Many religious people desire to have new vocations. I promise that, on the basis of the Marian apostolate that you will carry out in holiday resorts, there will be new vocations. In order to pick the flowers in the gardens, it is necessary to put the seeds, moisten them and cultivate them. The gardens of the Lord are the parishes. Bring in them the seed of my word, bring the Rosary, which is a beautiful rose bush, and you will see flourish generous souls who will surround the altar of the Lord!

Also in the family you have to show what you are. The devil sometimes is let loose, but if mothers learn to hold fast and not be intimidated, he loses his strength.

Children, prayer is the breath of the soul, it is the oxygen of the spiritual life, and it is also the means to get any material help with which is necessary to accompany human existence. Learn to use it and, if vocal prayer becomes heavy or hard for you, pray mentally, offering from time to time all your actions to God. You will sanctify your life, which will become a true testimony of faith.

Children, I bless you, one by one. Whoever remains at home for lack of means and cannot go to a cool place, will enjoy my protection and companionship, so he will have good health. See you again!

I desire to increase your apostolate

5th June 1977

My children, I thank you because, adhering to the invitation of the Holy Spirit, you have wanted to get together and respond to his action by spreading good. I bless you as the Spouse of the Holy Spirit, and I repeat to you the words that my Jesus told his apostles when He sent them out into the world to spread the Gospel: *"Go into the midst of men and act in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."*

It was in the name of the Most Holy Trinity that was the beginning of your spiritual life, with Holy Baptism. Every sacrament that you have received, you were given in the name of the One and Triune God. You were given grace, the grace was increased in you, and in the name of the Trinity you always start your prayer, whether liturgical or private.

Now it is your apostolate that I would like to increase and make more and more effective. The Father will intervene therefore, and, as He reveals to you his great love, will make you capable of making Him known to those who deny his existence only because they are more comfortable not to accept this great truth. The Son will intervene in your apostolate and will reveal to you his wisdom, through which began the universe and everything it contains.

How great is the commitment of my children who, wishing to learn the truths of the faith, do not get agitated and do not seek themselves but the glory of God, for whom they desire to work, pray and suffer! Moreover, also the Holy Spirit will direct your works, and you will spread love, since He is essentially love.

Oh! children, if the world were to understand true love, the earth would become the true home of God, and the hearts of men would not know neither resentment, nor selfishness, nor hatred, nor rivalry. So you will start your day, and as you make the sign of the cross your true badge and, renewing the profession of your faith, you

will feel really at home with the Most Holy Trinity, a hymn of praise to God will come out from your heart and, proclaiming Him thrice holy, you will feel the desire and the need to strengthen your holiness and to walk briskly in the way of the Lord.

Children, I bless you in the name of the Most Holy Trinity. I will help you to make this community, where I am Teacher, a central communicator. Do not let yourselves be dismayed by the difficulties. Be constant and be forever young.

The good you sow is not lost either for you or for others. Maybe others will reap the fruits, but the merits, backed by the blood of Jesus, will be a deposit, as a valuable asset to which is reserved an eternal reward. Every day is a gift from God, a responsibility and a source of grace for the world. Learn to receive it in the name of God, to sanctify it and to transform it in Him that it may be beneficial to all.

See you again, children! I love you so much.

Your ties of love with the three Persons of the most Holy Trinity

5th June 1977

Beloved children, with how much love I address to you my word!

I am the Daughter of the eternal Father, the Mother of the Divine Son, the Spouse of the Holy Spirit, and I burn with the desire to let you know about your intimate relationship with the Most Holy Trinity: an individual relationship. That is to say that the Most Holy Trinity is related to each one of you so closely, as they are with you your parents and close relatives.

Each one of you can now say: The One and Triune God is working around my person, body and soul, as nobody in the world could operate.

The divine Persons are always together, although distinct, in their desires, in loving and in acting, so you can say that the creation, the redemption and the sanctification of men has been done, is done and will be completed, by all three Persons. And the extensive work required by each soul so that he can be saved, is also done at the same time, so no one could exclude from his life not one of these divine Persons.

Jesus made the Father known. To Him He turned as to ask for light, help and strength, and to know his will. But Jesus is God, and He himself could say: *"I am the light that comes into the world."* And again: *"Without Me you can do nothing."* And He could tell men that only by doing his will, was it possible to please Him up to becoming his brother, his sister, his mother.

Who will forget the providence of the Father, who feeds the birds and the fish and who gives to all, as necessary, the daily bread? Who will deny the goodness

of the Father, who makes his sun rise on the good and the wicked? And who will forget the justice of the Father who will reward and punish all, according to the merit or demerit?

Here, children, is how in this most solemn day, you have to renew your faith, your faith and your love, towards a Father who, despite having his throne in Heaven where He receives praise from the angels and the saints, is near to each man as if he were unique in the world. From each one He asks for prayer, in order to meet their needs, and with great condescension asks to be loved.

From this love that He first gives, derive relationships that produce wonderful effects. The Father, who is infinite happiness, gives to the children who love Him, the joy of living. He is served by the angels, who are his invisible ministers; and He wants to be served by men who live on the earth and, as a reward for this service, He brings them into his Kingdom, Paradise, making them sit at his royal and eternal table.

Moreover, there is a wonderful gift that the Father makes to each creature. The bonds that the first parents broke with their grave sin of disobedience and pride, had to be restored. The Father, in his infinite love, will not let his children be lost. And behold He then gives to the world his Son. He will be clothed in human flesh so that He can suffer and die, and to teach men how to love and serve the Lord. He is a gift of the Father, Jesus!

Moreover, Jesus is God, and He himself loves you with an infinite love. Look at Him, He seems an ordinary man living an ordinary life. He chooses a mother, and says that his joy is to be with the children of men. Every one of you can say: Jesus became man to save me, He died on the cross to save me.

But the miracles of love do not have time limits. Jesus finds a way to always be with each one of you. He wants to be food for the soul, He wants to be a friend, a confidant, salvation of each one. *"I will not leave you orphans,"* He had said. It is sad to be orphans. The loneliness of the heart is like an incurable wound. Jesus loves his children and wants to give them the joy of his presence.

He must continuously repair the sins of men, who are increasingly insatiable for fleeting goods. Jesus, Son of the Father, becomes the victim, becomes the priest, and as the intermediary continually begs the Father to have mercy.

Your relationship with the Son of God can be the repetition of that mission that God the Father has entrusted to me. I gave the world its Saviour. You must possess within you this divine Son, and give Him to your families, to society and to the world. No one must be excluded from this great task! It is necessary for Him to reign, and every one of you must be his instrument to make known and loved the Son of God, who being the

way, the truth and the life, can give to everyone all his self and make all live of himself.

Moreover, children, you have to tighten your bonds of love with the Holy Spirit. He is the soul of the Church, but He is above all the love that proceeds from the Father and the Son. As He works in the Church, of which Jesus is the invisible head and the Pope is the visible head, so in every soul He wants to make his dwelling. He is the sweet Guest of whoever wants Him, by keeping his soul in God's grace.

There is nothing greater and more beautiful in the world than a soul in God's grace! There is no human beauty that equals her, since God resides with all his glory in the soul who, loving Him, flees from sin and with all her faculties lets Him dominate and govern, as master and Lord.

Children, I want just from you these intentions. I must be faithful to the Father, acknowledging his loving paternity in my life. I must be grateful to the Son, because, by doing the Father's will, He brought me salvation. I must be docile to the divine action of the Holy Spirit, who, with the love of the Father and of the Son, wants to sanctify my soul.

Children, I bless you in the name of the Most Holy Trinity and make you brethren in my mission of salvation. See you again.

To believe, to serve and to hope

7th June 1977

Beloved children, I am with you. I am the Mother of divine grace. I desire that from these meetings with you be given rise to you an increase of grace, that makes you grow in virtue and helps you to live a good Christian life, so as to be models of Christian living for others.

Have confidence in me, and make sure you prepare yourself spiritually to receive my word. Do not perhaps the people of this world prepare themselves in order to meet a person of high dignity? And do you not prepare yourselves emotionally when you have to go to your mother faraway, for whom you care? If you prepare yourselves, I will increase grace in you, and I will make sure that the word and dialogue bring abundant fruits of charity. This is the foundation point on which I want to hinge my lesson today.

