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Mother and  
Teacher

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## THE IMAGE OF THE MERCIFUL JESUS

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

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

*Milan, 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> May 1972*



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

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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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# You must be holy

28<sup>th</sup> October 1977

Children, how good it is for us to be here! Many souls come eager for light, peace, and strength, and obtain them. It is like a source of light this word that you receive, and gives peace to souls and that spiritual energy that helps to carry the cross.

But why do I recall to you what you receive? Because I want to remind you once again how you must correspond to these gifts. The Lord has called you because He wants you to be holy. He wants you ally holy, which is like saying perfect, whatever the job that He has given you, the profession you practice.

I want to clarify for you a very widespread idea. Holiness is confused with impeccability. No, children, you must distinguish! That weakness that often leads you to make mistakes; those defects of character against which you fight and which always emerge in your life, so as to force others to think ill of you; those continuous ups and downs that make you suffer because they give you the idea of your limits and your inconstancy do not exclude holiness, provided that there is no habitual evil.

If all that is defective makes you suffer, not because you would like to be someone, but because with your pettiness you do not exercise the love of God and of neighbour, holiness is not lacking. It is necessary that

peace be not made with the defects and that, recognizing one's own weakness, one continually resorts to God.

Know that no one, as long as he lives on earth, can ever be sure of himself and be confirmed in grace. If this were the case, not only would the incentive to improve be lacking, but also the increase in grace and merit would mark a full stop.

You must sanctify yourselves, because this is the will of the Father who is in the heavens. You must be holy because you are followers of Jesus Christ, Son of God, and because the Holy Spirit, who gives life to souls, has the task of bringing them, not only to salvation, but to holiness. How should you sanctify yourselves? According to the degree of holiness established by God for each one; however, since this is a secret reserved for God, everyone must make sure to grow as much as possible, entrusting his will to God in collaboration and adherence to his.

Holiness is love; therefore it does not concern a special category of people. You will see in Heaven so many things that you saw on earth with completely different eyes. The one who loves more, makes greater efforts to flee sin and does those works that can please God. There is no law that keeps love in check. God blesses the feet of those who go walking to do apostolic works; but the works of the apostolate, on the wings of love, reach the extreme limits of the earth.

Do you believe that, before God, it is more meritorious to go to distant countries, rather than tend to

the duties of a good housewife? And yet, I can tell you that a woman who fulfils her duties in humility and with great love can merit as much as a missionary and can reach the highest peaks of holiness.

This can be the case for any art or trade, for any profession of great or medium importance. If you live your life with love, you are holy. It does not matter if people don't know you and ignore your feelings. Nothing is hidden from God, and your life is in his hands like the precious pearl that He has bought and keeps.

There are many young people who yearn for family life and dream of the peace of a home, a heart in which to find affection and support. It is good, but the dominant thought should be holiness for all. This is why in friendships, especially those that must mature in marriage, it is necessary to look for the same thoughts of faith, the same principles of morality. A holy family could not be built without laying common foundations.

Thus, if a family already established does not stand on thoughts of faith and on the common aspiration to high ideals of holiness, the enthusiasm that makes sacrifice easy and the cross light, the cohabitation amiable and the tolerance of the different characters possible will be lacking.

Children, the aspiration to holiness is the lever that should transform the world and lead souls into the desire of the heavenly Fatherland. Each in his field, all towards the same goal under a single flag. Here is Christianity on the march, and the leader is Him, the one who is Holiness

personified. If then you want me to accompany you, here I am, I am holy Mary, your Mother.

Goodbye, children, and good night!

## **Remember the departed**

29<sup>th</sup> October 1977 (in Legnano)

Beloved children, how I enjoy finding myself in this place to pray with you!

I am the Mother of good counsel, and what is that mother who does not wish to counsel her children? And, if the children are so humble and good that they do not want to move a finger without hearing the opinion of the mother, how much joy they bring her!

Well then, I wish to counsel you in all the circumstances of your lives. The gift of counsel comes from the Holy Spirit, who, being my sweet Spouse, made me the depository of it. My counsels are always according to the heart of God, so those who follow them are certain not to make mistakes. I bring you to the good, making you know the desires of God, which coincide with mine and which are aimed at giving everyone that happiness for which man was created.

Today my counsel bears a particular imprint. You all know that the souls, when they leave this world, are sent for a perfect purification in purgatory, where, in a fire that has nothing like what you are used to seeing, are preparing to meet God. It is a fire of love and desire of

God that burns those souls, that you, as long as you live on earth, can neither evaluate nor understand.

The suffering souls who, freed from the body, appreciate the gift of faith and grace, and desire to enter into glory, feel as though they are rejected because even the smallest imperfections make them unworthy of that vision. You cannot understand this suffering, but you must know that in all times the Church has solicited suffrages, both as an act of charity towards the suffering souls, and also to realize the living desire of God to introduce them into Paradise; what He cannot do without souls having reached, through suffering made of love, perfection.

Know therefore, dear children, that what you do for the suffering souls you do it to God. This charity is also the measure of your faith.

Currently the tombs of the dead are honoured by many, not because they wait for the day of the resurrection, but in a completely pagan way, and it is thought that there is nothing beyond the tomb. Your faith in the resurrection of the flesh, which is dogma, must be renewed so that you can have comfort in your detachments, but also so that everyone's life may take on a true value, a spiritual sense.

Remembering the dead and dedicating to them your prayers, sacrifices and good works, is an act of gratitude to those who have passed, who perhaps have left a legacy and who in earthly life have not received that affection that would have been a right to receive.

But my counsel is even more realistic! There is an equal law for all, and the Lord, being infinite justice, realizes this law. What you do today for others, others will do for you at your departure from the earth. There is no doubt that it is in your interest to offer prayers for the souls of the departed.

I am not going to tell you who these souls are, because your heart will suggest the names to you, but I would like to remind you of your priests, confessors, who, perhaps because of excessive goodness, have let your faults go by not reproaching you and not encouraging you to do quicker steps in the way of good.

Remember that a person, the more responsibility he has for gifts received or for positions occupied, the more difficult it is for him to leave purgatory so soon. It is painful, but there are souls of whom nobody thinks about, perhaps because one is in the certainty of a heroic holiness. Thus they remain for a very long time to pay for what perhaps was created around them in life, that aura of sanctity that they did not possess.

Remember that the power of the prayer of suffering souls is great, even if they cannot pray for themselves, but they moan and beg for those they have left in the world. They do it with much more love, and their prayer comes with greater readiness when it is addressed to those who pray for them. Be generous, children! Think only about helping everyone, even giving up your personal interests.

The graces that you desire, entrust them in this coming month to the souls of your departed! It will be they to ask for them, through that relief that comes to them as a refreshment with your prayer. In this world there is little gratitude for the good that is received. In the other life everything is seen in the light of God, infinite Love; therefore, even the duty to render good for good is performed to perfection.

Children, when you want my counsels, ask me! I will give light to your mind.

I bless you all. To each and every one my embrace. Goodbye, children!

## **"Zacchaeus, I want to come to your house"**

30<sup>th</sup> October 1977

Beloved children, may the peace and grace of God always be in you! See, I am here to give strength to your prayer, and because, by the help you receive from it, you may have the strength in practicing your faith, taking no account of the judgment of men. It is appropriate for me to mention the evangelical fact.

It is Zacchaeus, this time, him who collected taxes, who presents himself as a model. He desires to see Jesus, but, being small in stature and unable to break into the crowd, runs ahead and climbs a sycamore tree. It is there that, hidden in the branches, Jesus sees him and says to him: *"Zacchaeus, come down, I want to come to your*

*house!"* You can imagine with how much joy and also with what emotion Zacchaeus descends and is happy to lead Jesus to his home!

I make a little reflection with you. That son certainly had a great grace, a particular call, but he deserved it in due measure. Does it not seem to you that, climbing on the tree, he, who was considered an important person, exposed himself to the criticisms and laughter of the people, above all of the rascals whom he had copied? His desire, helped and strengthened by faith, made him capable of overcoming himself and not caring about the judgment of men.

Now I help you make another reflection. When the desire to meet the Lord enters the good, one thinks one must go to the top. Many times one thinks of the extraordinary and, if God does not make a gift of it, one tries to get it. But the Lord, to his friends, to those he calls to his followers, except in some cases, asks only to descend into the practice of humility to communicate with him. Love, children, this simplicity of life that, while making you enjoy the extraordinary that some enjoy, keeps you on an ordinary level. Your responsibility is less and your spiritual life easier.

But back to Zacchaeus. Jesus and he enter the house, and the people murmur. "He went to stay with a sinner!" Jesus is silent, but already the heart of Zacchaeus, regurgitating with joy, expresses himself in words: "*Teacher*", he says, "*if I have caused damage to someone; I want to give him back four times as much*".



You see, children, how people are always ready to criticize, when you do good and when you do evil. It will not be so easy to prevent criticism and murmuring, but I tell you that you must be generous and strong in your intentions, without letting yourself be intimidated. *"Today salvation has entered this house,"* says Jesus. And why? Because, recognizing his own faults and making serious conversion intentions, the Lord manifests himself, gives his grace, and takes place those transformations that only God can work.

Now I appeal to all of you who, having already responded to my invitation, have come to this place. Have you come to seek health and salvation? It will be given to you, but I demand that your will be turned towards the good, that you abandon the life of sin and that, decidedly, you try to love the Lord.

My Jesus desires to forget all that was bad about you, but He wants for you, having come down from the tree of pride, talk to him and make holy intentions. I am looking at you and to see if, from these encounters with Heaven, those conversions are born that must save the world.

Be generous, children, and if you think your life is already good, do not just say, *"I don't do anything bad."* You will have to say: *"I want to do a lot of good"*. Whoever has spent the years in lukewarmness, in levity and in guilt, will have to act and double and quadruple the good. And whoever has always been faithful,

because the Lord has sown his existence with graces, will have to say: "More and more and better and better".

Holiness is an invitation to walk to reach the heights. Let not the past disturb you, let not human judgments hinder you, and may the devil, overcome by prayer, feel like he is annihilated before the wisdom of your intentions.

I bless you one by one. Goodbye, children!

I love you.

## **The Beatitudes**

1<sup>st</sup> November 1977

My children, how great is the feast we are celebrating today! It is truly a universal festival, in which heaven and earth participate.

I am holy Mary, and I want to introduce myself to speaking to you, telling you: be holy! Holiness, of which God is the author and which you want to praise and bless today, is a halo to which all Christians must aspire. Millions and millions of souls have already walked your own way and achieved glory.

You are pilgrims on earth, but the homeland awaits you. You must not delay; you must not waste your strength in unnecessary worries. You are under the guidance of Him who has already led countless hosts to salvation. He made the wedding garment of those who

were invited to his wedding feast white, through grace. He has torn men from the claws of Satan, and bought them back with his blood. You have only to follow him, practicing that Law which does not bring sadness, but makes you blessed.

The world is contrary to this Law, but you know that Jesus does not lie and that the truth, which He communicates to you, makes you free.

In fact, Jesus tells you: "*Blessed are the poor*"; the world tells you: blessed are those who possess riches. But notice what happens: wealth becomes a stumbling block, whereby it is difficult to ascend, and anyone who attaches his heart to riches will not be able to enter the kingdom of the heavens. Jesus says: "*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God*"; the world says: blessed are those who enjoy themselves, who in pleasure indulge their instincts. But observe what happens: vice spoils, and removes from the soul all those feelings that make life high and worthy of being lived in collaboration with God the creator.

Jesus says: "*Blessed are those who weep*"; the world says: blessed are those who laugh. But when sorrow comes and it is not possible to laugh, despair enters, and those who have only learned to laugh, resort to suicide.

Jesus says: "*Blessed are the peaceful*"; the world says: blessed are the bullies, who will be violent if necessary; and who will not possess and will not want peace, but who will sow disorder and war.

Jesus says: "*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, because they will be satisfied*"; the world says: we do justice with the law of the strongest; therefore there will be rebellion and disorder everywhere.

Jesus says: "*Blessed are those who will be persecuted for my name, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens, for so they have persecuted the prophets and the just*"; the world says: we do not care about the kingdom of the heavens; we want to be well off here; we want to persecute rather than be persecuted; we want to fight others, rather than be fought.

Thus you have seen, children, what irreconcilable contrasts exist between the Law of God and that of the world, of which Satan is the prince.

What should you do? You will have to examine your life and remember that you cannot keep your foot in two shoes. I have so much desire to see you all saints, but there is only one way. I have so much desire to know you happy, but you will find beatitude only in translating the words of Jesus into practice.

Do not be afraid. There is a superhuman strength for every Christian: the strength that comes from grace, which is God himself who lives in those who do not want to sin. With this divine presence in you, what can you fear? What better could you want? You must not fear neither poverty, nor loneliness, nor sickness, nor persecution, nor death, because in all these things you will be able to find perfect joy.

Marvellous examples were given to you in the lives of many saints who populate paradise, who lived in tribulation and privation, and were happy inwardly, to the maximum degree of happiness allowed for human life.

Children, to the saints who, already immersed in the perfect love of God, enjoy infinite happiness, try to combine, to help them, those who groan in purgatory. They are souls bought back by the blood of Jesus, who are already destined for glory and are sure to reach it. Let it not be, this solemnity, useless for them whom you call holy souls. As you wait for help from Heaven, so they wait for it from you; and for the sake of brotherhood, gratitude and even interest, you must help them. Never forget it.

When there is a big party in a family, it is desired that no one be excluded and that everyone can have its benefits, even if everyone has to contribute. This immense family of the people of God, which is the militant, suffering and triumphant Church, is called to honour the holiness of God and to glorify it in its saints, while to those who, as pilgrims, are on their way to Heaven, must come a strong stimulus to the conquest of holiness in the perfect observance of the Law.

My children, when one day, the souls of the elect, having re-joined their body, we will be able to come together in Paradise, you will no longer have any regrets and you will bless the Lord who, through and by means of suffering, will have led you, as if by the hand, to the

Promise Land, the heavenly Jerusalem. Be a thousand times blessed, if you would want to hear my words.

Bring my blessing to your families and may it reach the extreme limits of the earth. Goodbye, children. The souls of the deceased whom you commended to me, have been helped.

### **Three recommendations**

4<sup>th</sup> November 1977

Children so dear to my heart, be blessed! See, you are here with your heavenly Mother, who wants to give you the good night before you go to rest, just as good mothers do with their loving children, and, while I wish you every good and I bless you, so that the wishes become a reality, I say a good word to you, I give some advice to you.

I want to see you always serene; I want trust never to fail in you, and I want you indefatigable in doing good. Here is my suggestion. And I also give you some advice, so that serenity may be like the consequence of something that comes from within.

I tell you therefore: be humble if you want to be serene! The great saint of the Ambrosian diocese, which today the Church honours, St. Charles, had placed as his particular emblem the word "Humilitas", which means humility, and to the practice of humility he devoted all his strength.

Thus you could see him go in search of the poor and help them in every way, to the point of depriving himself not only of the superfluous, but also of the necessary in order to meet their needs, up to really putting himself with the people and become like any other believer, just to make understand, in practice, the Gospel of Jesus. Humility made him joyful, even when the most serious slanders struck him even from the brethren and prelates.

Humility is truly a source of joy and, if you were to listen to me and profit from these teachings, you will be persuaded of the beauty of this virtue, which will make you indifferent to the different situations of life, however regrettable, to make you taste the joy of being in the arms of God, because you are really little.

The second recommendation is to be confident. Children, if you believe in God, your trust cannot fail. It is not just any person you are entrusted to, who could betray you, forget you, or not benefit you, if you are in need! He is a God who, having all the virtues to the infinite degree, cannot fail either in his commitments or in his promises.

God is first of all love, and this love that is identified with Him cannot fail. If the children are good, they are loved, and, if they are ungrateful and bad, they are not abandoned by Him to themselves, but they are, so to speak, chased by Him that they may return to his heart.

God wants only the good of his creatures and their happiness. Whoever discovers this truth, finds peace, and nothing can disturb his life. When you know you are

in good hands, nothing is scary. So you must be. Do not fear, do not worry! Not even death must frighten you! It is only necessary to seek in every moment of the day the holy will of God, which is identified with one's duty, in order to maintain a serenity and a confidence that do not undergo changes.

The third virtue that I recommend to you is tirelessness. If you think of eternity, in which you will only have to rest in God, and to the few years you are spending, in which you must produce good fruits, you certainly find it right that one should not waste even a moment of time.

Still St. Charles is proposed to you as a model. You can truly call him indefatigable, both because of the apostolate performed in the admirable works that he made to mature in the diocese: as for the countless visits he made, certainly not with the modern means of transport, in every even very little town, where he believed the father's visit could do good.

But one work, to which he gave particular impetus, was the religious teaching proposed in churches and oratories. He wanted his children to be educated, so that they could fight the heresies that were ever more numerous, especially in northern Italy. This is still your task and, while I entrust St. Charles with a task of protecting your mission, I applaud those who carry it out, because many heresies and false religions still threaten to destroy the truth and to pollute the healthy waters that quench the thirst of the children of God.



Now I really repeat to you: good night, and I send you my angels because, in rewarding you for the sacrifice you have made for love of me, they may keep you in sleep and make it quiet. To those who bear the name of Charles, I give a special grace that helps them to imitate their patron saint.

Goodbye, children, I help you and bless you again.

## **To a group of pilgrims**

5<sup>th</sup> November 1977

My children, what a great gift you give me when you come to visit me!

You come from afar, you come in pilgrimage, and I return the visit, accompanying you on the pilgrimage of life, which has Paradise as its point of arrival. And as you take some precautions for your body when you travel, so I give you those spiritual gifts that you need to keep your soul alive by the grace of God, strong by faith, and always animated by charity.

The hope of reaching the goal must always be alive in you, because, if you let yourselves be overcome by distrust, doubt, and fear, you will come to lack the courage to persevere in good.

Children, learn to keep faith with the intentions you will make in this place before leaving, and know that it is my desire for many dwellings to be transformed into places of prayer, so that, if any of you will want to

commit to gather around my effigy people who have the desire to pray, I will be very pleased. I will be among you and give light to your mind.

Children, this is the place of my encounters, sanctified by the presence of my Jesus and mine, and whenever you come it will be our joy to hear you. However, I want your prayer to become truly universal, so that it may be more acceptable to God. At this moment, the souls of your loved ones, in purgatory, have been refreshed, and your dear ones, already in glory, praise God for you, thanking him for the good that you do.

I bless you and I promise you special graces.

## **To the young people**

6<sup>th</sup> November 1977

My children, today's solemnity is a call and a commitment for all Christians, and for you in particular, to bring Christ Jesus back into the family, in society and in souls. Unfortunately, the cry of the Hebrews before the "Ecce Homo" is repeated a little everywhere: *"We do not want him to reign over us and over our children"*, and the de-Christianization of believing humanity is increasingly growing.

You must act in depth to rebuild. It is therefore necessary, first of all, to establish the abode of the King in your soul. Giving Jesus the sceptre of the command of

your lives means being faithful subjects, making unity with him and making his desires yours.

You know the greatness of his love, since He has spoken to you about it insistently, but above all because He showed it to you by stretching out his arms on the cross. Wanting to establish him as King, must not be a burden for you, as it cannot be a burden being subjected to a person who loves you very much and to whom you want to give the best of yourselves.

I help you to make this gift and to make your heart the throne of the Son of God. Let him do it, and do not make his action difficult with those complications that the human with its limitations can bring. Entrust yourselves to your King with full confidence! He knows how to do everything well.

Your example will already be constructive also for others, but do not let pass an opportunity to let the family know the desires of God. That "your kingdom come" that you repeat every day, it must be an invitation to a more fervent and solicitous work in favour of the brethren. Do not let yourselves be overcome by human respect and don't be afraid of arousing contradictions. If you use charity, you will be understood.

You have been told that the harvest is great, and the workers are few, but you are called to work as workers in the kingdom. Everything serves: a smile, a word, a favour, a prayer, a sacrifice. The serenity that you will bring into your lives will be a very important lever that will give strength to your action.

The kingdom of Jesus concerns souls, but these cannot be separated by bodies, and souls are reached through that goodness which is the application of the Gospel in daily life. Call everyone to be part of the kingdom like this: with that goodness that I in this moment pour into your heart.

There will come a day when you will hear yourselves told: "This day itself you will be in my kingdom!" There will be the triumph of the kingship of Jesus, and the souls with Him will have perfect happiness; but as of now, those who know how to welcome Jesus into their hearts welcome with Him that divine sweetness which is happiness and grace. Children, be the heralds of the divine King, and always be at the forefront, faithful and strong. I am your Leader and, defending you from the dangers, I give you trust and hope.

I bless you all. Goodbye, children. Long live Christ the King!

## **The Lord gives continuously new means to be saved**

8<sup>th</sup> November 1977

Children so dear to me, peace be with you! See, it is always dear to my heart to entertain you. Dialogue, or listening to the counsels of the celestial Mother, is always a gift, and it is also worthwhile to face sacrifices in order to receive it.

Today I want to warn you of the danger you could run in listening, that is, of not trying to take in my thoughts and my desires, and therefore to let them escape, without getting any benefit from them.

My every word is like the echo of that of Jesus. And how could I teach you differently from what my divine Son teaches you? It, therefore, deserves all your attention. However, since it is difficult for you to remember everything, you must fix your thoughts on one point, and you must make it your own until you are able to make it understood also to others. In fact, I have told you many times that you have to become teachers at my school.

Always maintaining that humility of spirit and of ways that make you dear to God, and always in obedience to the Church, comparing the teachings you receive with those that are given to you in your churches as the Word of God, you will have the joy of better understanding and to truly know you in the truth.

I have so much desire that everyone knows how great the Lord is, who, using inept and incapable instruments, can and wants to communicate and let everyone enjoy how good He is and how it is his delight to live with the children of men.

Does it not seem to you that, after having sacrificed his life and given all his blood, after having taught how his followers must live, and after having given his Doctrine and the means to sanctify oneself, He could also leave to the free will of men to make use of

everything? Instead, his action is uninterruptedly directed towards men, to whom He continually gives new means to save be saved. He gives new means of sanctity, the Lord gives continual reminders to good, even through me, so that all his children can find in the faith that serenity and joy of life that makes the cross less heavy.

These communications with Heaven are also one of these means. I address to you my simple word made of tenderness, but I also do not fail to point out your mistakes, which you can remove with my help. I praise you at the right time, to encourage you to walk in the way of good, and I reproach you for those defects that are the consequence of ill will. In these meetings, in which charity must flourish and with it, holiness, I have the most important part, but which cannot be exempt from your collaboration.

Do not fear what is said to you, I have told you before! They can call you deluded or fanatical, but the truth is only one, and it is this: the devil is very displeased for the return to the genuine faith and the state of grace! He therefore makes use of everything and everyone to hinder and demolish this good that brings profit to souls.

When you are or you will be slandered, or when, lying, bad things will be said about yourself because of the name of Jesus and mine, behave like this: if you are harmed personally by gossip or slander, thank the Lord and pay no attention to it.

Pray for those who harm you and move on, that is, continue to do all that good that the Lord inspires you. However, if the slander offends or demolishes my work, that is, the mission that I have entrusted to some of my instruments, you have the obligation to defend yourself and to tell the truth. Do not argue, because those who want to find evil, would also find it in the "sancta sanctorum", but with simplicity and humility expose the truth. The Spirit of the Lord will be in your mind, in your heart and on your lips, to make you say and act in accordance with his desires.

Now a thought that may give you so much peace and help you spread it. Know that many, while doing evil, act in good faith, and the Lord allows their mistakes for the purification of those who suffer the consequences. Always think so, as to avoid the risk of making bad judgments. Woe if it were otherwise! Woe, that is, if those who obstruct the good with gossip and slander do so on purpose. The Lord will be very strict with them who, by ruining the works of God, prevent the realization of his plans of love.

Then when evil is done by qualified people, who pass for the Lord's elect, it becomes a scandal. The word of Jesus is well suited to them: *"Woe to those who give scandal; it would be better to put a millstone around one's neck and jump into the sea, rather than give scandal!"*

One needs to understand the value of souls, the merit of the spiritual life and grace, the admirable gift of

holiness, to know how harmful it is and against God's will to hinder good.

Children, I bless you all. To those who came for the first time, I recommend returning. Those graces you ask, which are for the good of your souls and your loved ones, you will receive them!

Goodbye, children. Peace be with you!

## **Worshipping God in spirit and truth**

9<sup>th</sup> November 1977 (in Muggiò)

My children, peace be to you and grace and all good! Behold, I am in your midst truly, as my Jesus is present, and I want to give your souls so much light and so much strength, so that you may be constant in goodness and because, ever more loving the Lord, you might feel his presence everywhere. and to love to communicate with Him through prayer.

I am your Mother, I am the Queen of the universe, and I like to present the world to you as the temple of God, in which there is no space where He is not. It is a marvellous temple which has heaven as its vault, and with all created things it praises the greatness of the Creator.

But in this temple, in which the sun, the stars, the flowers, the birds, could already eloquently express a language of love, there are men, who oversee and overcome all natural beauty because they are endowed



with intelligence and will, with which they should praise and love God.

But there are other temples in the world, which rise to the heavens as a testimony of faith. Those who built them wanted to give the Lord a home so that souls could meet with Him in amiable conversation. However, as unfortunately in the temple of the world men do not think of praising and loving God, so in churches, built for the glory of God, faith is lacking and love is lacking, so that many times, those who enter it, are more attracted by the walls and things than by the presence of God. That is why one day Jesus, speaking to the Samaritan woman, could say: *"There will come a day when the Lord will be worshiped in spirit and truth"*.

To this adoration and this truth, I call your mind. You are living temples of God, and that sweet Guest, who has chosen to live with the children of men rather than with the angels of Heaven, wants you to pay him all those tributes and to give him those prayers which, springing from your heart, can only be manifestations of love.

When therefore you meet with Him in a moment of recollection, to raise your thoughts to Someone who is infinitely superior to you, but who has become like you to raise you up to Him, learn how to treat him as the best friend! Learn how to let him know about everything that fills your life, both in joy and in sorrow, both in good and in evil, so that He can direct you, enlighten you and bless you.

Your temple is sacred, and it is destined to perish only temporarily to resume a new vitality and new strength. Your body will rise again, and it will be transparent, spiritualized, beautiful and immortal. Reunited to the soul, it will be glorified in the temple of glory, Paradise, where you will see God face to face and where the mystery of faith and love will become a reality.

If therefore, looking around you, you can be attracted by the beauties of nature, let come out of your lips a hymn of thanksgiving to God, who has created everything for the joy of your eyes and for the relief and comfort of your bodies.

If, on entering a church, be it miserable as a hut or large and luxurious as a cathedral, you feel your heart beat more strongly, go near the Tabernacle and thank Jesus, who did not leave you orphans, but who wanted to dwell with you to be your companion and food and continue to live his life with you, not just to be the abandoned prisoner or the one who is treated sacrilegiously.

If, on thinking of yourselves as tabernacles of the divinity, sometimes it seemed to you that you had to perform a particular cleansing, do not hesitate to act on it because, remember ?, when Jesus celebrated his Easter on earth, he wanted the cenacle to be not only clean and in order, but even festively decorated.

My children, I look at this place with particular complacency, and I rejoice because here one desires to worship God in spirit and in truth. The graces rain where

there is sincerity of faith, and a generous and strong love that overcomes obstacles and difficulties.

Those houses of prayer that arise a little everywhere - be they a Nazareth or a Bethany, no matter - they become temples of the living God, where He, the Most High, deigns to communicate with his adopted children. Love these places, and love this community prayer that is like a fountain that transmits grace upon graces.

Now I bless you all one by one. Goodbye, children! Your prayer is very welcome to me.

## **In preparation for Advent**

11<sup>th</sup> November 1977 (in Saronno)

My children, with how much joy I welcome you to the house of the Lord and I remain with you! I am the Mother of Jesus, Son of God, and your Mother, eager to give you light and strength, so that you may continue and persevere in these devoted encounters, and so that from your hearts may start those flames of charity that can transform the world.

You are about to spend the period of Advent, a time of preparation for Holy Christmas, and I desire that this year has a very special imprint.

Advent reminds men of the threefold arrival of Jesus: that of two thousand years ago in the cave of Bethlehem, that which must also be daily in the hearts of men, and the final, the most grandiose, that is, the coming of Jesus

the judge, who will give to all created men that judgment which will be followed by the eternal reward or punishment.

It is therefore not a negligible period of the liturgical year, but a very important one, which must be passed with particular commitment and which must bear abundant fruits of holiness.

The expectation of a child is always a great thing for a mother, but, if you know that he is the Saviour of the world, the wait cannot be deprived of those infinite desires that God himself had for the world to be healed. If you then think that this coming is repeated in the world at the celebration of every Holy Mass, and if you observe the need for a Redeemer who changes minds, warms hearts, and moves the wills so that men are directed to the true good, you immediately understand that preparing for Christmas is extremely important.

A desire for good must therefore fill your souls. Do you want to unite it with the desire that invaded my heart when, still a child, I invoked the coming of the Messiah?

Children, there is someone who says that hell is covered in good desires, and I can tell you that this statement is not far from reality. But I teach you how to value them: let desires become acts of love of God, and that these translate into works of charity.

Your visit to the crib on Christmas day must make you emulators of the shepherds, who, even in their poverty, knew how to bring to my Baby all that was

indispensable at that moment for him. What better gift for the Baby Jesus than to do all one can for the poor, for the sick, for children and for all those people who suffer, in whom He is present by right and by love!

When we wait for a baby, and it is desired, we prepare ourselves for a joyful event. Sad those families where babies are not wanted! They are considered to be intruders, like burdens, who come to make life hateful.

Christmas is sad for those who do not know how to see in that joyous event a fact that has a first-rate world and individual importance. Know that Jesus is at the centre of human history and that everything subsists in Him and through Him. He is the expectation of the nations, but poor are those peoples who do not see, in the rebirth of Jesus the Saviour, the means to bring in their midst that progress and that happiness which men desire and which they continuously aspire to.

Now I remind you of a phrase from the Gospel, so that you may draw out of it the fruit that I desire. Jesus, speaking of the events that are taking place in the last days, says: *"Whoever is on the terrace, let him not go down to take his things in the house."*

I want you to understand the meaning of these words. He who is on the terrace, is on the top, he is above the house. To prepare yourselves for holy Christmas you must rise above poor human things, and they must worry you so little as to not even have to go down to save them.

Children, how much pain those who seem to live only for the human give me! It is also true that the body has its needs, but believe me: if men really sought the kingdom of God and its justice, how would they see their hopes fulfilled! And that one hundred for one that God has promised to those who have faith, how much good it would also bring to bodies! Give it a try! Make sure, during Advent, to detach yourselves a little more from all that forms your material concerns. Detach yourselves a little more from your things, to which it seems you have attached your heart, in order to be able to benefit those in need.

I assure you that, if you remain on the terrace, that is, if your thoughts are turned towards Heaven, you will receive a superabundant help for all your needs.

And now a last thought. The definitive Advent will be that which will bring Jesus, the triumphant one, with the cross in his hand among men.

Jesus said that he will come to separate the sheep from the goats. Children, I will want to see you all as sheep. What does it matter that they mock you, that they call you fanatics, deluded, good for nothing! The sheep is a symbol of meekness and candour. My Jesus was called "*the sheep led to the slaughter.*" May your humility, your goodness, and charity above all be so strong as to distinguish you from the goats. But who will the goats be? Those who, with their pride, think they are superior to God and adapt God to their mentality.

Children, after an Advent spent holily, let enter into your heart the joy of being children of God and brothers of Jesus Christ. And I welcome you as mine now, for He is the firstborn son. Now I bless you all one by one.

I bless my ministers who are doing their utmost for these prayer groups, which no obstacle can stop, since they are wanted by God.

I am with you and I always help you. Goodbye, children, and have a good Advent!

## **Ask for true wisdom every day**

11<sup>th</sup> November 1977

My children, be blessed! Truly, I cannot let you leave without giving you that spiritual food which you need, and for which you have accepted and offered your sacrifice.

The feast of St. Martin, a great servant of God and of his brothers, gives me an opportunity. And what does my spiritual food want to be? An encouragement to serve, with ever renewed fervour, that God from whom you have had life and who continually preserves it. To serve God is to reign, because He is the Lord of the world. Look at this service as a high honour granted to you by Him, and make sure that every act of yours deserves its praise and its reward.

I would like to invite you to think of God also in your innumerable actions and human concerns, for he is no

stranger to anything and is available to lend you those aids that are indispensable to you. If the thought of God is habitual to you, you will know how to rise from creatures to the Creator, and you will discover the signs of his goodness in everything.

Saint Martin, who is usually remembered as the one who divided his mantle with the poor, provoked from God a gesture of goodness and mercy, which all men enjoy even today. You call it the summer of Saint Martin, the almost sudden return of the sun which gives, with its dazzling light and its warmth, a new joy, which precedes the sadness of winter. In reality, it was a reward for him and an encouragement for all to benefit men, looking at the great benefactor of humanity, Christ the Lord.