You live on earth. You know that, without your will but by the will of God and your parents, one day, more or less far away, you were given life and began to communicate with the world. You also know that, after a length of years spent on earth, you are destined to reach God and enjoy his happiness and his company forever.

Now I ask you: what does the Lord want from you during this period that one can call passage or trial? Here are the three words, which is the same for everyone and it is a program for everyone: one must believe, serve and hope.

It is therefore necessary to know God, to be able to believe in his goodness, in his providence, in his infinite justice. It is necessary to deepen one's faith, but also to accept it with simplicity. It is necessary to make faith not only the lifeline, but also the guide of one's thoughts, words and actions, so that there is nothing in them that might offend God, by disobeying his Law. *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."*

To look for light, to look for salvation, to look for life, is precisely to look for faith, because in it everyone can find light, salvation and life. Faith must always be your companion, even when sorrow is knocking at the door of your home, when setbacks, conflicts, enmity and injuries, come to disturb your feelings and your happy hours.

Faith makes you feel as immersed in the ocean of God's love, it makes you enjoy being in his arms, the object of his attentions. Faith makes you enjoy the extraordinary that fills the world, and that many want to ignore because they prefer darkness to light.

I remind you of the second act that must lead your life: to serve. Some may feel disheartened by this term, which indicates the office of those who are inferior. And yet, I can assure you that no one can be exempt from rendering service to God and to the brethren without running the risk of failing to reach the Homeland.

How does one serve God? Children, the great house of God, where Jesus wants to be loved and served, is the

Church. Being part of the Church and not working for the Lord, for his Kingdom to be spread and so that He may be loved by all, is a real betrayal.

The Christian is not a loner working for himself and who thinks of being well-off. He is incorporated into that body of Jesus who continually suffers, and continually immolates himself and rises. He cannot remain idle. Every service performed as a member, goes to the benefit of the whole body; any service rendered to the brethren in the name of Jesus, gives Him glory and brings well-being to the Church.

Whoever is part of the Church, by the Baptism he received and the faith he professes, must make his contribution large or small, according to the will of God, according to the mission to which he is called, and according to the talents received.

This service is varied and rewarding, not because of its importance, but for the love with which it is accomplished. That's why in idleness, in sickness and in lack of natural gifts, one can serve God and the brethren in a way even superior than those provided with great gifts. The important thing is that each one according to his ability, tries to give whatever God asks of him.

Remember that poor widow, who in the treasury of the Temple had put in two small coins? And yet Jesus had for her a praise. Her offering was great before God, because she had given everything.

So it must be of Christians, and especially of you. You have to be able to say every day: I have served the Lord as best I could. I have served Him in the brethren, not refusing anyone the love and the collaboration that I could give.

Children, after believing and serving, hoping will be a practical consequence. Tell me to whom should you sacrifice yourself if there was no ideal to be achieved, a goal to be won, a goal to be attained? Do you think that the God, who repays even a cup of water given in his name, cannot reward those who spend a whole lifetime in his service?

The afterlife is your hope. This is not an invention, it is not just any way to attract the simple, it is a truth that cannot be denied without becoming heretics. There is an eternal life, the true life, which must occupy all the thoughts of the mind and the affections of the heart to the point that every action becomes useful for the conquest of the palm of victory. Healthy or sick, intelligent or ignorant, rich or poor, death makes everyone equal and, after the judgment of God, everything will be settled in that realm in which the glory of God will have its fulfilment.

Children, I wait for you all, and do not let yourselves be tempted and seduced by him who does not want your salvation! I have gone before you, but we will see each other one day and we will always be together. Learn to believe, to serve and to hope.

To a group of pilgrims

8th June 1977

Children so dear to me, peace to you! See, I am here to give you confidence, hope and joy. And who could give you these things if not the Mother, who wants only your happiness and your good?

I want to give you trust in God, for I want to make you know better and better his infinite goodness. Moreover, I want you to have trust also in your neighbour, learning to believe in the goodness of those who live next to you. Many crosses stem from that distrust that makes it easy for you to judge rashly, and does not make you accept the imperfections of others. It is easy to live when one is surrounded by God-fearing people, simple-hearted and honest, but it is hard to find these virtues, that often are hidden. However, it is much easier to misinterpret every word and every action of others, so as to make it difficult to live with oneself and others.

I want you; it is true, wise as serpents, but I also want your life to be lived out with that serenity that distrust cannot give you. Know that not judging well your neighbour might lead you to big mistakes and generate in you a pride that is so displeasing to God.

I desire also for you to have trust in yourself, not only in the sense of presuming in your abilities and strength,

but in the sense of wanting to get to do all that good that the Lord wants from you. Many times, those inferiority complexes and those exaggerated fears bring in some souls an inability to perform even the simplest things. That is why I desire to see you determined and strong!

The world needs your help. There are souls far from God that should be called back with particular energy. Remember that Jesus, passing in the street, sees a man in a tree. He had gone up because, being small, he could not see Jesus. Jesus sees him and calls him: "*Zacchaeus, come down, I want to come to your house.*"

Children, many people are called in this way, with goodness, with confidence, with energy, and giving them a sign of trust. It is necessary to know how to choose the right moment, in order to underline the will of God to come into the house of men and to bring them to the table with Him. If you know how to understand your loved ones, you can help them.

Consider how much my heart desires to give to everyone a hug full of tenderness! Hope must not fall short in you. When in the winter season you see dead branches and trees bare, it does not occur to you to think that you will never have leaves, or buds or green. When in spring you see falling to the ground the petals of flowering trees, you do not think that you perhaps will not gather fruits. Your hope is a certainty, and even if they all told you that those trees will not return to

produce, you do not believe. So it must be the hope that accompanies your life!

You have to trust totally in God and your Mother, and be sure that your prayer will be answered, your tears dried, your good desires realized. It is necessary to have a lively faith, a faith that takes into full account the words of Jesus, a faith which, combined with an exemplary life, deserves to be heard.

It is true that human weakness can make a life not entirely exemplary, but it is necessary to have at least the constant desire to remove from one's life what is contrary to one's faith.

I promised you an increase in happiness. I am speaking of that inner serenity that comes from a good conscience, and from the grace of God. I do not mean of course happiness as the world thinks, which is unsatisfactory and fragile. And I do not mean to exempt you even from physical pain, moral or spiritual, since even in pain, the source of merit, you can discover and taste joy.

Full happiness you will have only in Heaven, but, if you learn to understand me, in the fulfilment of your duties and in the fulfilment of God's will, you will find perfect gladness and will not regret those who, while doing wrong, appear to enjoy on earth all good.

Remember, my children, that when in the world everything is going very well, it is to be feared and

mourned, because, if many evils are caused by the hostility of the devil, who wants to lead souls to despair, the tranquillity in which many souls are left who live in sin, is the worst thing that can happen to them. He who lives in sin is already under the dominion of the devil, and to what avails all the things that pass?

My children, be therefore always trustful; have the hope to reach a goal, and to bring with you as many souls as you can, enjoy, and learn to rejoice in that joy that God gives to the souls that love Him.

I bless you, and while I thank those who have promoted this beautiful pilgrimage, I want to tell you with great certainty that at the end of your earthly pilgrimage I will come to meet you. Make sure that your wedding garment is white. Be sure to present yourselves with a lit lamp, and have a good supply of that oil which stands for good works. See you again, children!

May the religious present bring my blessing to their community, the teachers to their pupils, the nurses to their patients, the mothers to their husbands and children.

My blessing descends as beneficial rain, over the whole Church and gives refreshment to the souls in Purgatory. It is like a feast of hearts, even if evil attempts to suffocate every thought of good and every good work. Be trustful!

Now I send you

10th June 1977

My children, I am here to give you a good night! I am your Mother and, like any mother who loves her children, I desire to wish you all the best before the body, taken by sleep, seeks in it a well-deserved rest.

You have heard many good things that, if translated into practice, can assure you of true spiritual progress. I emphasize the invitation that has been made to you, concerning the apostolate that aims at the formation of the groups and, as I assure you my support, I really hope that these beautiful communities bloom, which will serve to change the face of the earth.

When Jesus started the church, besides the apostles He sent a good seventy-two disciples to towns and villages, two by two, preaching the Kingdom of God. Now I send you, and so I want to give you my advice.

I desire that you prepare for this mission with a more intense prayer, even individually. A prayer that is a putting yourself in the presence of God, saying to Him: Lord, what do You want me to do? A prayer that must be a reflection, so that the work of the apostolate you ought to do, may be carried out in the field willed by the Lord, and with those means and with those talents that He has given you. Therefore, the result of this prayer and these reflections can only be a great generosity that will make you available to the will of God.

Some, after a preparation that must be derived mainly from the study of those messages that are given so widely, will go into the parishes or the oratories to engage the youth. However, even those who do not have time available to go anywhere else, will have a very specific field of work that will make exemplary the life and wonderful the results.

Whoever is employed, consider that the Lord wants him to witness to his faith there, in the workplace. Whoever is a doctor, to remember that his mission very well resembles that of the priest and of the Divine Teacher, who on earth kept busy with the sick and the unfortunate. Whoever works in the workshop, to keep in mind Jesus as a model, and learn, with manual work, to make it a means of sanctification because even with this toil one's fellow workers can be helped spiritually.

Here there are housewives, mothers, fathers and children, but I would like to call you by this privileged name: the dearly beloved of Jesus and mine who, as servants, want to work in the vineyard of the Lord. Wherever you can put in a convincing word, do not leave it out. Wherever you can give to read the inspired books, give them. Whoever presumes in his own strength, will not be able to do divine works, but whoever entrusts himself humbly to Him who can do everything, will be able to accomplish great things. The reward, however, will be based on love.

As one by one I press you to my heart of Mother, I ask you to persevere in good, putting in the second line all that can matter to you.

See you again, children, and be serene! Everything that happens in the world is guided or allowed, but you must be collaborators of Jesus and mine in giving life to divine works.

The great gift of the Eucharist

12th June 1977

Beloved children, with how much love I welcome you, with how much joy I address to you my word!

You have come here today, as the Church celebrates the Eucharist, to honour me, and I rejoice in this thoughtfulness of yours, since the Eucharist is the Mother's bread. I desire to make you appreciate it, and I want your Communion to be truly a heart to heart meeting with my Jesus, through me. How many sacrilegious Communion, children! How many lukewarm Communion! How many fruitless ones!

I desire to inspire you to make your every Communion an act of reparation. You must substitute your innocence for the wickedness of many, your purity for sin, your charity and your love, for that hatred and those resentments that unfortunately are brought also to the Eucharistic table.

One thinks too little at the greatness of the Eucharistic gift. It is only, for many, just an act of the moment, which is forgotten soon after being performed. Also this coldness you must repair.

Make Communion the sun of your life and, as you would care to prepare yourselves physically to go to an interview with a person of consequence, so take care to recollect your thoughts and to bring to Communion those renunciations with which you should embellish your life, and those sufferings which, if accepted and offered up with love, transform you into living hosts, in which my Jesus can manifest himself.

Your Communions must bear abundant fruits of virtue and good. It would be enough for one Communion well made to give you a taste of the things of God, and to make you definitely walk in the way of holiness. That is why I invite you to reflect on those real improvements that every Communion should bring in you, to then communicate them to others!

The divine food, which I give to you by the will of Jesus, must not be wasted. Good mothers teach not to waste bread, which is a gift of God; but the Eucharist, received with coldness, with indifference and out of habit, without the desire to improve, is like a great gift cast away.

Woe if the children lose their appetite and taste for what the mother gives them as food and drink! It is a sign of sickness that can lead to the grave. But it is a bad sign

also that which does not make one desire Communion. If one neglects this divine food, lack of appetite will take over, and that indifference that can lead to the loss of faith and to the death of the soul with sin.

Children, let me remind you a note so painful in Christianity. There are many who do not fulfil the precept of Easter, and prefer to remain as living corpses in the Church rather than take that spiritual life which unites them to God.

For them, you have to pray a lot and offer up your tears and your sorrows. It is terrible to think that death might seize them suddenly, and that they would lose the right to enjoy the sight of God forever. Know, children, that they are many who damn themselves.

I bless you all, one by one. I bless your gatherings and even those which, through you, will arise. To the children present I promise special graces and a special protection. It is so dear to me that you commend to me priests, bishops and missionaries. Your group is particularly dear to God for that help it gives them.

Know that your families are especially dear to my heart. Let those mothers and fathers be not disturbed who see their children distance themselves from God. The lessons you have given are good, the example you give is good. I will call them back and save them.

To the young present I give an embrace, and I give a special invitation to want to be the heralds of the

Eucharist, of the Pope and Our Lady, so that they can bring into their world a new leaven of faith and grace.

Goodbye! See you again!

How to fight the doubts

14th June 1977

Children so dear to me, peace be to you! See, I am the Virgin of Light, and I desire, in this short lesson that I will give you, to clarify your thoughts, so that you can be truly serene and do not have to be troubled by uncertainty and doubt.

First of all I must tell you that many times the doubts are true temptations, which the devil uses to move you away from good. Sometimes he even moves away from the faith, from the Church from the fulfilment of one's duties, so, by going along with him, he becomes a real danger to souls.

I must say that in front of the doubts of faith it is necessary to fight, seeking to be instructed and to take in the truth as is presented by the Gospel, by Jesus, in whom it is personified, and by the Church, headed by the Pope and the bishops united with him.

Religious instruction, deepened not for human motives or out of pride, but only to please God, to discover his virtues and to love Him and serve Him better, must be accompanied by fervent prayer and

invocation to the Holy Spirit, so that He himself may dispel the darkness and give light, so as to understand and meditate on the secrets of God.

The lessons you receive are the easiest means, but if you love the truth and seek it, even directly you will be given the lesson and you will have many good inspirations that will take away your doubts.

Know that your faith is the measure of your glory, and it is also the means to obtain in this earthly life all those aids, including material that you can summarize in the daily bread.

Sometimes, however, doubts of faith on some basic truths can be so insistent as to take away from you the taste for prayer and make you fall into religious coldness, as well as taking away your peace. In this case, you will only have to declare your faith, scorning anything that could pass through your head. "*Lord, I believe all that you have taught,*" you should say, and make on your mind and heart a small sign of the cross. This sign will be powerful and will help you to increase your faith.

But many people have doubts regarding this mission, and do not want to accept that the Lord makes use of means so unfit to perform things so great. In this case it is necessary to distinguish between two categories of people.

There are those who reject any form of communication between God and men, because they are

satisfied with what they receive through Church, and consider everything superfluous, since their faith is above all else. Here I can recall to you the lives of some saints who, having been warned of the physical presence of Jesus in the church, refused to go there, because of that presence they had the certainty without seeing it.

But there are also those who do not accept any form of the extraordinary, which they call fanaticism, and do not want to understand anything because they consider it all devilish, or because, blinded by pride, they do not believe that they can receive the word of God through a person who does not know theology.

It can be manifested also to you this doubt, and you can sometimes be confused and hesitant. Here the doubt must be combated and cleared up this way: to those whom you see well-disposed to accept the truth, you can say they realize personally, because, if there was something defective and contrary to the faith, it can be denounced.

You then, who already believe, before the doubt you have to ask yourselves: these things which I accept as true, do they do good to my soul or do they harm me?

If you find that everything serves to make you live a Christian life well, remove the doubts, since it will certainly not be the devil who will help to sanctify you!

What you need to keep for sure is this: where one prays, one does not do evil! Where one loves the Lord, one learns

to love also one's neighbour, and therefore it is true Christianity and authentic faith anything that brings these outcomes.

There is another doubt that brings anxiety in life, that of one's own vocation. There are religious and laity who, after having embraced a state of life, feel disturbed and would like to give it up. It is a temptation to which one must react, bearing in mind that the unique vocation of all Christians is the vocation to love. Whatever the route taken; it can bring an indication: the way of love.

If you walk, do not forget this principle: everything changes, and even the most bitter disappointments can become God's gifts to be distributed to the brethren. To sanctify one's life through love, is to give meaning to all that comprises it.