Thus, children, while I help you to rise from the things of the earth to those of Heaven, I ask you to ask for true wisdom every day, to recognize human folly and despise them and to appreciate divine things, raising yourselves to them, which are true values.

Children, every day is a gift of God that presents a double aspect for you: of pain and joy, of sin and grace. Learn how to treasure pains and turn them into joys; learn how to despise and combat what tastes of sin in order to fill yourselves with grace. Grace is God himself who wants to dwell in you to give your life that ray of light that illuminates. Grace, immersing yourself in the heart of God, allows you to bring that light to men, that splendour of Heaven that has nothing to envy to the



warm sun that comes every year to reward the goodness of Saint Martin.

I bless you, children. Be generous and good! Pray for your spiritual mother, so that her human side, her limits, may be strengthened and completed by my loving and motherly action. Goodbye, children. I know you would like private messages, but the Mother, who speaks to all the children, is always eager to make herself understood and loved by everyone. I then secretly speak to everyone's heart.

Good night, children. You are on my heart! Pray for those who do not want to love me and hate me.

## **Fill yourselves with divine vitality**

12<sup>th</sup> November 1977

My children, thank you for coming to ask me for advice on your behaviour!

I am Mother and Teacher. You can trust me by that love that I harbour for you and by that wisdom that was freely infused into me, whereby with it I can call myself Mother. I give you clear directives, to which I desire you abide by for the glory of God and for your tranquillity. Do not give too much importance to what is said, instead, be consistent and take your example anywhere.

Society is sick, but there is a pool within which it is possible to immerse oneself to be healed and to heal.

You are the angels that move the waters: you will see many paralytics heal! The pool is prayer.

They are the prayer groups that move consciences, awaken faith, increase charity in hearts and renew the hope of divine things, prepared by God for eternal happiness. Children, society is sick, and you can see it even if many close their eyes in order not to see and their ears to not hear the evil that makes noise and that really spreads everywhere.

You must be like the prophet Elisha. He had entered a woman's house; whose son had died and lay in the bed. Lying over him, he gave him the breath of his lungs, the beat of his heart, the strength of his limbs, and that body began to come back to life.

Children, Elisha could give what he had. Fill yourselves with divine vitality to be able to vivify. The dead members of so many brethren need a breath of life: that of the grace that lives in you. They need your charity, which expresses itself in all the moments of your life, like the incessant heartbeat. They need your strength, that is, your consistency in the way of acting, in knowing how to agree faith and morals, overcoming human respect and all those obstacles against which the weak of spirit could collapse.

I assist you and help you. Have you not realized with how many spiritual and material aids I have enriched you and your family? Never be superficial, do not be ungrateful! Ten lepers were healed; but only one

thanked, and Jesus, while He was pleased with him, complained of those who did not show their gratitude.

Always say your heartfelt thanks for all those dangers from which you have been delivered, even without your knowledge, and for the light that was abundantly given to you, and is given to you, by the Holy Spirit, so that your faith may be clearer and more joyful your life.

Walking in the light of God is always a very flattering thing. Follow this light, without being proud but with the desire to make way for others too. Without exhibition, but with so much confidence and with so much enthusiasm, sow the truth, which is God himself. Never fear to exaggerate, for the more you give and the more you will be given. The promise of Jesus for those who work for the kingdom will be fulfilled in you by a hundred to one.

Learn how to understand my desires and realize them in the best way, especially when I ask you to do all you can for the sick, the poor, the young and the priests. Know that they are the loves of my Jesus, and they must form the anxiety of your hearts.

At this moment I bless you with a special blessing, in particular, your families, your parishes and your works. Each belongs to a small world, which must be recalled and brought to God. Be blessed for all that good that you will do and for all that will mature for the glory of God.

Goodbye, children! Your meetings with me are like tapping into a gushing fountain that must quench many.

## The idols that will have to be demolished

13<sup>th</sup> November 1977

Children, peace be with you! See, we are here to share our thoughts and our affections, so that you may dispose yourselves to meet the Lord in the best way. You will meet him one day when, on leaving the earth, you will enter into the new life; but each day that passes is an approach to that date, and it is a succession of circumstances that must engrave this truth in your heart and in your mind: you have not been made for the earth, but for Heaven!

The earthly journey can present dangers and difficulties, as my journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem presented them, but the fact remains that we can reach the goal, even if the attachment to the earth could make us desire and suppose otherwise.

Jesus said one day that no stone on stone would remain of the Temple in Jerusalem. It will also be the case of the human body, for which what the Church recalls with a particular liturgy in a period of penance is fulfilled: *"Remember, O man, that you are dust and to dust you will return."* Thus, with this human construction, all those idols that man continually builds up will fall and, if he has not thought of preparing himself for the final encounter, he will remain empty-handed and cannot be justified.

But what are these idols that will have to be demolished? I recall to you some of them: wealth, the

science that inflates, the pursuit of pleasure and the exaggerated self-esteem. I would like to show them to you one by one, but it will suffice that you think what they carry with them those who are brought to the grave, to understand how little it is worth what humanly is so much esteemed as to constitute a divinity.

But there are other idols, which even those who attend the Church are sometimes building themselves and which will be demolished: that of establishing oneself in a degree of superiority, whereby many compare themselves with others and feel superior; that rebellion to accept the cross, because one thinks one doesn't deserve it; that preserving the spiritual riches for oneself, not considering them a gift but a reward, are all defective things that, if they are not taken from the heart, can create wrong consciences and proud spirits, in which Pharisaism can take hold.

To encounter the Lord, it is necessary to prepare oneself and not wait for him to break down everything, but, with good will and with respect for the will of God, it is necessary to give hand to the destruction of what harms or impedes eternal salvation.

However, I am anxious to prepare you to meet the Lord, who often comes to your hearts in Holy Communion. But how can we not keep in mind that a perfect union cannot exist, where an intimate disposition to accept and preserve sin takes you away from Him?

Children, I desire to tell you with true maternal affection: do not hesitate to make certain clean cuts,

which must put you definitively on the way of God! Sometimes it is a dangerous friendship, or another occasion for sin. Sometimes a decisive intervention would be enough, with a strong word, to end an evil that can produce serious consequences.

It is necessary to go out of the mediocrities of life if one wants to be all Christian. There are individual and social duties that must be observed with precision and with love if one does not want to be a stumbling block and an occasion of scandal to the neighbour.

On the ruins of pagan gods, the first Christians built wonderful temples dedicated to the true God. Oh, yes, let it happen so for all my children! On the altar of your heart, offer those sacrifices that are valued before God as a holocaust! They may cost you, but the joy that will come to your spirit will be so intense that you will no longer want to change it with any other material or physical satisfaction.

My beloved and dear children, when I come to meet you in prayer and take part in your affairs, I feel in my heart the desire to hasten your meetings and to make them ever more frequent and effective. But they would be worth nothing if they did not aim to unite yourselves more intimately with the One who will come one day on the clouds of heaven to make a perfect unity with the elect.

Desire these encounters with me, and immerse yourselves right now in the heart of God through the life of grace, to continue to live with Him in glory. That

temple consecrated to God, which is your body, let it always host the immaculate Lamb and be constantly watched by you in my company.

Children, I give you the sweetness that filled my heart during those last weeks of waiting for the Redeemer. Keep it for yourselves and for others, and also let it appear externally by your trust and serenity. See you later!

## **"Lord, let us see!"**

14<sup>th</sup> November 1977 (in Cantù)

My children, peace be to you and to your families and communities! I am the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and yours. I enjoy being present and praying with you, but above all I want to prepare you to meet the Lord on Christmas day and, to facilitate for you this meeting and this preparation, I want to tell you an episode of the life of my Son. He was going to Jericho when, on the road, a blind man began to call upon him to heal him and be able to see. He said: "*Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!*" Many shushed him, but he shouted even louder, until Jesus commanded that he be brought before him. Jesus asked him, "*What do you want from Me?*" "*Lord, let me see!*", replied the blind man. Jesus said to him: "*Go in peace, your faith has saved you.*"

Children, the world is made up of many blind people who do not want to implore healing, because they do not know how to recognize their blindness. On the contrary, they believe they can enlighten others, perhaps because they have an upbringing, or because they have an intelligence or cunning superior to others. Thus, since a blind man cannot lead another blind man, the world is adrift, and light is not received from the truth that comes from God.

Man thus sins of pride, to which all the other sins are added, which originate from pride.

What will you have to do to be of help to your brethren? Put yourselves on the same level as those who are blind in the spirit and invoke the sight: "*Lord, Son of David, let us see!*" Human weakness, temptations, and passions, make everyone sin and let everyone say they are blind in search of light.

Here is the first condition to spend Advent well: to recognize oneself guilty before God, to humble oneself and pray, asking forgiveness for oneself and for others.

When, in the silence of the house of Nazareth and in prayer, I invoked the salvation of men, they were certainly not better than those who today walk the streets of the world. The Father listened to my imploring voice and granted my wishes. May the Lord look once again at the humility of his servant; may He will, to hear my prayer, to which yours joins in this time of waiting.



The Father listened to my voice and was conquered by the absence of sin and the splendour of grace, of which he had enriched me. Children, if you want your entreaty to touch the heart of God, make sure you remove sin from your lives; and, if you want to strengthen it, let an intense love of God constantly accompany your lives.

I know you need many graces. Children are a cross and a delight for each mother, who would like to see them joyful and good, faithful to God and affectionate with everyone, but remember that the dangers they are currently surrounded by are many. Your assistance, your care, your goodness will be the means to win them back to the faith and love, but your action will not suffice; through grace, you will have to make God act in you and for you. I help you.

I bless everyone. I bless your sick, the children and those whom you commend to me. See you later!

## **God repeats his calls**

15<sup>th</sup> November 1977

My children, peace be in your hearts, now and always! Oh, do not let yourselves be disheartened and depressed by any adverse thing, but be persevering in faith and prayer! What would have happened to Job if, yielding to the diabolical arts, he became impatient and rebelled against God? The devil would have had his

revenge, and he would have lost all those merits that with patience he had deserved. God, then, does not push beyond your strength and, as He has returned, multiplied, every good that had been taken from Job in the trial, thus, to those who are constant in serving him, He restores all that is good for souls, so they can reach eternal glory.

Children, be strong and be fervent in good. Never expect human rewards of the good you do, but always act with a right intention for the glory of God. Do not let yourselves be taken by lukewarmness when you see that your work is opposed or demolished, so that the Lord does not have to give those talents to others that He gave you so they could be trafficked. Whoever puts his hand to the plough and then turns back will not be able to fulfil his mission, much less if he decides to cross his arms.

Children, the lukewarmness in the service of the Lord can deserve from the Holy Spirit this reproach: *"Since you are neither hot nor cold, I will begin by vomiting you from my mouth."* Be fervent and enthusiastic about having been chosen, to understand and to enjoy the closeness and the communications with God.

When you realize that a certain indifference to the things of God, an indolence in praying and acting out of love assail you, quickly have recourse to the appropriate means to shake yourselves out of it! Make a holy Confession, detesting all the sins of the past life, from the use of reason up to now, and, after having made a beautiful cleansing, a clearer light will enter your mind,

a fire of love that will restore your relations with God in a climate of fervour.

The coldness is sometimes caused by the lack of correspondence to grace, or by self-love, or even by a physical tiredness that can be overcome with some medical treatment; but it must never take hold in you if you do not want to age prematurely.

When moving becomes difficult, when work becomes heavy, when that vivacity that renders your company pleasing is lacking, stick to prayer and nourish with it the flame of love. You will no longer feel useless, you will no longer desire human friendships, which are often time-consuming and causes imperfections or even sins. But you will be much more useful to your friends than you can be with the word and your physical presence.

Children, the state of lukewarmness resembles that of certain people who, losing the taste of food, are gradually decreasing in weight, until they leave the skin.

It is not good to neglect what costs and to do what seems easier and more effective according to your human aims; it is necessary to search in all the will of God, who clearly manifests himself to those who want to follow him.

It is nice to walk swiftly on the path of virtue, and resume a renewed fervour and a new trust even when some involuntary stop or some falls show you your limits and your weakness, because only in this way does one show true love.

But I want to tell you a second phrase of the Holy Spirit that encourages you. *"I stand at the door and knock,"* says the Lord. Your God, in fact, after having called you to life, repeats his calls. He wants you to walk in his wake. He wants you to answer your "yes" when He asks you to participate by suffering in the salvation of the world. He wants an answer of love, an unconditional availability. He wants you to invite him to your home, as Zacchaeus invited him, and making communion with Him wants to mean that change of life that is a continuous improvement.

Dear children of mine, how delightful will your encounter be with the awaited of the nations, with Jesus, Teacher and Saviour, if, after having constantly opening the door of your heart to him, you will feel permanently invited to his home, the home of the saints who immerse themselves into the heart of God!

I bless you and love you. I am the gate of Heaven. Do not be afraid to knock when you are tempted to give in to temptations, to distrust, when it seems to you that the trial is too serious for you. Come, come! And you will not have to wait long because I have more desire to hug you and make you happy than you have.

Goodbye, children! I bless your sick in soul and body.

## His Word is the best school

18<sup>th</sup> November 1977

Beloved children, continue your preparation so that you may welcome the Saviour in the best way. And what will be the practical way that will help you in this work, which could sometimes be difficult? I remind you that Jesus is the eternal Word of the Father, and that his Word will always be the best school. At this point, I remind you of an evangelical deed, which at first sight would seem out of place and which is very well suited to our lesson.

Jesus enters the Temple, and sees that sellers and buyers have made this holy place, a place of sin. He takes a lash in his hands and, passing through the sales counters, He overturns them, while He chases away those who are profaning the Temple. "*You have made it a den of thieves!*" Cries Jesus. The chief priests and the scribes would like to have him killed, but they do not dare, because they know that the people hang on his lips.

Children, God's holy temple is your body, and what better preparation for Christmas than to put his Word into practice and to destroy everything that is contrary to his Law and his love? You have been told "*Love and do what you want*", and the observance of this law of love requires a general cleanliness. Do not ask yourselves if they are serious sins or venial sins, it is necessary to destroy small and large idols.

The Word of God sounds grave and solemn, "*Repent, and do not sin!*" The conversion to which you are called is the one that makes one change course; from the way of sin it leads to that of love, from the life of mediocrity to that of perfection.

What in the apocalyptic vision John had to do will be verified. The angel said to him, "*Eat this booklet containing the Word of God; from the beginning, that is, in your mouth, you will feel it very sweet, then in the bowels it will give you bitterness.*"

Thus, children, the word you hear, the one you read, and the eternal Word that you eat in the holy sacrament, can give you joy and sweetness at first; then, when it comes to putting it into practice, you will feel not only its austerity, but also its difficulty. The word will become a pledge, it will become suffering and conversion. It is only from this moment that the plan of salvation on the part of the Lord and correspondence to grace on your part is realized.

Now, try to ask yourself, have I worked on the destruction of all that displeases God? Did I start to put into practice what I have learned? Would that Heaven allow me to tell you that your affirmative answers that you really are hanging from my lips, and that therefore your enemies begin to distance themselves from you because they fear you.

Thank you, children, for this fervent prayer! I expect a lot from this group. In hospitals, the constant whirling of the sick demands continuous assistance. I assure you

of the most amazing conversions through the consecration. Make me loved by everyone. In your workplaces, consecrate to me even if only mentally, all the people you approach: you will have very great merits.

Goodbye, children Good night!

## **You must work for the good of the souls**

19<sup>th</sup> November 1977

My children, welcome to my home, and be blessed for the good will you have to please God and serve the Church! In fact you must be the living stones that compose it; you must therefore possess the grace of God, which is the lifeblood that, circulating in you, gives strength and spiritual vigour to your existence. Your desire for good is very pleasing to God, because it leads you to realize the kingdom of God in the world.

But what must this good and this kingdom consist of? You must work above all to bring souls to the practice of religion, then to give them the joy of living a Christian life, and lastly to prepare them to meet the Lord, not just on this earth, but in the other life, where each one will have to undergo a judgement in order to receive the prize that is deserved.

It is only in this way that you can be of help to the Church, which, as a good and inexhaustible mother in her youth and mercy, wants to welcome all souls to bring

them to salvation. Your good is therefore of capital importance and must be exercised in every field, privately and socially.