Taken as such, life becomes a mission, in which the activity more humble shall be exalted by God as the most exquisite task. The last among my servants, who works for this mission willed by God and entrusted to this instrument, will be rewarded as her and as the first among my children.

The collaboration, which often weighs because it does not bring those human and personal satisfactions desired, is precious before God. The eye, the mouth, the brain in a human are fine, but how useful also the hands and the feet!

Children, be serene, and remember that everything you learn to secretly offer up and with serenity, has the taste of love and helps you to sanctify your mission.

I bless you all, children. See you again!

Love and pain enclosed in my Heart

18th June 1977 (Legnano)

My children, I am here with you! I want to reveal to you my secrets, because I consider you to be my children.

Yesterday, the liturgy proposed to you the heart of my Jesus, so that it becomes the object of your love; today it proposes to you my heart of Mother of God and yours, so that by imitating my virtues, you can sanctify yourselves. Well then, I desire to tell you what my heart encloses, so that you may participate more fully in my life and that of my Son.

The heart is the centre of life, its steady pulse marks a good state of health. The beats too slow indicate a state of weakness, and those too frequent are symptoms of excitation, which can be very harmful.

Children, one loves a lot, the heart is like a barometer which marks the heat, but also when the pain strikes, the heart feels first the consequences and it sometimes fails.

Here, children, I have shown you that muscle that gives the sign of life, love and pain.

All of these things are enclosed in my loving heart, sorrowful and immaculate. I love all creatures of earth, whom I received as a legacy at the foot of the cross, moreover, I love each one of you in a real and sensitive way. I love you, because I seek, and I want your spiritual and eternal good.

You know that my Jesus is present in every Tabernacle, where is kept a consecrated host. He is there because He loves his children and wants to be their companion in the earthly journey, and because He wants to feed them with that gift of love which is the Eucharist.

Well then, next to each Tabernacle I am there also, because I could not leave Jesus alone and because I myself want to give to my children that spiritual bread which is my flesh and my blood. I love you and I desire your love. As I say to you not to leave Jesus alone in the Tabernacle, so I desire you to come beside me who, unseen but in a sensitive way, I guard my Son.

Love is the first treasure enclosed in my heart, but there is another treasure that many do not understand: it is sorrow, the infinite one to which Jesus subjected himself in his mortal life, the sorrow that accompanies all humanity, your pain, what forms your cross, and that pain that many refuse because they feel they do not deserve it.

Sorrow swells my heart, and makes it beat incessantly. While the most trivial things are sometimes the strongest attraction for many, my sorrow and my love are forgotten. And yet I live with you, I am not far from you.

How I would like that in all your troubles and anxieties you came looking for me, and as good children do with their mother, you tell me what is troubling you! If the people of this world are not often able to understand you, I understand your innermost thoughts and desires, and I give to all those who entrust themselves to me so much serenity and peace. The treasures of the heart of the mother must be shared with the children. It must be an exchange that brings to each one some benefits.

Your pains are often caused by human misery, from which you do not know how to divert your thoughts, or are caused by selfishness, which seeks to control and reign everywhere. If you bring me these pains, I transform misery into wealth, selfishness into generosity.

That is why I desire for you to love me! I want to enrich you with all those goods that the world does not appreciate, but in which resides the inner peace that is true happiness. I have opened to you my heart, children, which is like a treasure chest of gold.

However, I want to also tell you on what they are based my love and my sorrow: on the Word of God,

which I have always kept in me. "*Woman, behold your son,*" Jesus said to me from the top of the cross. Addressing to John the name of son, He wanted to entrust to me all of you, all the creatures created for Heaven. The Word of God, which I learned from the Sacred Scriptures, what Jesus taught me in his mortal life, and those teachings with which the Holy Spirit enriched my soul when He descended on the nascent Church, are now your possession.

He who loves me, who offers me his pains, must learn to accept and live that doctrine which is so abundantly communicated to men. Do you also treasure, children, what is being taught to you!

Every man who lives on earth needs a dual bread: the one made of flour, which is an irreplaceable nourishment, and the spiritual bread, which is the Word of God, a true nourishment which the soul needs to walk in the light.

Treasure and cherish, children, and, as you would not leave fall and spoil the bread adorning your table, so make your mind grow in the knowledge and in the love of God through the spiritual bread which is his Word.

Children, I rejoiced a lot to find you together in this house. I desire that here be started a prayer group, so that the people who dwell here might be helped spiritually. Prayer is the most important stage of life, in which is prepared the crop to be presented to the Father. With what joy I will speak to your heart!

I embrace you, my children, and I leave as a souvenir of this visit a great blessing, that it may give you so much joy.

To the young

19th June 1977

Beloved children, peace, joy and the grace of God be always in your hearts. I am your Mother, eager to enrich you with all those goods that will help you achieve the life of intimate union with God on earth, to enjoy with Him the life of glory in Heaven. However, I desire to remind you that the Kingdom of God suffers violence, and that only the strong can reach it. That is why I invite you to be strong in the faith.

Do not see God as that Being who lives in Heaven or lives in the Tabernacle, to whom you can turn only at certain times! Know that He is interested in your life more than you might be interested in it. Learn how to live in his presence and submit to Him all your troubles.

Communicating with God will make it easier for you to know how to accept everything that life brings, and knowing that the evil that you receive or that you suffer from others is allowed by Him, received from his hands, it will become for you not only precious, but a source of joy. What would have been of my life, if all those situations created by men, I had considered them only

from a human view and had not gone back to the will of God?

The fortress of your faith must be your companion also in illnesses, which unfortunately, being the consequence of original sin, accompany every creature that is born and lives in this world. Calm, serenity and knowing how to react, are a guarantee to overcome many evils; but if you see in the illness a test of the Lord, you will know how to sanctify it and will not add weight to the cross for you and for others.

Children, I give you some advice: learn to regulate your life according to a predetermined program, in order not to fail in your duties and to make your day more productive. Also know that the body needs a well-defined rest, during which to recover new energy to be able to use for everyone.

Be strong, do not lock yourself in yourself, and do not think too much over your ailments so as not to magnify them and let them they become a complex. Try to see life in its reality, with its temptations and difficulties, but also with a degree of optimism.

What will be old age for those young people who do not learn to endure, and who see everything through a magnifying glass, making every little ailment a catastrophe? Children, let the strong women of the Old Testament be an example to you, and the saints of the New Testament be to you an incentive to learn to face

those sufferings physical, moral and spiritual that are never lacking.

Life can be joyful or sad, as you want it. It is beautiful if you let yourselves be enlightened, guided and protected by me, who loves you infinitely because I love you with the heart of God.

See you again, children. I bless you all. I bless your good desires. Be aware that many difficulties are created by the devil, who does not want to see them resolved.

I desire you authentic Christians

19th June 1977

Children so dear to me, peace be to you! I am the Virgin of light, and light I want to give in every encounter of mine with you.

The true light comes to you from the divine Sun, but by reflection also from me. You just have to open the windows of your soul to welcome it and to live it, since the light is life.

I see your minds and your hearts, and I see the concerns and feelings that do not coincide with my desires and with my thoughts. I desire you authentic Christians, whereby, if my Jesus were to describe you, you should be able to say that you are just as Himself.

But how to find this perfection of life in creatures who do not think to achieve love? The Law is all here! It is

always the love that must direct the actions and infuse light and warmth in human hearts. Love is lacking in many souls, so many difficulties arise that make it difficult to live together.

You have to describe yourselves thus: I am a Christian, because I do not exclude anyone from my life. I love God, therefore, I observe his Commandments and love my neighbour, to whom I want to do everything I would like to receive. Is your life all hinged on this statement?

But let us see how to implement the Commandments. Has not some divinity been substituted for the true one? Have not there been created idols among men, and among the things one enjoys the use of in life? Try a little to imagine if for the love of God you would be capable of separating yourself from it all! Imagine if, in order not to offend God, you would be willing to give up life itself! Does not the Commandment say: *"You shall love God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength"*?

What weakness, what coldness I see in the practice of this love! I see that one loves the most in word than in deed, and that one is so easy to declare love, but there is a continuous search for one's self, one's own satisfactions, and even in good one tries to make one's own ideas a law that one would like even God to accept.

Children, you must be consistent. You must seek the truth and the divine will with that freedom that puts you at his disposal with indifference of choice.

When one finds God, one finds the whole world: in Him and for his sake it is easy to love everyone!

Believe me, children, in the world true love is not known. One seeks rather one's self even in others. That unselfishness that leads the mother to love her own children, is symbolic, because it could be said true love. However, if you leave it on a human level, what desolation! You see the greatest conflicts, when one does not love for the sake of God. While human situations that are not pleasing to you wrench out your tears, you remain insensitive in front of children, siblings and relatives who are like the walking dead.

True love of God leads you to the realization of his will. His will leads you to perfection, and perfection makes you see in every human creature a being to be helped to discover God in his own life, so that, by knowing Him and serving Him, he can enjoy Him. If you focus on this and go along with me, you simplify everything. The intentions are purified, and the desire to do good to all becomes zeal and a true apostolate.

Are you sure of answering your call as Christians with that genuine faith that makes you walk in the world to follow Jesus? And are you sure of responding to his desires, in collaborating with the Church so may be

formed that unity which must represent the unity of Jesus with his Father?

Of course true Christianity is very uncomfortable and, becoming also for others a silent sermon, gives rise to disappointments and controversies. But Jesus told you so, that He came to earth to bring war: a war waged by error against truth, by evil against good, by wickedness against goodness.

Children, if your life is truly exemplary, you cannot not be combated and poorly tolerated. Here, though, that for your consolation, I can tell you that, if you have a clear conscience, were you to have also the whole world unleashed against you, you could not lose that peace which is the fruit of grace.

In adversities, in misunderstandings, when you do not detect collaboration and goodness, learn to identify the work of God, as in all his works, the Lord suffers the bitter struggle of the devil.

Love one another, children, and never cease to pray for the holy Church of God, the repository of heavenly favours, of his doctrine and of grace.

Now I bless you all. There are many links in that chain that must join souls with one another and with the heart of my Jesus. May it go to all the numerous host my special blessing. In humility and with confidence, print continuously in your heart the sweet name of my Jesus, that it may become for you and for all infinite sweetness.

Do not be aiming to do great things, but to descend into the depths of human hearts to win them over to Christ Jesus.

To the nuns present, having come for the first time, the invitation to bring into their communities my blessing. Love the Rosary and spread love, if you want vocations to increase. To whoever asks me for an increase of faith, it will be granted. To those who want to break sinful ties, I will grant the necessary help. To whoever wants to be more good, I grant my goodness.

See you again, children! I love you so much.

Do not give entry to the devil

21st June 1977

Beloved children, I am with you! Do not be afraid, do not be in doubt, it is I who am speaking to you. I am the Mother of Jesus and yours. I desire to enjoy your joys, suffer your sorrows, but above all I desire to defend you from the fierce hidden dangers of the evil one who, as the prince of this world, is unleashing the most terrible battles.

I put you on your guard, and give you the sign: when you see enter in families, in the Church and in society, violence and division, know that the devil is taking dominion over them. In a particular way, division destroys love and truth, bringing hatred and error. Be prudent. Be careful and do not give entry to the devil.

If in your families or communities, whether in the workplace or in your apartment blocks you notice discrepancies or misunderstandings, take remedial action. Be sure to clarify charitably and simply your thoughts and your intentions. Do not leave anything unattempted. But if you see that all the more the disputes worsen, let go, keep quiet and pray. Do not get excited, do not try to insist, causing quarrels! Pray, and what you do not succeed in making understood, I will do so with the light that comes from the Holy Spirit.

Look at the world, children, which, while it should make every event an experience not to fall into other errors, it is continually getting worse. It seems that the Cains have multiplied, and they are insatiable for the blood of their brothers. Charity is failing, and to it can only be replaced bullying, violence, disorder, hatred.

Children, you see the work of the devil, and learn to be those true peaceful workers of peace, in justice and in charity. Sometimes just your serene and balanced demeanour will be enough to bring back tranquillity. At other times it will take the good word and a lot of patience.

Always you have to keep in mind that you are not fighting a battle with any person whatsoever. You have to consider that in stirring battles, in sowing discord, rebellion and wickedness, there is the devil with you, who does not want your good nor that of your peers, but division, sin, and death.

The Kingdom of God is within you, if you want to look for it, and if, responding to God's gifts, you try to be as He wants you. The Kingdom of God is also the Church, where the faithful have to work so that God may triumph and be loved by all. The Kingdom of God is the universe, where his works are singing his magnificence. Moreover, this Kingdom is like the precious treasure that the Christian discovers in a field and, to possess it, buys that field. Or it is as the pearl of great price, whereby, having understood its great value, a faithful sells everything he owns to acquire it.

That is why I tell you that no sacrifice must be burdensome to you, no renunciation must cost you, nor humiliation, nor suffering, as long as you try to keep the faith and love, and so be like God wants you to be. No situation should be intolerable to you, as long as you keep that family peace that is truly the pearl of great price; and you must not let your input be lacking and your collaboration, so that society may be transformed and understand the precious values that it is fighting, that is, truth and morality.

Children, the devil is strong and smart, but he could do nothing if men did not open to him the door of the house, that is, their soul, with sin, and if there were an endless number of people who, consciously or unknowingly, lend themselves to demolish with him the Kingdom of God and to establish the kingdom of Satan. Learn to reflect, and learn to act with me in order to be defended.

I bless you all, children. See you again! May the Kingdom of God continue to spread through you.

You must be my voice

24th June 1977

My children, peace be to you! I am with you. I am the Help of the Christian people, and I desire to present you my best wishes so that your summer holidays may be rich in spiritual fruits and graces.

So those who are away from home, such as those who remain, must feel me close and must feel the need to give the body a proper rest, which is not idleness but a break in the normal activities, in order to resume with more energy as a result, and be able to sow good also elsewhere. Certainly, children, the need to pray that you feel, must become also for others a necessity.

How I desire that during the summer they talk about me to all! The summer seems to be the season of greatest freedom, both physical and spiritual, while it is the period when the devil calls, as at a rally, his slaves. Whether on the beaches and mountains, both in the city and in the countryside, there is no longer restraint, immorality prevails, and the neglect of religious duties continues. You must be my voice to make known my desires, and to edify everyone by your exemplary conduct.

There are in all towns, even the most remote, one or more churches, where my Jesus is always alone, abandoned not only by those who do not believe, but also by the believers. I want to ask you for a favour: visit my Jesus in the Tabernacle, at least once a day! Next to the Tabernacle I am also there constantly, like a watchful sentinel. When you find Jesus, you find me too, who for my Jesus I was always willing to sacrifice my life.

But also for you I renew with Jesus my offering. I desire to preserve you from harm and lead you to the heavenly Jerusalem. My supplication near the Tabernacle is insistent and continuous. You also unite your prayers to mine, so that the lapsed can be called back to the heart of the Father.

When you can in your hours of rest, recite the Rosary and calls others to recite it. I will spread joy in your hearts, and I will stop you from the gossiping that is so easy when one is gathered in holiday resorts. Talk of God, if you feel capable, and above all do some good readings that will enrich you with useful knowledge to deepen the truths of faith which are never known sufficiently.

However, there are categories of persons who, during the summer, see increase their pains and are also abandoned, whereby they feel harder their cross and loneliness. It is necessary that these sick and the poor have your solidarity and your remembrance. Do not forget that through the Communion of Saints, which is a

reality, you can help also those far away with your prayers and with your sufferings; and what you cannot do with your neighbours, do it with those people whom you will come to know where you go.

Let even the children that you have in care, understand that change of air does not mean losing time, but they learn to discover the value of rest and the merit of work, which is a sign of vitality and a means of sanctification.

I bless you all, one by one, and to those whom particular situations do not allow to be away from home, I promise special help to supply their needs.

Children, do good while you can, because it is necessary to put away the good works, as one puts away in the barn the wheat that has to provide bread for the whole year. The reserves of good works will give you consolation when you are will be unable to do them, but they will be cause for happiness when, having arrived at the heavenly Homeland, you will see shine in you like stars, those actions that God has inspired in you, which He has done in you and which have given Him glory.