Each category of people has a particular ability and particular help. The grace of state concerns all those who, with a desire to carry out a divine mission, pray to obtain help from God. Children, if you are in the factory, your apostolate is needed there; if you are in a convent, it is necessary; if you are with your family, it is urgent to do it!

The young and the adult, the laity and the religious, are all called to fight the holy battle of good to prevent evil, to unmask it, to bring it down.

Do not be afraid of difficulties and conflicts. I am the Queen of victories, and I see already in the light of God the fruits of eternal life mature. Be united, be strong, be faithful to these principles that I have given you. Error is what takes you away from the Lord, away from your duty, and that alienates you from the brethren.

I bless you; I embrace you and I tell you: courage, I am with you! See you later!

## **To the young people**

20<sup>th</sup> November 1977

Beloved children, peace and grace be in you, and faith and sorrow for sins be increased in you until you become truly worthy of mercy and uncommon graces.



How dear to my heart is that simple faith which makes you act independently of the judgment of men, out of pure love, with the certainty of pleasing God, who has deigned to make himself known through revelation and who wants, of men, be the best friend, the Father of mercy!

How useful it is that each one, turning to God, should ask forgiveness for their faults! Indeed, I tell you that, by that communion of saints that binds souls together, you ought to extend the sorrow to all the sins of which men stain themselves, in order to be able to obtain forgiveness and mercy for them too.

You are entering Advent, and the preparation becomes more necessary as it is necessary to invoke that new era, in which, once order is restored, one will think of the kingdom of God on earth as a reality made of peace and love. Never extinguish this holy desire and hope in yourselves, but collaborate in its realization, making of your lives an instrument of salvation and grace.

Each of you will have a special commitment in life. The families that some of you will start, will be blessed, and sanctified by me. Others, who with their religious vocation will tighten their bonds of love more with Jesus, will have a special gift: it will be like a fire of enthusiasm and zeal that will lead them to holiness.

But all of you, in that world from which you are surrounded, will have to revive the thought of the presence of God. From this thought, which seems so simple and that most men forget, must derive, a change of life, of manners, of teachings, which, by making one reflect, will make one act on it. Let it be started by you as a new career, which must lead you to be light and strength for others.

Let *"God sees me"*, be your lesson! *"God I must please"*, be your call to action! *"God, I must reach and make known"*, this is the ideal! All the rest comes as a result.

The spreading of the word of God, that of the divine Face, the spreading of the Rosary and of consecration to me, are means which, like burning sparks, must destroy evil, so that good may come to be known and loved. Never stop at things, but aim at substance, since by means of them one must love God, after having known his paternal goodness and his love.

Children, I am happy with you. I accompany you and I help you in everything. I bless you one by one, and remove away from you those dangers that could seriously harm you.

Be prudent, and do not give in easily to human enticements, which seem preparatory to the formation of the family and which are nothing but a deception. A preparation in purity is a guarantee of fidelity in marriage and happiness. See you later!

## **What the desires of God are**

20<sup>th</sup> November 1977

My children, how much desire of goodness and good animates your hearts! I rejoice, because I use these desires to give life to those works that the Lord sees necessary in the world.

Desire is like the root, from which comes the bud and then the plant. If you did not have good desires, you would be like those harmless people, but unable to produce.

You must cultivate good desires, and extend them more and more until they reach infinite proportions. But how can you achieve them if you are so limited in your possibility? Behold, you must make the infinite desires of God yours. You must join the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and me, in asking all those things that can benefit all humanity. How can the Father remain indifferent to your requests when they are presented by the heart of Jesus and his Mother?

The desires of God concern your salvation and that of everyone, your holiness and that of everyone, earthly and eternal happiness. How displeasing to the Lord is that egoism for which many faithful do not know how to look beyond their nose! It seems that the ground is missing under the feet of certain people, who think only of asking to be physically well off!

Think, children, how many sick people in the body suffer for years and years, with no other relief than that of faith! How much need they would have to feel the solidarity of those who are healthy, the affection and understanding of neighbours and those far away! And yet, if you have good desires and immerse them in the heart of God, thinking of these sick people and praying for them, you have the possibility to help them. At the same time, you have the ability to offer your ailments, so as not to feel them or neglect them, to think of those who suffer much more.

But there are also the sick in the spirit, which we commonly call sinners. They are those who live in mortal sin, without bothering to be healed, to re-enter the tree of life. The desires of God's heart are these: that all men know Him, love Him, and serve Him.

Many parents would like to see their family united as if by a single bond. They would like there to be harmony and to have collaboration, gratitude, and affection on the part of their children. Unfortunately, the diversity of views, of character, of ideas, the different feelings nourished for others, and an infinite number of circumstances, in which temptations and weaknesses are not lacking, serve to divide and destroy love.

Parents rightly suffer, but they restrict and concentrate their concerns on that one family problem.

The desires of God concern the whole human family, and each of you must broaden your views to the point of caring, at least spiritually, to satisfy these infinite desires.

Thus, in your life, the priest enters as a friend to give you those gifts of Heaven which, by mission and by assignment, he must distribute. Gratitude is beautiful and pleases the Lord, but all the priests of the world must receive your affection and your prayer. They are the men of God who, renouncing human joys, are destined to spread divine joys, but the temptations and difficulties present make them the poor among the poor, needing more than them of moral and spiritual help.

The width of your heart must reach everyone: those who are about to fall, those who have fallen, those who aspire to perfection, and those who, depressed for lack of understanding and help, look at their vocation with doubt or as a cross too heavy that they do not feel they can continue to carry. But are there more needy souls than they? Oh! yes, there will be, but certainly a holy priest makes a holy people. Priests, therefore, must be placed in the front line.

I want to invite you at this moment to turn your thoughts to the immense number of poor people in need of help. What merit are those who, born in an advanced nation, in a wealthy family, lack nothing? No merit, because even though with work and intelligence they have succeeded in making their talents flourish, it has been all a gift from God. That is, closing in on

themselves, those who possess become like the wealthy, to whom Father Abraham will not be able to send not even a drop of water through Lazarus.

Oh, let us not shut up the heart to anyone, and help those works destined to give relief to the needy! This is God's will; these are his desires.

And I finish my invitations, pointing out to you a great need, which must become for you a cause for fervent prayer. Work, sanctified by the Father, became a means of life, and sanctified by Jesus who wanted to be a humble worker, became for men to from punishment to a means of purification. Unfortunately, many despise work and hate it, and those who desire it do not find it.

Turn your thoughts to this great need and to this gift of God! May the Lord want to give everyone the desire to carry out a healthy and holy activity, which, by bringing wellbeing to all, make the Lord blessed and glorified his name.

Children, of all your desires I make myself our interpreter and I bless you for every good desire. Goodbye!

## **On the day of my Presentation at the Temple**

21<sup>st</sup> November 1977

My children, what a beautiful date you have chosen to come to me! It is the day in which, away from my dear

parents, I went to the Temple to dedicate my whole life to my Lord.

And do you not also want to offer yourselves totally to God, body and soul, in memory of this sacrifice, to be instruments of his goodness and love in the world? Perhaps you might tell me that there are human ties that claim your presence and your action, and I allow you to continue to fulfil all those duties that are part of your state of life, but I desire that you to give each thing a different imprint. I desire that, while serving your neighbour in the thousand commitments that you are called to carry out, you try to think of serving the Lord by dedicating your existence to him.

How many times faithful wives, caring mothers, gather ingratitude and malice on the part of those who should give gratitude and affection! If you worked and suffered solely for them, you would remain with great regret and perhaps even with empty hands. Do the same things that are part of your duties only for God, and He, who pays even a single glass of water given in his name, will give you an abundant reward of everything.

My beloved daughters, at this point I want to remind you that it is never too late to give yourselves to God. I consecrated myself at the dawn of my day of mortal life. Some of you are widows, others are elderly. Well, whatever your status or your age may be, you must be like children before the Father. Jesus said: *"If you are not like children, you will not enter the kingdom of the heavens!"* If you are a child through simplicity, through

chastity and innocence of life, be assured that the Lord will welcome your offering, as He welcomed mine.

Every offering supposes a detachment, therefore a sacrifice. How much my dear parents suffered to see me leave home! They, who for years had longed for a baby, and who had prayed, made mortifications and alms in order to have me, after only three years saw me leave. And yet, in this detachment they saw the will of God and accepted it with joy.

Children, all the detachments that life brings with them are a cause of suffering, especially when you see loved ones leaving for the journey without return. Well then, learn to see God's callings in these detachments.

Your loved ones are called to live a more holy life in the temple of the Lord. Everything does not end with death, but the real life begins! Some of your dear ones are already in the temple of glory; others will arrive soon, with the upcoming Christmas holidays. They, when they crossed the threshold of your house to go to the other side, have begun to pray for you. They love you more than before, they help you more than before, and the hope of seeing you again serves to increase their joy.

Be persevering in this hope and be joyful. The life of the Christian should be a continuous feast. A reason for joy must be this: the certainty of seeing again your loved ones one day and being on this earth at the service of the Lord. See, I have told you, even without naming them, that your loved ones are safe. Continue to love them and remember them in prayer.



I have told you how dear this feast is to my heart, and I desire for that precious day to come alive in you and that you let me relive it when you bring your children, grandchildren or others of your acquaintance at the feet of my altars. Yes, consecrate innocence to God, so that you may appease him for so much guilt that is in the world! Let the offering pass also through my hands, so that these children may keep themselves good.

And now I bless you all. I thank you for your visit. I grant you graces upon graces: have faith and patience. The graces, the more they are desired, and the more they are taken into consideration and give joy when they arrive. Know that the Lord is with you, and is eager to grant you all that you need.

Goodbye, children! Your prayer was pleasing to me and to my Son. We have prayed with you.

## **What my royalty consists of**

22<sup>nd</sup> November 1977

My children, may peace be in your hearts, may light be your minds and your will be strengthened, so that your lives may always be truly exemplary for all Christians, your brethren.

I am the Queen of hearts, children, and I desire that my words serve you to constantly translate the divine teachings into practice, so that your hearts may truly be the abode of the King, and I may be its Queen. It is not

any ambition of command, but it is the desire to bring you not only to salvation, but to holiness. The heart is the driving force of life! If it is healthy, normal blood circulation is assured. It is the engine of the human machine, the heart; woe if it breaks down!

How many sick hearts are there in the world! However, they do not need the doctor, they only need the heavenly Doctor, who wants to restore peace to them. But how can these sick people have peace if they refuse God's help? Perhaps their affections are disorderly, and should be rectified and sanctified. Perhaps a false religion has diverted their affections, so as to make necessary what is not; indispensable what is barely useful. False deities and unjustified loves have formed in certain hearts.

I desire to have the government of human hearts, to bring them back to the practice of the two commandments of charity: *"You will love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength; you will love your neighbour as yourself."*

Behold the kingdom of souls as my Son intended! behold my royalty what it consists of! What value would it be if a throne were built for me, for a sceptre to be placed in my hands, if the hearts of my children, willing to love, were not offered to me?

I also desire to enlighten your minds and govern them. Too many errors are spreading a bit everywhere. Everyone believes he can dissect the mystery at will, or

deny it, or he wants to create a set of theories that he considers gospel.

There are those who give importance to the Gospel for all that comes back in their favour, while ignoring what returns as condemnation. If you ask some people about specific topics, they can answer that they are not competent; but, if you talk about religion, they know everything, even if they never bothered to read the Holy Scriptures, or to examine carefully the books written for inspiration by the Doctors of the Church.

The light I give to your minds is proportionate to the desire you have to be enlightened and to the humility with which you ask. But how can you think that those who proudly believe to judge and criticize everything, even the work of God, can have light?

Now I tell you something that is very close to my heart. Every Christian, every priest, every religious, can and must distinguish in his life a double commitment, which requires a response. Each has a particular vocation, and each one is assigned a particular mission. The vocation also exceeds the mission, which passes to the second row.

To correspond to the vocation means to value one's life spiritually, putting it at the service of God, inserting it in God. In a word, responding to God's call, since such is vocation, it means to be sanctified. What, for example, does it mean that a priest performs works that are socially and humanly admirable, if he does not tend to make them divine through his union with God?

Prayer, the interior life, meditation will be all the more accurately done, the more a soul desires to do all he can for the brethren.

What's the point for a mother to be for the utmost precision in cleaning the house, if she does not keep in mind that she must eliminate all those things that are contrary to morality, and if she does not try to give her mission that imprint of spirituality that makes it sacrosanct?

Thus we see the results of a human evangelization and of an education that is certainly not Christian vanish as in a soap bubble.

That is why I desire to give strength to the will! I want you to carry out those actions that are part of your mission, aimed at the realization of God's will. I have mentioned to you the priest and the mother, but I can address everyone, and I say to you: your vocation is love, your mission is to do good. Thus, in the love of God, you can carry out the mission of doing good to all.

Children, I bless you one by one, according to your state and your needs. In the memory of the great Saint Cecilia, who knew how to renounce all human satisfactions to love only God, I increase your grace. See you later!

## How to help the youth

25<sup>th</sup> November 1977

My children, children so dear to my heart, you are here to pray, and I would like for you to represent for me the whole world to be able to benefit everyone, and to fill all with grace and blessings. You are a small number, it is true, but I look at the heart and I know that it is only your love for me and for souls that brought you here. Therefore Heaven be thanked!

Now you are on your way to two feasts so dear to my heart: the feast of the Miraculous One - so you call me - and the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Allow me to give you some suggestions in regards.

What are the most important miracles that I desire to obtain for you? Do you believe that the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus or the healing of the paralytic are greater than the conversion of the Magdalene or that of the Samaritan woman? No, certainly! Well then, I will want to be asked by you so that I may obtain these miracles, which are the most important.

The conversion of sinners is what is most dear to my Jesus, and it is my task, as Refuge of sinners, that of calling souls from the life of sin to that of grace, from disorder to order, from Satan to God. If, therefore, you wish to honour me as the Miraculous One, do not prevent me from doing so!

I hear many prayers addressed to me, but I cannot seem to grasp them: they escape me, as the toys escape from the hands of children. I cannot enhance them, because they are void of love and because they are aimed at asking only for material graces. Do you not understand, children, that the Lord gives you these graces as a result of your love, for which you ask him for the triumph of his kingdom and his glory? Here is the Miraculous One coming to you with hands full of graces for you and your loved ones: I want to give you faith, grace, eternal salvation! Do you want them?

Now let us see what the Immaculate One wants. May you also be pleased to see me with that halo of purity and splendour of which the Lord surrounded me from birth, but know that I desire another halo and another glory. The youthful souls, who are the future of the world and of the Church, are my love, since they are the love of my Jesus. I desire for the young people to find again the right path. I desire for them to be helped, admonished, and directed.

How can we help the youth, who slip away more and more from the hands of adults and who, rebellious at every suggestion, want to persist in living to his liking? I give you some practical teachings.

There are some people who, to get from young people what they want, give them a kind of brainwashing, convincing them of certain wrong theories and certain facts, which are accepted as true. You do not have to

behave like that, because the Lord wants everyone's freedom to be respected to the maximum.

However, it is your duty to point out errors and to warn those who make mistakes, especially if you are parents or educators. You cannot close your eyes to not see and you cannot be silent if you do not want to take on the guilt of sharing. Do not be silent, do not ignore, even if you have to use a lot of charity and prudence.

But in another way, you can and must help the young. Your example, your constancy in good and in prayer, must shake, even if tacitly, their admiration. Do not be afraid of being called old-fashioned. Faith and morality are always young, as the truth that God has taught to men and the grace with which he vivifies souls will be eternally young.

Children, the crown that must surround my forehead and surround my altars must be formed by youthful souls ready for sacrifice and determined to serve the Lord. So my feast must be prepared. Everything you do in this regard will be highly rewarded. When Jesus died on the cross, He did not find a better gift to offer me, to replace his loss, of a pure and strong young man: He gave me John, who kept me in his house as a precious gift.

In the agony of spiritual values, in which the world is struggling, bring me the young people who still live for an ideal, so that I may strengthen them and make them constant! Bring me those who have lost all sense of good, and I will give them back to you transformed. Oh, if the young people knew, what a price the soul possesses

and which, regained with the blood of Jesus, must enjoy eternally! How they would accept any renunciation just to save it!

Children, I bless you all one by one, and I repeat to you all my love with tenderness. Always come here to pray. I am with you; I never abandon you. Goodbye, children!

## **Have trust!**

25<sup>th</sup> November 1977

My children, may peace be in your hearts, now and always! How I enjoy these meetings with me! You do what is done in well-behaved families, where children love to tell their parents what they have accomplished during the day. If they are away from home, when they come to their mother they have many things to say, and they want to be advised and helped, even if only with prayer if the mother cannot do anything else. Behold, you are those good children who come to the Mother, and I speak to you and I give to you all that is good for you.

Do you know what you receive in these gatherings? An increase of grace for those who already have it; for those who have come to find themselves in situations of sin, the strength to get out of it; a desire for good that is translated into good works, and an insistent call to



perfection, for which it will not be possible to remain in mediocrity, after having frequented this place.

I promise you a particular assistance in all the events of your life, since, don't you think I have to return the affection that you show me also with sacrifice? Do not think you are wasting your time! Indeed, I pray you, always put a particular intention, and also a personal intention, every time you are together. I answer you; I promise you!

What is the greatest joy for a mother? Isn't it to feel loved and to be useful to her children? Oh, I beg you, see me as a true mother! A mother who has a heart, who knows how to understand the needs of children, and who has the sacred duty to love everyone without distinction. For me too, in fact, exists the fourth Commandment, which, while recalling the duties of children towards their parents, reminds me, as a mother, and all parents, the duties towards the children.

Courage, then, and trust me! Trust includes several virtues and cannot exist without love.

It is so beautiful to trust first of all in God, in the Father who watches over everyone, because they are made in his own image and likeness; in the Father who provides all his children with those aids that cannot be lacking. Have you ever thought about the gift of the Father, who makes the sun rise and who sends the elements necessary for life and conservation each season? Trusting in Him means believing in providence.

But extend your trust to God the Son, who wanted to be like one of us to teach us how to live to get to Heaven. Trusting Him means walking in the light and being serene in every circumstance of life.

Again I say to you: trust the Holy Spirit, since trusting means to become holy. Are your faults frightening you? Do you know what I tell you? You are at a good point because it means that you do not like evil. When one despises evil, one begins to love virtue, and one envisions a victory of good over evil in your eyes.

Trust your neighbour too! That is, have the certainty that, if you help him, he will be able to correct himself of his defects and there may be an understanding between all that, with the power of prayer, will result in a dialogue and in so much harmony. And trust yourselves too. I do not mean to say that you must be self-sufficient, but you must believe that the abyss of your poverty calls for a heap of graces from God, who must fill you so that you can rise to Him, source of all good.

How wonderful it is to live with this trust, which is charity and joy, it is peace, it is serenity, it is faith, it is hope, it is the certainty of reaching the goal, it is life! The man who loses trust is already dead, because he lacks the strength that spurs him to activity, work, apostolate and good. Children, have trust in me, I never disappoint anyone! I arrive in time and place, and I bring to everyone my smile and the comfort you need.

I bless you, children. One by one I put you on my heart, and so I will hold you in my arms during this night. Pray and believe. You will experience the sweetness of resting on the heart of the Heavenly Mother. See you later!

## **It is necessary to spread good**

26<sup>th</sup> November 1977 (in Legnano)

Children, may peace be in your hearts and grace to your souls, so that you may continue to do good and enrich your spiritual heritage.

This place is sanctified by the presence of Jesus and mine, but I wish to bring my peace to all the wards, and not only of this hospital, but of all the hospitals where I am wanted to be invoked with the recitation of the daily Rosary.

Many times there are fears of boring or disturbing the sick, but in reality it is because one lets oneself be dominated by human respect, and one does not think that I can give help, comfort and health not only to the sick, but also to those who have care of them and the same doctors, whom I illuminate and guide in their profession and exercise of their mission.

Children, pray a lot in hospitals, so that patience may make one able to bear and offer up one's sufferings. The virtue of patience is the virtue of the strong. Those who can bear their illnesses with serenity already have the

basis for a more rapid healing. But who should give this patience that makes one serene and strong? It is God, who, having become man, has shown how to suffer, and recourse to Him, who is always alive in the world, is the most effective means of overcoming oneself.

Children, the physical evil that dominates in hospitals is often exceeded by moral evil and by spiritual evil, which come from the rejection of faith and the rejection of God. This is why prayer is necessary! It is necessary to reawaken in the souls those truths of faith that help to live and that prepare for the encounter with God.

Unfortunately, morally and spiritually sick people are much more numerous along the roads of the world than in hospitals: it is all an acceptance of evil and spreading it, as infectious diseases are spread. Oh, do not say that hope is lacking in the words that I communicate to you! It would be enough to open your eyes to see! But what do I put hope in? In the help that comes to men through prayer.

There are different categories of people in society, and I emphasize them to you. There are those who do evil; there are those who, with their tolerance, allow it; and there are those who purposely spread it. To these categories, who work in the service of the prince of this world, you must put your category of praying souls, always willing to do good, to support it and spread it. The supreme Good is the one who governs the world and who, with an ever-renewed creation, preserves it.

What does doing good mean? It means working with God, and giving one's actions the same intention that God had when He created the world. What was this wonderful intention? To communicate to souls created by Him, his love, and to give them, through creation, the means to enjoy his happiness. In this way you have to do good. Let your common actions and your work be acts of love as a gift to God and to the brethren. And those who do not work with mind or hands, give their work with prayer and suffering. This is the good! All that is done with other ends diminishes the perfection of this good, which alone is worthy of being remunerated by the Father.

But listen to me, children: the good must be supported! How many times willing souls find a stumbling block even on the part of those who are also baptized and who perhaps call themselves practitioners! How many times words of criticism, smiles of commiseration, not to mention other more evil things, serve to hinder the journey of simple souls towards the true good, and to make those who have perhaps lived a childhood and youth in moral rectitude deviate from Christian practice and in the simplicity of faith!

It is necessary to give courage, overcoming human respect and showing one's faith with confidence and sincerity. It is painful, but it is true: many times, what is believed to be humility is simply shyness, with which the daring use to carry out their wrong principles.

Jesus says: *"Do not extinguish the wick that smokes!"* Of these wicks that are waiting for help from you, there are many. Your complete personality, that is to say let your honesty and uprightness, be a valid help for the weak, for those who do not have the courage of their actions and who fear to be laughed at and make a bad impression.

The good, children, it is necessary to spread it, because, if one does not work in this sense, the one who sows evil comes in the night. He comes in the night of sin and in the darkness of error, and suffocates the good.

Children, be strong and be constant. Remember that faith must be witnessed, if we do not want to run the risk of being told by the Supreme Judge: "I do not know you". It would be a bitter meeting that of the Christians with Jesus, if He were to say: *"You have not accepted Me, I reject you!"*

Children, know how to understand me, and know that in this prayer that you have done so fervently, many graces of every kind are linked. I promise a speedy recovery to the sick who have honoured my presence, praying in this chapel. I bless all the religious present and those who serve in the hospital. I bless the male and female nurses, and I tell them: be angels of goodness, I will walk with you in the wards. I bless the doctors, especially those who commend themselves to my help. I will give light to uncover and cure the most hidden diseases. And finally I embrace you all, inviting you to make your life a gift of love to God and to your brethren.

## What I ask you and what I give you

27<sup>th</sup> November 1977

Beloved children, I am here with you! I am She whom John saw and described in the Apocalypse clothed with the sun, surrounded by stars and with the moon as a stool under her feet. I am the Miraculous One, but I prefer to call myself your very sweet and tender Mother, eager to communicate her riches to you and to make you sharers in her divine joys. What are all the wonders of the world, and what are the consolations of this world worth, compared to those treasures of which I am the custodian and that happiness of which I can give my children?

Oh yes! call me also the Miraculous One, but also call me the full of grace one, since from this fullness of grace all goods derive. Also tell me that I am the cause of your joy, because when a soul finds me, it has perfect happiness. All you have to do is ask me for my wealth, and I, as a good and generous mother, will only give every good without measure.

In the path of perfection, it is enough to put oneself with good will to be able to take giant steps. Desire becomes like the driving force, and you walk almost without realizing that you are going up.

Remember, the first few times you came here, how many difficulties you encountered, how many things you complained about! You learned to smile at my school, you learned to love everyone, to be patient, to do

everything for love. Behold the path of grace! Behold your progress!

Be careful though because the enemy doesn't sleep. He will always try to sow discord, misunderstanding, resentment. He will try to make certain people unbearable, he will bring jealousy and pride into you, and he will want to put in your heart the terrible desire to avenge yourself and to hurt those who seem to do you harm.

Children of my heart, be vigilant, be attentive, do not adhere to the will of the one who, after bringing sin into the world, wants to bring hatred and despair before leading to death, which is the consequence of sin. You are at my school and, if you happen to be wrong, you must get up quickly. Besides, don't you know that your happiness on earth derives largely from knowing how to forgive and love to make others happy?

You also know, mothers, how much you suffer when your children are not perfectly in agreement! They are like heart wounds, the quarrels in the family. And do you expect me, who is everyone's mother and I love everyone, not to suffer from so many fratricidal struggles that are in the world and in families? All that creates division comes from the evil one, who triumphs in the divisions because he has the possibility of sowing evil thoughts on one side and the other.

I am a miraculous Mother. What am I asking you for? What do I give you? I ask for your collaboration because wherever, where you can collaborate to recompose



peace, you have to intervene. Did you know how precious this work is!

Sometimes, exasperated souls but also imprudent, think of confiding their sorrows to others who, in order not to create enemies, indulge, justify, and encourage evil. Thus the sorrows increase, and harmony is not created, and people are not helped morally. You never do this. Know how to tell the truth, and know how to say words that make you think, because it is difficult to judge situations without knowing well the reasons for the different discords and differences. If you give me this collaboration, you will give me a valuable service.

And what will I give you? When the hearts are united by true affection, a real miracle happens: I bring Jesus among them! Many people, over the course of the centuries, have had the joy of holding my Child in their arms and giving him those tenderness's that I gave him one day.

Children, do you want to feel the presence of my Jesus among you on Christmas day? Be peacemakers everywhere! Begin by keeping within yourself thoughts of goodness and peace with everyone; then communicate them to your family, to those who are part of your community, of your parish. It will thus take place as a second miracle: through my action as Queen of the universe and Queen of peace, your action will take on infinite proportions.

Oh, don't you see, my children, how violence and hatred are taking on enormous proportions? It seems to

be a fire that, taking bait from an unhealthy heart, spreads everywhere. Cities and nations are affected in an unlikely way. As evil spreads, so good must start from you. It will also be a fire, yours, the fire of love of God and neighbour, to which I will give strength, as does the wind with the sparks that give rise to the fire.

So I want you: angels of peace! The Christmas carol will also be a victory announcement for you. It will be a hosanna to God, which will return to your advantage. Children, you must not have enemies of any kind. To whom whoever hurts you, must enjoy the fruit of your charity and your prayer.

Children, the Queen of Peace blesses you and helps you to create hearths where concord is not just wishful thinking. She helps you to disperse the clouds, to remove the occasions for discord. She gives you humility of heart, without which it is impossible to walk in the way of holiness. Yes, children, be humble, so that the miracle that Jesus announced to the humble of heart, to the peaceful, that is to the peacemakers, will come true for you: you will possess the earth, that is, you will be able to have many friends to lead to Him and to me, and you will have Heaven, which is the promised land. See you later!

## **The voice of the conscience**

2<sup>nd</sup> December 1977

Children, dear to me, may peace be with you! Here, I am available to answer your questions and, since I know that for the most part you are in jobs where you have to suffer bad behaviour from colleagues or subordinates, I take care to show you a safe way, like a main road, the following of which will not be easy to make mistakes.

There is a voice in your life, which is like the echo of the voice of God. It is the voice of the conscience, which, though many try to suffocate it, is always alive and speaking. All you have to do is listen to this voice and follow its impulses to be sure you are on the right track.

When doubt or uncertainty give you restlessness; when you would like to adapt to the behaviour of others so as not to alienate yourself from the common custom; and when it seems right to act differently to testify with your coherence the faith you profess, and do not feel the courage: question your conscience! It will tell you what is good and what is bad, it will tell you what is good and what is better, and you will have to go straight on that road which is indicated to you as a line and which follows the very footsteps of my divine Son.

Know how to keep your conscience upright by comparing it, through careful and prompt examination, with the dictate of the Gospel. An upright conscience is a guarantee of an honest life and true Christianity.

You could object to me that, in such a wrong world as the present, it is not possible to act conscientiously without attracting anger, without arousing discords and differences with your fellowmen. And I fully agree, not only with you, but also with Jesus, who said: *"I did not come to bring peace, but war!"* It would be a really bad day for you were the whole world to applaud you.

I have told you many times that you must live in the world but not be of the world, and I repeat to you that beatitude which sounds like a discord, but which is a reality: *"Blessed are you, when they persecute and insult you and, lying, they will say about you all evil for my sake; rejoice and be glad."*

I want, however, to give you another suggestion. Acting according to conscience means always having a right intention. With this rectitude you cannot limit your good. Every action becomes like that stream of water that forms the river and that wets the lands so as to make them fertile. You give, and communicate to your fellow men what good you do, and the desires of good become love, charity, that beneficial sun that makes your lives fruitful.

Life runs towards the goal and without interruption continues its path. The different streams become rivers of good, which God welcomes into the infinite ocean of his love and of which He gives a reward. Yes, children, and believe me, this reward is not only reserved for the last day. When Jesus spoke of the hundred for one, He

did not refer only to eternal life, but He said it clearly, also to this life.

Yes, there is a well-being and wealth, also material, earned through one's work done conscientiously, which the Lord gives to his children; but, if you take into account the peace that the honest man possesses when he acts in accordance with his conscience, you will tell me that it is worthwhile acquiring it!

Children, one last suggestion. The world is agitated and has no tranquillity because it does not know how to love, and selfishness and hatred are not the factors that can bring peace. I repeat to you for the umpteenth time: know how to love! In love, translated into action in charity, which is transformed into understanding, in sweetness, in smile, in sacrifice, the kingdom of God on earth is realized. Love everyone and, forgetting the evil you receive, give everyone the best of yourself.

And now I bless you all one by one. Goodbye, children, and good night.

## **Interior cleaning is required**

3<sup>rd</sup> December 1977

Beloved children, peace be with you! Behold, I am here to confirm that everything you have said and heard enters in the will of God, who has given you light so that you are able to understand what modern society needs. All you have to do is study it personally, and draw the

consequences for an ever deeper and more effective apostolate.

I repeat to you, like an echo, the words of John the Baptist: "*Prepare the way of the Lord!*", to tell you how much your action is necessary. It must be as audacious, as it is that of Satan and his minions, so that it can prevent the spread of evil.

However, I want to remind you of the need to do a deep interior cleaning, to achieve that purity that forms the attractiveness of the Father. Do not stop, children, at the surface, but try to discover the root of your defects, so that the work of rehabilitation becomes easier.

Know that the light that starts from a soul in grace, which translates this infinite gift into the purity of intentions, desires, affections and works, cannot remain like the lamp under a bushel, but must illuminate and attract everyone to good those who become part of his small world, to project themselves on all souls. Then when the ardour of your zeal leads you to do your best for your neighbour, I myself become your companion and animate your actions, so as to make them rich in spiritual results.

That cleaning that you will carry out in your souls, is completed by the clearing work that you will do in your homes, removing everything that can be an incentive to evil. I beg you to destroy everything that smells of pornography and dirt, so that in the moral and spiritual order may become part of what is dearest to you, those

books and those teachings that help you rise from the things of the earth to those of Heaven.

Let your goodwill and holy audacity also make you interpreters at those newsagents who, perhaps without their knowledge, make themselves responsible for many sins made by readers. If pure air is dear to you, it is truly purifying the air of so many obscenities that will make breathing easier and more peaceful for young and old. Often offer to God, with my purity, that of the innocent, of children all over the world, so that it can be a means of obtaining forgiveness for so many faults.

Children, while I invite you to do everything in your power to heal society and the world, I cannot fail to tell you the joy of seeing you here as flowers of delicate perfume that adorn my altar! Therefore I say to you: be glad because your serenity must be a proof that your life is pure, and your faith is true.

If the sadness of evil can upset you, know that God does not change for this, and that He remains and will always be goodness, love, wisdom, and infinite happiness. Whoever throws blasphemies towards him is like the fool who throws stones over his head, thinking of knocking down the sun.

Children, I bless you all and, in particular, the married couples. I bless your unborn children. Have faith! I hold you under my mantle and I will always help. Goodbye, children. May my solemnity bring you the joy and bliss of the pure in heart, and allow you to know and love God

with greater seriousness and depth, without diminishing simplicity.

## **How do you live your Baptism?**

4th December 1977

My children, how much I rejoice at your presence and your diligence in my lessons! I am the Virgin of light, the Mother of the Church, and I long for you to be enlightened and to be vital shoots of that wonderful tree of life which is the Church. But why do I present myself like this, and why do I hint at to you to the beauty and greatness of the Church?