We will see each other even more and you will come to tell me, as you would with your earthly mother, everything that you have done for my sake and for your spiritual growth. Do not forget that you will also please me if you bring me some flowers at the small chapels that you come across along the way.

Take my blessing to your loved ones, your children, your relatives, to all those who are important to you and to whom you want to do some good.

John the Baptist, a model to imitate

24th June 1977

My children, peace be to you! Do not be intimidated by those discussions that, deep down, are nothing more than the exhibition of good thoughts! But learn to follow a line, that there may be no time wasted being now a little late. Follow the guidelines given to you, and always be balanced throughout.

Today I recall to you the very important figure of John the Baptist, who should be for you a real model to imitate. He was sanctified right from his mother's womb, but also to you Baptism was administered a few days after birth. The grace of God was not in vain for John, and should not be vain for you too. You have received special gifts and a special call. You also are invited to prepare in the world the advent of Jesus the Saviour.

John preached on the banks of the Jordan and in the desert. To you, I want to point out that the world is like an immense desert, and I want that, by controlling yourself and overcoming all difficulties that stand between you and men, you try to carry on your proposal of faith and brotherly love.

Two virtues were gigantic in John: repentance and fortitude. With a prolonged fasting he prepared himself for preaching, whereby his word became effective. He did not talk only to state a truth, but pointed to his example: he did not dress in silk and did not have sumptuous dinners! Jesus could say of him: *"Who did you go to see in the desert, perhaps a reed shaken by the wind?"*.

His certainty in opposing evil derived from the grace that was in him, and from his fighting spirit against the wiles of the flesh and the devil. Whoever can dominate his own will and learns to subjugate his own body to the powers of the soul, may well impose himself also on others. His chastity, his mortification will give him the courage to say to Herod that *"you are not allowed!"* that will cost him his life.

Children, you have to be heralds of the King, you have to prepare his ways. Be devoted to prayer, since it is like the oxygen of the soul, but never let be lacking that mortification that must strengthen your will and make you effective instruments in the hands of God.

I bless you, children, and I love you so much. I wish you a good night. I bless the spouses present and the effigy which will be placed at the head of the bed. Whenever these spouses pray together before this image, I will fill them with blessings and put so much peace in their hearts.

To all my embrace and see you again!

To a group from Pontedera

25th June 1977

My children, with what joy I have welcomed you in my house! You are my elect whom I have chosen to spread, with the word of God, his love. You are my missionaries who, without sailing the oceans, and without going into foreign lands, have to work to disseminate and consolidate the Kingdom of God.

Never allow yourselves to be discouraged! The works of God have to be combated, but then his will is accomplished in spite of the devil and those who collaborate with him. Continue to do all that good that has for purpose to bring salvation to souls, bringing them closer to the Church and the Sacraments. Do not ask except to love the Lord more and more as a reward for the good you do, and He will take care of all your personal and family needs.

Each of you has his own cross. I know it and I help you to carry it, even if sometimes it seems to you that there is a loss of faith in me and in my action. I desire that you always behave like the centurion who, approaching Jesus, asked for his servant to be healed. At his request Jesus answered: *"I will come to your house and heal him."* But the centurion, feeling unworthy of a visit so important, stated his faith, begging Jesus to heal him also from a distance.

Children, you come to follow me, and you go to announce the Gospel as apostles, now here, now there. Learn to put your intentions, that they become an act of faith. Let those whom you leave at home, feel helped and healed, if it were the case, even in the body as the centurion's servant.

Always be confident, and know that the Lord of Heaven and earth needs your work. Thousands of labourers, who work with you, must be helped by your example, by your words and your prayers. Your priests need to be helped by your faith, to be able to continue to fulfil that mission that the Lord has entrusted to them. Mothers, wives, children and young people, call for your assistance and need your hearts to confide their sufferings. Be available, be all things to all, to bring all to live with serenity and awareness of their Christianity.

I bless you all one by one. May God's will be done always and with joy, since "*Deus amat ilarem datorem (God loves a cheerful giver)*". See you again, children! Every visit to this place is like a supply of light, strength and new energy. I love you so much!

I give you my beads

26th June 1977

Beloved children, I am here with you. I am your Mother! What great things are accomplished in this house! They are unknown to you for the most part, but

they have a very great importance for your spiritual life. They are great things that God is working, whereby men, his children and his creatures, perceive in themselves infinite desires of goodness and perfection.

Coming here is like being called by name by the Lord and by me, because we desire to work some transformation in you or give you a particular assignment. It happens more or less for you as it did for Elisha, whom the Lord wanted to choose as his prophet.

He used Elijah, who threw him his cloak. When Elisha had that cloak in his hands, he understood that the Lord wanted him to a greater perfection. He responded to the call; he gave in to the will of God.

You come here, and I do not give you my cloak, but I cover you with it; and I give you my beads, which should serve to renew those promises that your godparents did for you on the day of your Baptism. Perhaps you have other times renewed them, but then forget.

The beads that you receive, have to help you to fight the devil and renounce his temptations, his works and his wiles.

The beads must be a means to overcome the world, with its vanities, with its frivolities and wickedness. It will be the virtue of fortitude that will find in the beads the means to overcome human respect, that makes men slaves of one another.

The call to follow in my footsteps has come to you largely from my beads, which is a continual invitation to charity and understanding of others, and arouses in you a burning desire to help your neighbour.

I have said to you a few times that the Rosary is like a net that serves to make miraculous catches. I hold up a strip of this net, I hold up your beads and souls bite, feel attracted, ensnared by my goodness and your faith.

You often wonder why I use this means to win souls: because men do not know how to see the things of the spirit, if not through sensible things. Even the graces that you get using the beads, reciting the Rosary, are a means to ascend, to convert, to give and to increase the faith.

What would a mother not do to see her children return to her heart? What would certain people not do to restore order in their families? Is it not true that you would consider all means and keep a vigil even at night, if you knew that certain children, who have left the home, were to return?

I am the Mother of mothers. I watch, I help, and I find all the expedients to help my children and, if I am able to ward off thieves from a dwelling, I am much more eager to ward off from souls the real thieves, those who steal virtue, grace and maybe even eternal life.

My beads call you to a goodness without measure. It is a garland of fragrant roses, with which we want to gird ourselves together to continue to live together. The toxic

foul air of the world must not touch you. You must live a life of grace; I would say an angelic life through goodness.

It is easy that, coming back to your homes and finding the same crosses, the same people who make you suffer, you can feel an internal rebellion, a desire to escape and to ward off the evil that others procure for you.

No, children, do not be intimidated! Clasp in your hands my Rosary, put it around your neck and be silent. Call upon me silently. I assure you that serenity will return. I will be on your side to protect you, and so that it may not fail in you that inner joy that only God can give.

Did I not also say once: "*My spirit exults in God my Saviour*"? So it must be for you at any time of the day! Keep your soul free from sin. Do not soil your mouth with blasphemy! Keep close to you, like a shield, my Rosary, and even if outside threatening and serious storms attempt to disturb you, you will be sheltered.

Children, I bless you all. Goodbye! Be good and faithful to the call.

Jesus is in the boat of your life

28th June 1977

Beloved children, both peace and grace to you and every good! I am the Mother of Divine Love. Love I give

you, and love I desire. Your cenacle must be as the forge of love. Here one must learn to love, that is, to forgive, to understand and to expend one's energies to all. You have to say, always if you want to belong to my school: death to selfishness of any kind, whether based on spiritual things or on the material ones. It is the home of love, because my Jesus wants, through you, to spread everywhere trust, courage, hope and mercy.

You must understand the heart of Jesus and mine; you must fill yourselves with goodness and mercy to be able to give it to all. Your cenacle is under the gaze of God, and those who come to draw his gifts of love must be generous and disinterested. They must seek the glory of God and the good of souls, always.

Unfortunately, sometimes you are not fulfilled in your desires immediately, but you must know how to be patient, and it is up to God to sift your requests. Sometimes you dare to say that the Lord is deaf to your requests, to your prayers; you also say that He does not listen to you and does not see your tears and your needs. This is counterproductive. By doing so, you offend the Lord, and it is certainly not the best way to be heard.