Children, John the Baptist, on the banks of the Jordan, while preparing the people for the coming of the Lord and preaching a baptism of penance, baptized those who went to listen with water. John's baptism was a figure of the Baptism that Jesus would institute in water and the Holy Spirit, which would be a means of purification and insertion in the mystical body of Christ.

How I would like you to understand the greatness of this Sacrament and its usefulness today, in which so little is appreciated to the point of comparing it to any bath, in any pond of water!

When a baby is born, the first care of those who assist the mother is to wash the baby's body and put on it a white baby shirt. If the mother has faith, the same concern must be addressed to the soul, which, although



it does not yet have the capacity to sin, carries with it the tare of that sin which the first parents burdened all humanity.

But how can parents refuse to give back to the soul its primitive splendour, that is, that which beautified it when it came out of the hands of God? It is a very serious responsibility that they take on, which they could mourn when the evil weeds of sin and the dominion of Satan bear their fruits.

But there is another reason that must make infants ask for Baptism. A few hours after birth, the baby is attached to the mother's breast so that he can continue to live from her life. But tell me: is it not perhaps necessary the spiritual life of that food which only those who are united to the Church are capable of receiving?

Baptism is an insertion in the divine life, which allows to circulate in the soul that spiritual sap which is grace. Wonderful gift of God, Baptism! It is a sacrament, that is, a channel of grace, which makes a human creature a divine creature, related to God, elevated to a dignity that no man could have even remotely desired. It is a superior gift; it is a gift that requires esteem and that involves responsibility. God's gifts should not be wasted.

Many infidels and idolaters, if they had known the truth, who knows how gratefully they would have welcomed it and how zealously they would have corresponded! And you, children, who so generously and without any merit on your part have been filled with grace through Baptism; you, who have had the road open

to receive faith, hope and charity; you, who have become brothers of Jesus and members of the Church, in what regard do you hold this Sacrament? How do you correspond to this privilege? How do you live your Baptism?

There are many Christians who like to celebrate different anniversaries and name days. But why not put, above every holiday, the one that remembers your insertion in that divine life that will allow you to enter Paradise?

Solemnizing Baptism means giving value to the spiritual life, which is worth more than the physical one, and remembering the commitments that every Christian assumes. First of all, to believe the revealed truths. The second duty is to flee from sin, which offers its attractions through the world. The third commitment is to fight one's passions and temptations, which Satan continually presents to all men who are on earth.

I have shown you simply and in a few words what you need to do. I too repeat to you like John: it is necessary to convert to meet the Lord who comes! I offer you the means of reflection, Baptism, which must be relived as the Sacrament of Penance, in a return to the life of grace, the life of faith, hope and charity.

Children, when you were brought to the baptismal font, even before your mother took you into her arms and kissed you, I took you after the immersion in the water and placed you on my heart. At that moment I took care of your soul in a very particular way, even if I was

entrusted with the responsibility of all the souls at the foot of the cross.

Never let me down! And, if your weakness does not allow you to always be consistent in your lives, return soon to my heart, where you will find, with peace, all the help you need.

I bless you, children. May the external cleaning that you will take care to do in your home, be a reflection of that desire for light and candour that must push you to the Sacrament of Confession. I am your Mother, who never stops looking for and wanting every good for you.

My embrace to each and every one! Try to spread these thoughts of mine, and do not fear the contradictions and criticism. Goodbye, children. Peace be with you.

## **What Jesus comes to bring to the world**

6th December 1977

My children, the peace and grace of God are always in your hearts!

You are making strides towards Christmas, and I would like to make you aware of what Jesus comes to bring into the world. He comes to give men strength. He comes to bring his mercy. He comes to free souls from slavery, so that they enjoy true freedom. With how much interest you must therefore prepare yourselves for his meeting and solicit his advent on earth!

Fortitude is a virtue that the Holy Spirit grants to those who invoke it, but it is an indispensable virtue for Christians who want to be worthy of this name.

Without fortitude, it is impossible to practice faith, which requires overcoming oneself to follow a doctrine that is considered by many to be absurd and foolish. Without fortitude it is difficult to bear the offenses that embitter the life of the good, who many times are qualified as good for nothing. Without fortitude it is impossible to practice charity, for which not only must you forgive your enemies, but also render good for evil. Without fortitude, it is impossible to persevere in good and keep faith with one's principles, in order to get to possess what one hoped for all one's life.

Jesus comes into the world to fortify believers, to make unity with those who love Him, and to give his followers the pledge of eternal life in his life, passion, and death.

The coming of Jesus over time is remembered every year as a sign of mercy and pity. Humanity moaned under the weight of its sins, and it seemed an impossible yoke to take away. Who could have raised his eyes to Heaven and hoped to be heard? Nobody! The sins weighed on man, who could not shake off the justice of God, to which he had submitted himself with sin. The Son of God comes, becomes man, takes upon himself the heavy burden that weighs on the world, and pays personally. Only then does a mantle of mercy descend

on men, who through Him, in Him and with Him, can hope for forgiveness, peace and happiness.

This is Christmas! It is the coming of the Liberator, who, by removing the slavery of sin, gives to souls the freedom of the children of God. Once upon a time all this happened, but it is renewed every year, and this sacred mystery is renewed mystically every day when, reacting to bad inclinations, invoking pity, a soul frees itself from the weight of sins in order to climb the path of perfection carrying its own cross.

Therefore, it is not a useless preparation, it is not a useless path that the Church invites to make during the Advent period. The sigh of the prophets and the good of the Old Testament was not useless, just as your praying and supplication is not useless, since the world still lies in darkness.

After Adam's sin, God promised the Redeemer and today still promises and wants the salvation of his children. As in the Old Testament many perished because they refused to hope in the coming Messiah, so today many perish miserably because they reject faith and salvation.

Pride darkens the minds, and, in their weakness, many cannot rise up to God and ask for help and strength; they refuse to think about their state of guilt and say that there is no sin. Thus, while it is believed that one does not need mercy, one remains chained to Satan, of whom one becomes the laughingstock.

You love me and, to this brutal slavery, you prefer to be my faithful servants and slaves.

Is it not true? But don't think that I want to treat you as such! I hold you on my heart like my beloved children. You try to please me, and I try to please you, and your every desire becomes a command for me. If I look at my altar and the flowers that adorn it, I must say that you love me; but, if I look at your hearts and if I welcome your beautiful rosaries, I must say that your love is as deep as the sea and that I must really consider you as beloved children, in which I have placed my complacency.

Oh yes, continue to love me, to imitate me, to bless me! You are few in this house of mine today, but many souls are united to you, and it seems that the offshoots of this marvellous rose garden are widening to reach all parts of the world.

I bless you, my children, one by one. I bless the older ones, who have overcome the difficulty of the cold. See you later! I hug you.

## **How to correspond to the grace of God**

7th December 1977

My children, peace be with you, and thanks be to God for that desire to join yourselves to me in prayer and to pray to Him and to beg Him for better times to come.

The solemnity, which you have already begun, is the greatest that concerns me. But do you know why it is so dear to my heart? Because my immaculate conception did not allow my spirit and my body to feel attracted by evil, and lust and passions had no place in me. The merits of my Son, which were applied to me earlier, preserved me from sin and filled me with grace. If you could fully understand the ugliness of sin, you could only rejoice with me for this great privilege.

All the most beautiful consequences derive from the abundance of grace, since the presence of God in a soul cannot fail to be an inexhaustible source of good. I had to correspond to these wonderful gifts of God, which the fullness of grace began, but how could it be otherwise, while a very clear light showed me the goodness of God and my littleness?

Children, from correspondence to grace derives a succession of aids, which make progress and lead to the highest peaks of holiness. I like to talk to you about these things, because I see the path of each of you. It is a little more difficult than mine, since passions, lust and temptations besiege you from every side; but how many particular gifts you have received and how easily grace is restored to you, if you lose it, and with how many means it is increased to you!

Well, know that the correspondence to this gift ensures you a renewal of spiritual life and always new help. Be eager to indulge the movements of grace and increase it, as children are eager to grow in stature.

How can you increase grace? Oh, do not tell me you don't know! I have spoken to you many times, and I can assure you that you are already putting into practice what I have suggested to you. Grace is God present in you. God is love! Those who want to possess a lot of grace must love God intensely. Remember, however, that love is not a sentiment empty of meaning. Loving means making a true unity with your loved one. Corresponding to the grace of God is to live his will in a perfect way, so as not to refuse Him anything.

The religious greatly simplify the difficulties that arise from what I have told you, because, in the rule observed and in the ready and humble obedience to the will of the superiors, they clearly see their means of union with the Lord. For others it is a little less simple because many times you don't know how to make your own choices. However, love makes up for everything.

Children, the life of grace in a soul is a paradise on earth. The Father looked at me from my conception with a gaze full of love, and delighted in admiring the splendour by which I was surrounded.

When you live in God's grace, you become the place of his delights, and He, present in you, does not remain idle. Perhaps you do not realize your spiritual progress, you do not understand where so many desires for good come from, you do not know how to explain why certain truths, which previously seemed abstruse to you, have taken on an enchanting clarity. You do not know that all this has done in you He who is powerful, whose name is



holy, and who can and wants to transform human misery and make it a participant in divine riches.

So, children, as you inadvertently walk towards the goal, if you live in grace and if you correspond to the love of God, do as the one who, passing in a wheat field, collects ears of wheat in plenty until he accumulates so many that they are enough for the bread for the whole year. Your ears of wheat, in order of grace, are placed by your angels in the eternal granaries for an eternal reward.

Children, I bless you and thank you. To each one, according to the mission you have, I grant a superabundant trust in God. My feast must make you bloom again as, after a powerful sun, the little plants wet by the dew rise again.

## **How I show myself to you**

8<sup>th</sup> December 1977

My children, peace be with you now and always! I am the Immaculate Conception, and I wish to show you the way that leads to Heaven.

You look at me in my white dress and you see in it a plan of God. I had to be the all pure one, because the Saviour had to be born of me. And it's true, but in that white dress that I am showing in my appearances, I intend to show you that white dress that was put on your little body when you were brought to the baptismal font, and I also want to see that white linen that will wrap your

body before being brought to the burial. Here together we draw the desired consequences!

I give you the example of my whiteness, so that it may be a warning for you to preserve that conscience pure, holy, and immaculate which will allow you to enter the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of the Saints. But how can we react to the forces of evil and be victorious while we are attacked from all sides? So I seem to hear you say, while some think that it is truly impossible to keep pure in soul to get to Heaven.

Behold I show myself to you as I already did to my beloved Bernadette and, while I assert that truth which was later proclaimed dogma by the Roman Pontiff, I tell you what it is necessary to do to reach the prefixed goal.

Children, I show myself to you with my eyes turned to Heaven. You will not be victorious if you do not keep sight of the Fatherland! Heaven is the heavenly Jerusalem that you must reach. You cannot linger! You cannot deviate! You cannot, on the stormy sea of life, lose sight of the polar star, and you cannot be without the compass that indicates it to you. The compass is the good conscience, and, using it, you must scan the sky of your soul and go straight to the port of salvation. Eyes to heaven, because there is your home! It is not a temporary and fragile home, but an imperishable and eternal one, and to win it, it is worthwhile to undergo those tests that the Lord requires as a testimony of love.

Look at me again. I want to tell you that my attitude is that of joined hands, that is, of a person who prays. In

fact, how could you overcome those waves that are unleashed and that make even the strongest boats sink?

You must have a leader, a trained and practical sailor in the bow of your ship. But who better than the Lord can guide you? I too can be the star, but I too am under the orders of God, even if He has given me wonderful gifts. Your prayer is the force that saves you. Whoever prays, makes God intervene in his life, and leaves to Him the responsibility for the good progress of everything.

Children, I want to tell you, with all the insistence of a maternal heart that loves you: pray, pray! Without prayer, you lack oars, you lack oxygen, you lack the wind that pushes your life towards the high ideals to which the Christian must strive. Without prayer you are lacking faith and grace; you lack the strength, and therefore you are destined to perish. Man cannot lift himself up to Heaven on his own, he needs a lifeline, which is thrown to him only if he asks God for it through prayer.

Pray and let them pray! If you are not listened to, and if one does not want to recite the formulas of the most beautiful and common prayers, let the thought of God be reminded to your neighbour with practical suggestions and with those teachings that you have now absorbed and assimilated. Do not be shaken when one reacts strongly to your religious reasoning. The devil cannot remain indifferent, he must unleash himself, but you must not be intimidated by this.

Children, without prayer one cannot reach Paradise, because it is not possible to keep oneself pure. Whoever does not pray will lend himself to the game of the evil one, and pretty soon blasphemy will replace prayer. Prayer does not humiliate, but it is an act of condescension by the Creator, which allows his creatures to speak with Him.

My children, when prayer becomes heavy and hateful, run for cover, because it is a bad sign. Physical illness begins with lack of appetite, spiritual illness begins with disgust of prayer. Then one proceeds with great strides until one forgets ones destination and origin, one gets lost in the desert of the world and one seeks relief and comfort where one cannot find it. Let the joined hands, with which I present myself to you, be a warning and an invitation.

But look at me again: I hold the world under my feet, and I crush the head of the snake that would like to bite my heel. It was the promise that, after the sin of the progenitors, God made foresee my coming, but it is also what must come true for all those who want to be saved. The world must be under your feet, and you must crush the head of Satan who tries to ruin your souls.

Children, my Son has come to be a sign of contradiction for those who do not accept his doctrine. But you who know that, as prince of this world, Satan runs around and invites to follow him, you must know how to overcome him! The theories of the worldly, the ideologies of those who live in the world for the world,

cannot be accepted by you. Do not aspire to have absolute tranquillity, since the devil, who wanted to bite my heel, is always the same today.

Your life must be spent in good; it must tend to achieve that holiness that will lead you to the final triumph. Immaculate, like your Mother, you will enter the kingdom of glory if you do not lose sight of my teachings and correspond to the grace of God.

Children, I bless you all one by one. Today is a day of grace. Do not tell me you need one thing or another: I want to give you everything! I give you my Son, and I give you everything you need. Know how to believe, love, and offer. Paradise awaits you, and everything that passes by does not deserve your interest.

## **To a group of pilgrims**

9<sup>th</sup> December 1977

My children, be welcome in my home! Your presence rejoices me, because it is a sign of love. I know that you have to overcome some difficulties to come to visit me and to answer my call, but rest assured that you will be repaid in abundance for every sacrifice. You give me one, I give you a hundred!

Always know, at all times, to live up to your conscience. It is the voice of God and, if you have good desires, the Lord can only help you realize them.

Know that the Lord wants love in the world, which, by uniting hearts, testifies to his presence. God is indeed love, and all that divides is contrary to Him. Go towards the Lord who comes, making your daily commitment to the precept of charity! Many may criticize and reject Christianity, but, before those who practice charity in full, they will remain defeated.

What do I mean by telling you to practice charity in full? That you try to love God by doing his will. What is your will? That you try to love all brethren, not excluding anyone and also loving those who make you suffer. This is how you will become saints and reach Paradise.

Children, I love you and bless you one by one.

I bless the men, who must be the pillars in their parishes, always ready to set the example of true piety. Then I bless everyone else. You are here as for a private audience with the heavenly Mother. I will accompany you step by step to your homes, where I will come with you and be present when, united in family, you will pray to me. Goodbye, children.

## **To a group of pilgrims**

9<sup>th</sup> December 1977

Children so dear to me, little souls eager to make my Jesus happy with a Christian practice made of love and to honour me with true devotion, be blessed!

Do you know why I want one of the stops on your pilgrimages to be this place? Because I want you, encouraged by my word, to resume your normal life with more confidence and more strength, despite the difficulties and crosses that are not lacking for anyone. It is my desire to receive your confidences, which you manifest to me through prayer, and here I give you an answer: the dialogue is completed, and in my words, you have a reward for your sacrifices.

I give you an assignment: make known to those who would like to prevent you from coming here, or who spread slanders in order to create a division, that they embitter my heart! Let it be known again that everything that divides does not come from God, who only wants love. The good ones who are divided cause great pain to my Jesus and do not give that good example that every Christian should give, while they support the work of the devil, who triumphs in discord and can make prayer ineffective.

Children, let my goodness, which embraces all souls, be a model for you and help you to be ever more good to all. Grace and thanks be to all of you who, by sowing roses everywhere, together bring the perfume of virtue. I want this message to be widespread.

I bless you again and always.