Listen to what happened one day. Jesus had preached and healed many people. He was tired. Therefore, He got on a boat, to go to the other shore. His disciples wanted to go as well but, shortly after, He was asleep in the stern of the boat and a very strong wind came up, which frightened the disciples of being swamped by the waves.

They approached Jesus, therefore and, calling Him, said to Him: "*Lord, save us, we are sinking.*" Jesus got up, rebuked their unbelief, then He commanded the wind saying to it: "*Calm down!*", and all was quiet.

My children, how I would like that in the painful trials of life, which are like stormy waves, you would turn with much trust and faith in the Lord! "*Jesus, save us!*", you must say, but it must be a prayer made with the confidence of being helped and answered.

True, many times the fear that assails you depends on your weakness, but, if faith were not lacking, all would be resolved quickly. Even the material things, business, interests, would be guided if you had faith and if you sought only justice.

Have you seen the gesture of Jesus? It was enough for Him to say to the wind: "*Calm down!*", for the quiet to return. Never let yourselves be intimidated by the difficulties. Jesus is in the boat of your life and, when He seems to sleep, He is just a little slow to intervene, because He wants to test your patience and wants to see your faith and your love.

The disciples, who still did not know well their Teacher, asked themselves: "*But who is He to whom the wind and the sea obey?*" Perhaps, reviewing your life and the various dangers and pains that went with it, you will wonder: How was I able to endure and overcome so many crosses and difficulties? You will then be able to see that the Lord has guided your life, and has

commanded people and things in order to make you capable of resisting.

Now I want to make you enjoy my presence, and I want to say to you: know that I am the Star of the Sea! In your dark days, when your troubles will seem insurmountable and darkness seem to wrap your mind, look at the Star, call upon me! I lead you to the Harbour! Do you not see how much light comes to your souls with my word and with the prayers you do with love? Always confident I want you!

I bless you all, children. See you again.

To the young

3rd July 1977

My children, I welcome you with great love, and I want to give you many graces!

I am your Mother, and how could I neglect my duty, that of being concerned with your spiritual and material needs? Know that you are so dear to me, and that I do much count on you. Knowing your desires and your abilities, I am confident that you will do much good in your life.

Each one has his own mission to carry out, tied to the state chosen, to the degree of health, strength and intelligence. And yet, I tell you that you have a great

mission, to which you can give a boost and value only by the grace of God that you possess.

Your mission you can point out with just two words: spread love. In this task, therefore, you cannot give life, if not with the help that comes to you from God through grace. The more you learn to keep away sin, and to bring grace within you, the more your mission will take on importance, because it will be no longer you to do it, but it will be God to act in you.

Learn to understand me and, if you want the memory of this encounter to remain in your heart, put yourselves at my disposal trying to obey me in all.

You have seen many places destroyed by the earthquake, and you were able to see how in the world there are forces against which man is unable to act. Well then, above all human and diabolic forces, there is an invincible power: it is that of God! Whoever sins, puts himself against this power, hoping to overthrow it. Do you believe that men, with all their wickedness, manage to destroy God? Oh, no! They do not impair Him in the least.

However, God is infinite love and, next to those who ignore Him and fight Him, He stirs good and fervent souls who must make Him known and loved. They must spread love. You are in this number. If you succeed in loving God and intensely and in living in his grace, you will become like beacons of light that illuminate. You will become like those precious stones that, receiving on

themselves the rays of the sun, produce a reflection so strong as to seem like little suns.

Do as I told you, children, and love one another and help one another.

I bless you all. I bless the nuns present, to whom I will grant the joy of their vocation and a desire to live more and more of holiness. I bless your families. Keep blasphemy well away, it is like a cancer that brings all evil. I bless your priests, children and your institutions.

See you again, children! I embrace you one by one.

Intelligence and the will, gifts of God

3rd July 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you! See, I am here with you! I am Mother and Teacher of the Church, and since you are living stones of the Church, I am here to give you my word, my teaching and my affection. My teachings are not mine, but of God, of my Son, so my word is identified with his.

How beautiful this harmony that makes of two beings only one, of two languages a perfect unity! So it should be also in the world.

The thoughts, words and actions, should be as conducted on a single track and aim for a single purpose: after having reproduced the thoughts, words and actions of the Son of God, they should glorify the Father,

expanding on earth and in Heaven his Kingdom. Unfortunately it is not so, and for this, you can see in the world the greatest disorder.

God has endowed man with intelligence. This intelligence should be the means to discover the truth, which gives the ability to choose between good and evil and the desire to do the works, which, bringing help to humanity, make everyone aware of the existence of a Higher Being infinitely good.

But you see how it is misused the intelligence! It is a gift of God that is used most often to combat Him. Some discoveries, or inventions, take on a diabolical aspect, such is the subtlety of the intelligence with which they have been implemented.

The evil that is increasingly spreading, is always the fruit of an intelligence badly used. When a child opens his eyes to the light, he is unable to distinguish or name the objects that appear in front of him, even if he needs a lot of things. His intelligence is limited, although alive. Men are like children who, while seeing the wonders of creation, do not know how to understand the purpose for which they were put in front of their eyes, and they do not know how to ask and do not know how to give thanks. The child grows up, and many times destroys those same things that are useful to him and which he does not know how to appreciate. Even men are like naughty children who, in their wickedness, use their intelligence to ruin the works of God.

The most beautiful gift, to which is tied the intelligence, is the soul. Men rail against this marvellous gift. They sometimes even deny its existence, or deny its immortality and greatness, and do not bother to make it live. Harming one's soul using the intelligence, is a real ingratitude. And yet it is so for very many of my children, who, having grown up in the faith, despise it and go in search of error, of immorality, of mire, of sin.

It is already a very serious thing to harm one's self, since there is in between life or eternal damnation.

But when evil aims at harming other souls, many souls, then it becomes diabolic. If it could be said of Judas: *"Better for him that he had not been born"*, the same statement could be said for those who, giving scandal, ruin souls created in the image of God and destined for Paradise.

But, in addition to intelligence, man has a will. God wants the happiness of his children, and this his will can be carried out by obeying his Law.

Everything in the world is harmony: the stars, the vegetation, the minerals and the animals themselves, following pre-established laws, they merely express the perfection of God. Man, however, who is granted with intelligence, freedom of choice, rebels against God and wants to be self-sufficient. He wants anarchy, he does not want to obey the Law of God, because he believes it a humiliation and a debasement to obey. So happiness is lacking, since by insubordination comes disorder, and

from this all those evils that you know well and that bring pain and unhappiness.

Thus, children, the world becomes like a chaos, where the divisions generate war with all its consequences. Note that I do not mean to talk to you only about the civil or national wars, but also of the family ones, which affect you more closely and make you suffer.

All this, because that beautiful gift of God, which is intelligence, is disfigured, God's will is not respected, and the memory, which should remind men of God's benefits, the graces received continuously, only serves to reawaken malice to make it more swift to sin.

My lesson today is to be a help for all to retrace your steps. Life is a great gift of God, which must be lived in harmony with Him. Try to reflect if your soul has in your life the first place! Try to consider if the intelligence, the will and the memory, are at the service of God, so that they can provide to you the eternal goods. Consider whether these gifts of God you would put them in the service of the Church and of all the brethren. I will personally help you to embellish you and to grow in holiness.

Children, I bless you all!

To all the nuns present, my embrace. Daughters, you will understand in Paradise the great merit of giving up everything for the love of God. I give you joy; I give you grace and spirit of sacrifice.

To those who live in the hospital, my thank to you. See Jesus in every patient, and see me with you in the aisles.

I embrace you all and I say to you: be faithful, bring harmony and peace everywhere. Goodbye! See you again!

With faith you must draw close to the Lord Jesus

5th July 1977

Beloved children, peace be to you! See, you are gathered here in fervent prayer. You come from near and far. You all have some pain in the heart, some advice to ask, some person to commend, some wound to be healed. All of you need faith, so your desires can be fulfilled your hopes come true.