## Why you must be joyful

9<sup>th</sup> December 1977 (in Saronno)

My children, peace and grace be with you and bring you all good!

What a beautiful family I see gathered here in my name! There are sufferers in body and spirit, there are souls desiring holiness, even heroic, and there are those who feel so bad and would like to become better. You are all my children, and the more you feel miserable and in need of help, the more I love you and I approach you with maternal tenderness, eager to bring you light and strength.

To those who are well on their way and want to live with love of God and neighbour, I say: go on! The journey is arduous and difficult, but it is not impossible; I am by your side! To those who feel weak and enmeshed by some external force that does not allow them to rise, I say: do not be afraid and do not doubt! If you know how to believe, prayer will come spontaneously to you, and the help will exceed your expectation.

What I want to instil in your hearts is joy, because, if you are calm and joyful, you will not lack courage. Meeting the Lord who comes you must go happily! God wants to be served joyfully. Even if you see your limits, even if you would like to be better, even if innumerable obstacles arise continuously in your life, if you know how to look at everything with serenity, you will have more ability to react and defend yourself in any situation.



Be serene, children, since sadness wears out not only physical health, but also the spirit; and what you do and what you could give to God and to your brethren, cannot come to Him if it is not given with joy.

Children, be serene, because that announcement of joy that the angels gave to the shepherds, who kept their flock in the night, is also repeated to you. It is the Saviour, the One who brings salvation, who must be the reason for your joy, and you must give this announcement to men, to those who live near you and who, sleepy in indifference or evil, have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas.

It is dear to me at this point to repeat to you the words of Jesus addressed to the Hebrew people: *"John the Baptist has come, who does not eat or drink, and you say that he has a demon. The Son of man has come, who eats and drinks, and you say: "He is a big eater and a drunkard", and you don't believe Him."* And do you know why I said these words to you? Because they can also come true in your day! If you behave well, there will be those who criticize you. If you try to do your duty more and more and better and better, there will still be those who criticize you and do not want to listen to you. People get bored with everything, and they do not want to hear sermons or advice. They remain indifferent to sorrow, which they with difficulty share.

That is why I want your joy! It must be a manifestation of your faith. It must be a means of being

superior to any criticism, and it must make you enjoy in advance the presence of the Lord. You are used to saying: happy heart, Heaven helps you! God helps everyone, in truth, but those who serenely accept his will enjoy special assistance and help.

Children, I would like to tell you why you must be joyful. The child in his dad's arms rejoices and fears nothing. But aren't you in the arms of God, who is truly the Father of men, whom He created only out of love?

There are people on earth who lack the necessary, and sometimes find themselves unable to pay the debts they have contracted, perhaps by inexperience or because they are misled by false earnings. Christians find themselves before God in this situation, but there is a miracle that comes at every moment to restore order: there is the Son of God, who, presenting himself to the Father at every Holy Mass, intercedes for everyone, and pays all the debts that every soul has contracted with Him.

Consider, children, what cause for joy the debtors would have if they found generous souls willing to cancel the sums owed to them! What men do not do, the Lord does. How much joy every Confession, every absolution, and every sacrifice of the Mass, in which the greatest gift of love of the Son of God in the world takes place, should bring you!

But there is another reason to be joyful. When a sailor is on the high seas, he is anxious to get to the port; but when he glimpses the earth and is outlined to his gaze

the point of arrival, the homeland, he is happy, he rejoices. Children, the trial period is short. Doesn't it seem to you that the days, the weeks, the years fly by, and you already feel old, while your youth has inadvertently escaped you? If everything ends up in nothing, you would have something to regret about, but you can already glimpse the Homeland, if you think of all those people who perhaps were your own age and have left you.

When one reaches the heavenly Jerusalem, a life of trouble ends and the real life begins, the one that God has prepared for his chosen ones. Don't you think that every day that passes should be a reason for true joy for those who have faith? I too am awaiting you with joy and, as every mother is anxious to see her children take their first steps and meet her, so I am eager to embrace you, after seeing you walking on the path of good with so much alacrity and serenity.

Children, I bless you. I walk beside your beds and mark you on the forehead. Peace be with you. I bless all those present, and I hold the sisters of this community and those of the whole Congregation close to my heart.

Goodbye, children. I love you so much.

## **Prayer and action in defence of the school and of life**

9<sup>th</sup> December 1977

My children, I offer you a small invitation to solicit your prayer and your action in favour of those institutions on which the future of your country depends. Let it not seem strange to you, and do not think that your Mother can take sides.

I want the salvation of souls, but this salvation is hindered and fought with human means, many times in the service of the first bitter enemy, the devil. The children, who should find that religious and moral formation in school which should complement that of the family, instead find serious dangers. The teaching is transformed into a school of atheism and materialism, to the point of making false those principles which, handed down from father to son and preserved by the true Church of Christ, have given the strength to live to all believers and courage to offer their lives to the millions of martyrs who have honoured Christ and the Church with the offering of their blood.

Defending, helping, and wanting a good functioning of the school is an excellent thing if you think that good citizens and leaders of tomorrow will emerge from it. Absenting yourself, when you can testify your faith with your own presence and demand that the school be run by competent and honest people, is a real fault.

You can also act as interpreter with your acquaintances and relatives, interested in the case. Your advice and your prayers must encourage and be supportive even when, by being lovers of comfort and quiet living, some prefer to leave alone.

The other argument, which must truly concern all those who believe, is that in defence of life. Even if women without conscience and without fear of God have their reasons for justifying the murder, which takes the name of abortion, you must uphold God's right to give or take life away from human beings.

You have to pray a lot, children, because these sins are the cause of real and serious punishment by God. The command not to kill, which from the beginning of creation was violated by Cain, is continually consciously violated not by barbarian people, who do not know the rights of a civil society, but from mothers and fathers, who do not want theirs born because they involve sacrifices and some renunciations. Pray! Yes, pray and act, because the blood of the innocent cries out to Heaven for vengeance!

I bless you and help you, while I wish you a good night. See you later!

## A "Golden House" awaits you

10<sup>th</sup> December 1977

My children, be welcome to my home! You call me House of Gold. Well then, you can call this place a golden house because, while my presence is continuous, I go on giving to souls those gifts and those teachings that are more precious than gold. But the house of gold is also your soul, when my Son dwells in you through his grace, and when, taken by the love of God, you desire to work for Him and to extend his kingdom over all the earth. Then when you want to raise your thoughts and revive your hope, oh yes, you can think of that wonderful House of Gold that awaits you and that will be your home for all eternity!

Yes, children, think often of Paradise, so that you may have strength in enduring the crosses of life, which are lacking to nobody. Consider that I am waiting for you there, to give you my joy with my smile. What does every mother want for her children? She desires to make them partakers of everything that she has. My riches are yours, children, and my happiness must be yours.

However, while you are living down here, I must also make you sharers of my sorrows. You must understand the infinite bitterness of a Mother's heart, who sees her children lose themselves behind the futilities of life and thus lose grace and eternal life. Thus, by understanding this suffering of mine, you must collaborate with me for the salvation of souls! The souls who will receive help

from you to be saved, will be your crown in heaven. Courage, therefore! Be by my side and, making your dwelling more and more beautiful, give glory to God by bringing Him souls and souls.

In my Nazareth house, which now resides in Loreto, the sweetest conversations, established between the Son of God and me, gave my soul desires of ever renewed goodness and desires of good to be poured out on souls. When you come here to converse with me, and when you receive Jesus in your heart, you stay with us, your spiritual life must be renewed in an ever more lively desire for goodness and good.

I bless you all one by one. Goodbye, children, I love you so much!

## **Reflect on John's virtues**

11<sup>th</sup> December 1977

Beloved children, here I am to give you that spiritual food that must fortify you and always give you new energies of good!

I am your Mother and I am an expectant Mother. I await the renewed birth of my Jesus in hearts, for a truly holy Christmas in your families, in the Church and in the world.

To be more certain of the efficacy of my word, I invite you to rethink what Jesus replied to the messengers sent by John to ask Him if he was truly the Messiah: *"Tell*

*John: the blind see, the deaf hear, the crippled walk, the dead rise again and the good news is announced to the poor.*" Here is the identity card with which Jesus presents himself to the world! It is his life; it is his works that speak for Him.

I want to get into the subject right away. The world wants to know who Christians are, and each of you must be able to respond by citing everything you do in your life. In fact, Christians are the baptized who observe the Law of God, which consists in a special way in two commandments, which summarize all Christian doctrine, and which are the fullness of the Law.

Christians love God and love their neighbour for the love of God, whereby, everything that is good in private and social life, they are doing it in order to be of help to everyone.

But there is a particular note in the behaviour of Jesus, which He quotes last, but on which all his action is centred: *"The good news is announced to the poor."* Behold, children, what must form your greatest concern: your love for God and neighbour must lead you to exercise that evangelization without which your good works, done in favour of your neighbour, threaten to remain, even if they are good, a dead letter.

But who are these poor people to whom you must bring my teachings, which are the echo of the Gospel? They are the simple souls who, knowing their misery, their inability, and their weakness, want to be helped by you too with that help that I give you. They are those



who, without presumption but with faith, accept the extraordinary that the world is full of, recognizing in it the power, the knowledge, and the infinite and universal presence of God.

It is the most solemn moment in the life of Jesus, the one in which, after making known his love for men, He says to them: *"Go into the whole world and preach my Gospel to every creature."* It is the mission that you also receive here, that of being apostles and of bringing to your brethren the light and the help they need.

But I want to mention another small Gospel passage. Jesus lets John's messengers leave, and then He weaves his praises saying: *"What did you go out to see in the desert? Maybe a reed beaten by the wind? Maybe a man wrapped in soft clothes? Or did you go to see a prophet? Yes - adds Jesus - more than a prophet."* I want you to think about why you should consider John's virtues, which must also be yours.

A reed beaten by the wind is the symbol of inconstancy. John was the strong one. Here is the first virtue that you need: constancy in the good, which is like a strength that makes you keep faith with your purposes, even when the contrary winds that would like to eradicate faith from your spiritual life blow; that makes you tenacious in observing those rules which, even if they cost sacrifices and sacrifices, serve to strengthen the organism, so as not to make it inefficient and loose; that makes you believe those truths which, if only half embraced, can become errors and heresies.

Children, never be like reeds beaten by the wind. What you believe in is not something of your own invention. Your faith is based on the revelation and teachings of Jesus and millions of martyrs have given their lives for this faith.

But let us go on. Jesus says: "*Maybe John is wrapped in soft clothes?*" Here I really want to praise your simplicity, which does not make you waste in clothing and vain things what can and must be destined for the poor. And let me tell you that, if it is true that it is not the habit that makes the monk, it is however so beautiful to see the monk in his habit! But even if this topic is very close to my heart, since the priest and the religious must have in the habit a defence and a much needed distinction, I am referring to all Christians, who must demonstrate with the garment that they wear that moral sense and those virtues in which they believe and which they must practice. Just judge certain TV shows, to say if the sense of modesty still exists in the world!

You must be true Christians, who in all manifest their consistency also in dress, which must cover the body and keep it as a temple of God.

I am just mentioning the third teaching that comes from John. He is the prophet. Every Christian must be such, that is, he must announce God and prepare the way for Him. Children, I told you many times that you must become teachers at my school. Be assiduous, be constant, be exemplary! You will be prophets, and the

faith, even through you, will be better known, more loved, more observed.

I bless you, children! I am with you! See you later.

## **I beg you, be generous!**

12<sup>th</sup> December 1977

My children, be peace to you and grace and all good! See, I am here with you to help you make that immediate preparation for Holy Christmas, which must be have a great importance for your spiritual life. You celebrated my Immaculate Conception, and I want to lead you by the hand to help you make Christmas the reason for your purification, so that you may also be immaculate in your soul and the Lord may delight in dwelling in you, as He delighted by taking up residence in me.

In order to be able to respond to this invitation of mine, which is like a call that comes to you from above, I desire from you a great generosity. Greed is one of the most dangerous defects because it closes the heart to one's neighbour and to God, and makes the one who possesses it suffer. You must welcome me as a guide for Holy Christmas, exercising that altruism and that love of God that can draw his praise from Jesus: *"Because you have loved much, much will be forgiven you."*

Every man who comes into this world has an inclination to evil with him, so no one is free from guilt. You are all sinners and you declare yourselves when you

invoke me in the recitation of the Hail Mary, and I enjoy hearing these words of yours, because the abyss of your misery attracts my goodness and above all the infinite mercy of God. If however, by declaring yourselves sinners, you make up for your unworthiness with a love that comes from a generous heart, you are already on your way to receiving with the pardon the infinite divine riches.

Yes, children, be generous! The Lord has called you in preference to many others. He made you a gift of the faith; He gave you grace and keeps it for you through the Sacraments. He calls you with particular invitations to exercise virtue and to acquire perfection. Correspond to his grace! Don't be deaf to his call! The more you give, the more He fills you with himself so as to make your life fruitful.

He asks you for love, just as the beggar asks you for alms. Don't refuse Him anything! Through love He wants to purify your souls, and He wants to give you the means to convert and heal the souls of your loved ones, who are losing the faith and grace. Be generous. Know how to offer the best of yourselves even with sacrifice. The Lord never lets himself be beaten in generosity, and always gives one hundred for one.

But if you want Christmas to be a bringer of joy to you, become a source of joy for others. How many sufferers there are in the world! Everywhere a voice calling for help seems to be rising. Don't close your heart. You will be able to give moral help with the good

word, spiritual help with prayer, and material help with all those means available to you. But please, be generous! Let nobody ask, without getting. Let nobody be ignored because you have closed your eyes to not see.

And now, still holding hands, I bless you one by one. I bless this chapel, this house and whoever runs it. I bless those who live in this house and all the staff. I assure you of my protection. Continue your prayer with faith. When you reunite in my name, my Son is with me, and graces cannot be lacking. Merry Christmas, and goodbye!

## **"Go to work in the vineyard"**

13<sup>th</sup> December 1977

Beloved children, behold, I open my heart to you and I give you the sweetness with which it was full in the days preceding Holy Christmas, while I say to you with so much insistence and with so much love: prepare yourselves to welcome my Jesus, who comes to bring you salvation! I therefore invite you to be docile to his voice, attentive to good inspirations, so that his divine will may be fulfilled in you.

It is dear to me at this point to remind you of the two young men in the parable. Jesus says: A father had two children. He says to the first: *"Go to work in the vineyard."*

*"Yes!"*, replies the son, but he doesn't go. The father says to the second: *"Go to the vineyard to work."* *"No!"*,

replies the son, but then he goes. Which one gives a sign of love for the father? "*The second!*", say the listeners.

Well then, now I turn to you who come here, to you who are the apostles of my rosary and my missionaries, whom I very often invite to work in the vineyard of the Lord, which is your soul or the Church, and you, promptly, answer: Yes, Mother, we want to do what you say! But what happens? That many times, as soon as you get out of here, you forget my suggestions and change course. I would like a greater commitment from you, and sometimes some people deny it to me and make many excuses that really do not serve to justify.

I desire for you to live up to your intentions, because only in this way will it be possible to work together that vineyard, which I desire rich in fertile fruits and very sweet. It is true that sometimes the latest arrivals are the most willing and truly discover the beauty of the faith and virtue, so as to feel attracted to it. Then come true the words of Jesus, who said: "*The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the Kingdom of Heaven!*" However, I desire for you to be my sheep, which I lead to pasture and which I feed with tasty bread. I desire that your diligence, combined with your goodwill and docility, may make my school easy and effective.

There are people who, by character, many times, are rebellious and persist in their ideas, but then, dominated by grace, they know how to produce good fruits. It is a great joy for me when a soul, sensing the nefarious

action of the devil and the one no less harmful than self-love, gives in to my insistence, and, recognizing itself as miserable, strives to accomplish, with the help of God and mine, the work that is required of sanctification and apostolate. It is the triumph of grace that must take place in every soul, which, made in the image and likeness of God, must collaborate with Him to acquire perfection.

Be docile, children! Always keep in mind the need not to be deaf to the Father's call and to promptly execute his orders. Working the vineyard of your soul means planting all those seedlings and flowers that make you a paradise of God. Working the vineyard is also exercising that apostolate whereby faith can be spread, charity practiced, and hope can give souls that serenity they are anxious about. May the Lord accept my requests on your behalf, and make you worthy of being called witnesses of Christ!

I bless you with great blessing. Remember that when some disciples asked the Teacher why He spoke with parables, Jesus replied: *"So that many, hearing, do not understand!"* This was a punishment for those who were hard of heart. I speak to you with the kindness and delicacy of Mother, but I beg you, do not be deaf! Accept the word and treasure it. Accept it with recognition and gratitude. I will make it bear fruit, if the soil in which it is thrown as a good seed is suitable to welcome it.