I remind you of a Gospel event, that you may draw some lessons. One day, a man brought his son to Jesus to be healed. He said: *"He throws himself now into the water, now into the fire; your disciples were not able to heal him."*

That is what happens many times in the world. There are many who throw themselves now into the fire, now into the water. Who does not know young, married, religious and lay people, as if affected by the fever of the passions, throw themselves into the fire? It seems that

only the senses exist, and that the whole life should hinge on physical and materials facts.

The fire of the passions is terrible and diabolic and makes a massacre everywhere, bringing the destruction that a fire may bring to a building, to a family, to a forest, to a cultivated area. The fire of the passions is sparked by the demon of lust, and finds its implementation and its incentive in immoral fashions, in pornography, in films, and in all that propaganda that legitimizes indecent acts against the sixth and ninth Commandment.

So men throw themselves in without fear of burning their souls, up to be unable to understand the grave dangers they face.

Moreover, there are also those who throw themselves into the water. I am not speaking of polluted water where fish are dying; I speak of the seaside, where many children throw themselves into not so much to find physical health, but other dangers to their soul. It is on the beaches where, burned by the sun and the passions, many times my children go in search, in the hours of leisure, of many dangers. After the holidays, many turn away from families or studies, and lose the love to work. They jump into the fire and into the water as the demoniac presented to Jesus.

When the Lord heard that the disciples were unable to free him, He railed against them, calling them men of little faith and regretting being in their midst.

Children, you live in the Church and are witnesses of the great confusion that exists, with so much harm to souls. You must, like that father, draw close with faith and confidence in the Lord Jesus, asking Him to perform again the same miracles worked then. You have to have faith and persist, because Jesus has said to you: *"If you have faith as much as a mustard seed, you will be able to move mountains."*

Mothers and fathers, who weep for your children, do not forget that everything can be restored in the best order, but prayer is needed, made with a sincere and firm faith. Never doubt of obtaining, but do not be of those who let everything go, since the devil only needs your quietness in order to be able to act.

Children who find yourselves as gagged, and do not know how to pray because you lack the strength, and which you neglect out of inertia or indifference to those religious practices that would be indispensable to you, react! You are in the water, and the devil plays bad tricks on you. In fact, at first, he takes away the love of God, then he takes away the will to work, moreover, in reward he sends the crises with which he stirs up against everything and everyone. The cunning of the devil is without measure. He acts with intelligence and according to established plans.

Even the beloved children many times are like dominated by these forces. They are therefore incapable of helping those who turn to them to have peace,

tranquillity and help to lead a life consistent with their faith, a holy life. Also for them you must pray. You must increase in all the faith, so as to compel Jesus to intervene in human affairs for the happiness of all and so that order may be restored.

There are sons, fathers and mothers, priests and religious, who love the quiet life, while in the world one burns and drowns. It is necessary to shake one's self, so that the Lord has to enjoy being with you.

In the city of Nazareth, where was our home and where our relatives lived, Jesus performed few miracles because faith was lacking. Jesus was able to say: "*No one is a prophet in his homeland.*" But you must believe! When you come to this place, you have to feel our presence, and your prayer must be a cry invoking liberation for all those who need it.

Children, I bless you all with so much love. Offer me the warmth of this environment to comfort, in addition to the souls in purgatory, those burned by the passions. May the joy that I desire to give to each one, be for you an incentive to do more and more and better and better that good that God desires from you.

Children, be prudent and fervent. Live a life of grace in order to be able to be strong in the dangers.

See you again!

My dearly beloved Son

6th July 1977

My children, I see your uprightness and your good intentions; I cannot, therefore, not deny you my reassuring word!

I am the Virgin of Light, I am the Mother of the Church, and the desire to illuminate and guide all the faithful is part of my great mission. But how would I be able to expound my mission, if there were not that infallible guide who represents Jesus on earth? There are those who call him a traitor. Well then, know that I am with him incessantly. I watch and approve his work, I give effect to his word, I give light to his mind, and I bless his good and paternal heart.

He is my dearly beloved Son, in whom I place my pleasure. There is in him only a lively desire to help all and a generosity without measure in forgetting everything that brings him pain. He is a good son, whom age and grave responsibility, of which he feels the weight, has not incapacitated or slowed down. He is present with prayer, with sacrifice, with the mind and heart, where he can do some good and call back to unity and solidarity.

He is a good father who wants to meet his children, dialogue with them, and accept their viewpoints when they are not in contradiction with those of the faith and morals.

He is a young Pope despite his age, as the Church is always young, who walks with the new generations, he wants to help everyone to hope, to be optimists and to be reinvigorated in the Christian life. He is the Pope of trust, who does not extinguish the dimly burning wick and does not break the bruised reed, because he wants everyone in the Catholic Church to have life and salvation.

His faith is unshakable. His charity emulates that of St. Paul, and really can say that "*the love of Christ urges him.*" It urges him to undertake agreements and meetings, in order to bring together and give to all that fire of love that burns in his heart. The hope of salvation makes him a true missionary, and lets him approach also physically the most distant peoples.

He considers himself the servant of servants and, with humility and love, goes in search of the will of God, which he wants to achieve on all levels and in different continents. His human limitations, which are those common to all men, are elevated, completed, and made useful from that divine assistance that is incomparable with the assistance that other children of God and the Church can have on earth.

To love him, to obey him, to respect him, is what is commanded and desired by God. Whoever in fact, says he loves God, but refuses to serve Him and be the devoted son of the Pope, states a heresy, since, if it has been said: "*Whoever despises you despises me*" for all

priests, with more reason it must be said for the successor of Peter.

There are some, also belonging to the Catholic Church, who, rejecting the conciliar provisions of the Church, feel authorized to make a church in the Church. They are wrong, since, if it is necessary the unity desired by Jesus in his mortal life, any division does not bring benefit and is not from God.

Children, it is necessary to distinguish in the Church that which forms the substance from what is its boundary, which, being human work, can undergo metamorphosis that can vary according to place and time. She is always young the Church, and she is mother! That's why, walking with the times, she can remove and introduce new rules and new systems.

If you want to have security in your belief, compare your faith with the "Creed"! Do not base yourselves on the revelations made by possessed persons, since, although they are sometimes victim souls, do not cease to be manipulated by him who is the father of lies.

Trust Paul VI, who is neither a liar nor a traitor, and trust his work! Do not judge, lest you be judged! Even the people that surround the Pope and who many times are judged so severely, they are entitled to have your collaboration and your prayer. How much better it would be not to spread slander and rumours!

Even in respect of the messages, which many people presume to receive and to give, be prudent! Remember that charity is a command of God. Do you think it possible that God and his saints go to speak ill of the neighbour or slander him?

Children, your mission is great, because the influence you have on many people, even by means of radio, puts you in the position to convince many on certain truths. Learn to use your ability, and make a commitment to defend the truth.

I bless you with great blessings.

Goodbye!

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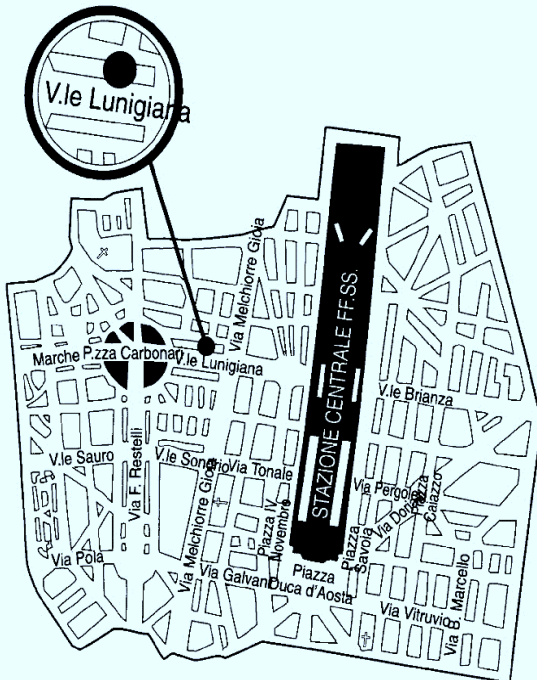


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In 1968, in the city of Milan, a widow with a large family, who had given her whole life to works of Mercy in her city, was praying one evening when she heard a voice that said: *“You will be another witness to my Divine Mercy. I will bless you and 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.”*

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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 who wish to seek and find God.

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