Children, I assure you of my affection. I give you, from time to time, what you need, and I accept with great gratitude everything you do for my sake. See you later!

# The Word of God is profitable to you

16<sup>th</sup> December 1977

My children, with how much joy I turn to you! I desire to strengthen your faith more and more, not only in the revealed truths, but also in these extraordinary gifts, which are like an ornament and a refinement of your faith. I desire for you to feel, by these gifts, recognition and gratitude, that will help you to rise above human things, and that you try to become ever more persuaded of the presence of God everywhere. Is it essential to believe these things?, you might ask yourselves; and I reply immediately that, even if it is not essential, it is a sign of true ingratitude to reject them or not to use them to grow in the spiritual life.

At this point I want to refer you to a passage from the Gospel. The high priests and the elders of the people, seeing that Jesus taught in the Temple, approached Him, and asked Him with what authority He did it. But Jesus in turn asked them: *"Did John's baptism come from Heaven or was it a human thing?"* They thought that if they replied that it came from Heaven, Jesus would have said: *"And why didn't you believe him?"*; and they feared, if they replied that it was a human thing, that the people would rush against them, because everyone thought that John was a great prophet. So they preferred to say, *"We don't know."*

Now, children, for some time I have been among you, and I am teaching through this instrument of mine. Some



might wonder with what authority this woman teaches. In fact, my presence is hidden. There are many who believe, and listen as if they were thirsty for divine words, but the food that I give is not assimilated. They behave like those Hebrews who, even if they listened, did not convert. I solicit these conversions from everyone who comes to my school.

There are many who, while not daring to claim that they are human things, fight them, declaring that, if they were written in another form, they could penetrate more into the world and be accepted as education. Children, the truth is this: that one is afraid of communicating directly with God and one would prefer to say: *"Let not the Lord speak to us and not show himself to us, because we would die at his sight."* My prompting to you, in order that it may be truly productive, may the word of God fall into good soil and produce a hundred for one.

Children, another thing I must underline to your reflection! In human things, you have a lot of concern and you know how to detect the smallest imbalances both in health and in the events of your life. You measure your heartbeats, and you can know how your heart is going. Thus, you are aware of imperfections with every organ, and you are insightful observers of others as well.

Well then, I would like you to take this meticulousness to the spiritual field too, in order to be able to perfect your every action and to be able to give your every feeling that lift that divinizes it. How useful it would be for you and for others to take away

everything that tastes of disorder or inner imbalance! This is my wish for the next few days of waiting.

Children, I am close to you and, while I help your physical health and I grant you that resistance to fatigue, that strength and that energy you need, I watch over your every affection, on the thoughts of your mind, on your words and actions, that I would like constantly to be conformed to the Law of God and deserving of his reward and my smile. Make me happy! It will not be useless, and nothing will be lost.

Goodbye, children, good night! I watch over you, and I bless you.

## **To the young people**

18<sup>th</sup> December 1977

My children, peace be with you! Behold, we are in the last week of Advent, and the Church presents me to you as Mother of God, as if to urge your trust in the Saviour who comes and who wanted to give, to me first, the fruits of the redemption.

To the angel who had brought me the announcement of my motherhood, and to whom I asked how it would happen because I knew no man, he replied that nothing is impossible for God.

I know that you have problems, which you would like to solve as soon as possible, and which seem very difficult to you. Well then, the trust you have to put in

God must be based on the angel's answer: everything can come true, everything can happen, everything can be restored in order, and be completed according to the will of God. This security must generate in you a perfect peace, since, if peace were to fail, you could stumble on the fulfillment of those good desires which are also in the divine will.

But there is another reason to spend this week of waiting with serenity and confidence. The world agitates in the search for trivial things that seduce and attract, but that remain substantially empty. You must go in search of God, and you must go and announce it to others.

The qualification of Mother of God, which you repeat to me hundreds of times every day, must be an invitation to appeal to me with faith and to repeat with me that "fiat" which materialized in the birth of Jesus. If you call me Mother of God, you must believe that I am also your Mother and that I can and want to help you in all your needs, but you must also believe that all human beings are part of my family, as they are part of the family of God.

Here at this point a task is presented to you: that of enlarging your heart to let in all those affections and desires that are divine and that embrace all humanity. God loves everyone, and you must not exclude anyone from your heart. God desires to give peace to men, and you must do all you can to restore peaceful ties with everyone.

This invitation must be a reality, which you will give life to by trying to eliminate all the reasons that could cause charity to disappear, removing peace. Blessed are those who will bring to the cradle of the infant Jesus the commitment to improve their character, prayers, and actions which, starting from the desire for peace, bring serenity and joy to all.

I help you, children, and, as I make myself available to meet your needs, please really aspire to possessing and spreading trust and peace everywhere. I bless you all one by one.

## **As Mother of God I have rights and duties**

18<sup>th</sup> December 1977

Beloved children, peace be with you now and always! Today the Church celebrates my divine motherhood, which aroused so much conflict among Christians; and yet, it is a great truth that should give consolation to all the faithful.

Being Mother of God means, not already that God had life from a creature, but that, having given birth to Jesus, Son of God, I became Mother of Him, as Man and as God. I explain to you! When you say you are the mother of a child, you do not say: I am the mother of the body! The soul is spiritual and of divine creation, but the body, united to the soul, forms man, therefore every mother can say that she gave birth to man. So is my

divine motherhood. If you divide the soul from the body, you have death. If you divide the Son of God from the son of man, you no longer have Jesus.

My divine motherhood gives me rights and duties, and I express them to you. As Mother of God, I have rights over his heart, those that every mother has over her child's heart. However, if many mothers cry because they are not understood, loved, and helped by their children, this cannot happen for me, since God is goodness, love, mercy, infinite wisdom. I love Him with all my strength, and God fills me with his infinite love and gifts, and gives me what in an infinitely higher degree is in his heart, so, if I can contain in my so much goodness, so much wisdom, so much mercy, it is only by a miracle of the providence of God. This right makes me treasurer of graces, since my heart becomes like a golden casket in which all good is enclosed.

Divine motherhood also gives me duties, which men will never come to understand in their immensity, since it becomes a mystery of God's omnipotence. God in fact loves all men, good and bad, and, if He desires to be loved and served, it is only because He wants everyone's happiness. But who can love more than a mother loves her children? Maternal love is taken as an example of heroism. Even Jesus, speaking of his love, compares himself to a mother. Well then, the motherhood of God gives me authority and duties towards each and every man.

God's desire for happiness is mine too. I have the duty to follow these creatures in body and spirit like a real mother, and to provide each one with those aids that will make him ascend and deserve eternal life.

The application of the merits of the passion and death of my Jesus takes place in Baptism, and I, as Mother of divine grace, am present to welcome the newly baptized into my arms, who is then inserted into the tree of life. Thus, the divine sap circulates in those souls who are elevated to a supernatural life, and the transformation of the human into the divine takes place in them.

Children, I feel that duty of assistance and love as a command, but also on the part of the children is the duty to correspond and collaborate! I am Mother to you, and divine motherhood commits me. You are my children, and this truth commits your life to maintaining those bonds which are precious in the eyes of God and in my eyes.

Grace, children! This gift of God that makes you his children must be kept in your soul, if you do not want to be rebellious children and break those bonds that bind the son to the Mother!

When a mother faithfully fulfills her duties, she enjoys motherhood and, when births multiply, she feels her heart like dilating and affection multiplies.

This is also the case for me. But if it were a purely human fact, it would have a limit. Oh, thank the Lord who, through divine motherhood, has not placed any

limit, neither of space, nor of number, to my sonship! The children of God are also mine, they are entrusted to my care; and my love for each one, already immense in itself, is continually expressed and manifested, and seems to increase immeasurably when a soul shows me, with many small affections and sacrifices, to love me.

Love is like a magnet that attracts love. Try, children, to give me all that little you can with good will, and you will see miracles of love performed. Try to abandon yourselves with trust and hope to my care, and you will see how many wonderful things I will be able to accomplish in you. Try to give me your wholeheartedly thanks for what happens to you in life. Try not to transform those small or large sacrifices to which you are subjected into tragedies, and you will see how much joy I will give to your heart. Try, children, to see my motherhood projected over the centuries to eternity, and you will be able to rejoice with me because you will truly feel all the people proclaiming me blessed.

And if you wish, for those who blaspheme me, deny my attributes and do not want to recognize me as Mother of God and theirs, give me reparation, my thanks will be so felt that it will make your hearts vibrate with all the saints of Paradise.

Children, the Mother of God blesses you and loves you. See you again.

## **Exult with joy like John**

20<sup>th</sup> December 1977

My children, beloved children, joy, and peace be in your hearts and serve you as a means of accomplishing in the world, and especially in your small family world, all the good that the Lord wants from you.

I am the Mother of the Incarnate Word, the Mother of holy hope, and what would I like to see realized in you, if not the salvation that the Redeemer brought to all humanity? It is the greatest event in history that is celebrated and remembered, continuing its effects at all times. Only correspondence is required from you to this undeserved gift, a free gift of God's love for men.

To those who give you a gift, you must say thank you, and you must try not to waste and use what is given to you. To God, who offers you salvation through his Son, you must raise your song of thanksgiving and use this gift as a precious talent, destined to bear fruit over time to allow you to be repaid in eternity.

Admire, children, the infinite goodness of the Lord who, while making himself one of you and bringing you health and grace, asks you only to welcome his gifts with joy, because the profit is more abundant. He asks you to exult, as John in Elizabeth's womb exulted because of the presence of God in my womb. He asks you to rejoice with joy, so that you can be, like John, those who prepare the coming of Jesus in so many hearts.



You must be the precursors of the divine Child and, if it is useful for you to think that you too must be like Him, the desire that everyone should welcome and love Him must not be lacking in you.

John preached penance, and I do not hide from you that I truly desire some sacrifice from you, especially those that cost you the most and that serve to destroy self-love, but your preaching must be made of joy. Were you to know, children, how the authenticity of one's faith is shown with that serenity and equality of character which is not fiction, but virtue and grace! I want you serene and brought with serenity. The joy that worldly people seem to enjoy is made of slag, which at the slightest breath of wind transforms into crumbs, which cause real sadness melancholy when they do not cause serious damage.

True joy has its roots in the soul in grace. In fact, the soul, made in the image of God, when pure can enjoy and participate in the happiness of God. Being joyful, therefore, does not mean building a castle and thinking of obtaining reasons for happiness, but it means being convinced of the presence of God in you and cultivating it, in order to participate in his life. That salvation that men awaited for centuries is within you. Don't you think you have reason to rejoice?

Know, children, that that anxiety of happiness that is inherent in human hearts, you can realize it and you can make it a gift to all those who want to accept it; certainly not with a coarse behaviour, nor with changing your

personality by showing yourselves what you are not, but with that sense of moderation and balance, with that willingness to accept and give, as an exchange of affection and service.

Children, let my fiat be lived by you in these days with joy, and that everyone be aware that Christmas is not a worldly holiday, but divine! Goodness hangs in the air and makes everyone better. Let charity make you more generous and attentive to the needs of others. Let humility embrace you and destroy all category diversity, to make you always and only children of God. And let the joy of your hearts restate the thirst for ephemeral joys, and encourage the search for the Saviour.

With a soul full of maternal tenderness, I wish you a holy Christmas. Holy be it for the presence of God in you and for the Eucharist that will make the child God relive in you.

I bless you all, children: those who come from afar, those from near, and those who live in this house, where the presence of the family of Nazareth is continuous, and I invite you to bring this blessing to all your loved ones. I extend it to the whole Church and to the world, hoping that all men will want to feel its effect and glorify the Lord.

Goodbye, goodbye! To those who leave for mountain or seaside holidays, I wish you good work!

## **What will become of you?**

23<sup>rd</sup> December 1977

My children, be peace to you and grace and all good! Here is my Christmas wish, which I often renew in my meetings with you! Yes, peace and grace and all that crowns these great gifts, be the divine things, the virtues with which you may be clothed, and which give you the joy of living! My children, this evening must be memorable for you!

Do you want to celebrate with me, through the recitation of the Rosary, the mystery of love contained in the Nativity of the Lord Jesus? Well then, know that on that memorable night, while I saw the Saviour of the world in my arms, I also saw the features of his life, marked by sorrow as the numerous prophecies had outlined them, and I saw my Son, always and to the end of centuries, object of contradiction on the part of men, who only in Him and through him would they have been saved. It was all clear in my eyes, and the persecution and refusal immediately began to show what the mission of the Son of God would be and the painful path that He would have to follow.

At the birth of John the Baptist, who would have been the forerunner who had to prepare the way for Jesus, people, who knew the events that accompanied it, asked themselves: "What will become of this child?". Many made predictions or assumptions, even working imaginatively, and all ignored the great mission to which

he was called and the holiness that already embellished his soul.

Why did I remind you of this? Behold, my dear, you are here to ask yourselves just as for John: What will become of me? What task is assigned to me in life?

No creature came randomly to earth! Even in the order of nature, if you observe everything that is born, grows, reproduces and dies, you can reasonably think that each thing, from the flower to the blade of grass, from the insect to the ferocious animal that lives in wild places, everything has a very specific purpose in the mind of God.

If you think of the rain and the snow that descends from the sky and, after having quenched thirst for men, plants, and animals, go back up and then descend back to the earth, you immediately realize their usefulness. But also the stars and the sun and the moon, with the different gradations of light and heat, express a particular mission. It is nice to see the universe, in a wonderful order, to do God's will and gladden all creatures. Each flower has its beauty, its perfume, its physiognomy, each bird its song, each fish its way of life and of procreation.

Children, and what can you answer the question: *"What is it about me? What will become of me?"* Each one of you, as you have your own facial features, you also have a soul, more or less rich in virtues and merits, and a more or less important mission to accomplish. Remember that your life has infinite value, because you will have to live not on earth, but in Heaven, eternally.

The mission may vary, but the importance of each of you must derive, not from moral qualities or even from education or profession, but from love. It is what is inside that establishes your relationship with God and that gives importance to your person!

To grow in love is to grow in holiness. What does it mean to love? To love is to observe the Law, but it is also to go above the Law. Whoever observes the Law can become a servant, but to love is to be children and not ask for any reward to the Person to whom he gives himself as a gift of his life.

Behold, children, what will you be in time: those who, having known love, live it without asking the Other than to grow in love. The service to the brethren becomes as a consequence, since love is like a fire that cannot be locked in a heart, but that seeks an outlet. It becomes your mission, to live this delightful nickname of "Mother of Divine Love"! Each one of you can be, because you can all give birth to divine love; that is, you can bring God into the world.

And what will become of you? Children, I think of you as the crown of my head, since in life you crowned me with many beautiful fragrant roses: as many, as the "ave" that you recited!

Do not be disturbed by asking yourselves what your mission or divine will can be about you. Bring the flame of love within you! Set the world on fire with that pure gift of love, free from any selfishness and any private interest! Raise your love song, next to the cradle of my

Child! It will be your most beautiful Christmas celebration, which will last over time until your true birth in the glory of Heaven.

Good night, children, and be blessed. Merry Christmas to each and every one! May the groups present and represented have my pleasure and my most beautiful graces to extend to the absent.

## **I give you my little Lamb**

26<sup>th</sup> December 1977

My children, be blessed, how blessed were the shepherds who came to visit my Child at his birth!

He is the Emmanuel, He is the little Lamb of the Lord, and I give Him to you so that in Him you may place your hope and the security of your salvation. He is the face of God; therefore you can look at Him with great confidence. In Him lies love, goodness, and mercy to the highest degree. When the pains of here below seem unbearable to you, go to my Child, put Him in your arms and in your heart with a holy Communion! You will feel refreshed and invigorated, and the same things that intimidated you will become a source of joy for you.

Jesus is with you, alive and well. He is present in your churches, but it is above all present in the Church. Immolated on the cross, He continues his immolation in every Holy Mass and in his mystical body, in all those who suffer persecution and physical and moral pain.

I told you that Jesus is the little Lamb. Yes, in fact, He is continually led to the slaughterhouse, not only by those who tamper with his teachings and who reject them, by those who deny his divinity and mock Him, but also by those who, sinning, return to crucify Him in their soul. Children, I give it to you, my little Lamb: welcome Him, love Him, caress Him, and know how to offer with Him what torments your life!

Jesus began the Redemption in the first instant of his conception, and continued it at his birth by offering the Father his obedience, the humiliations, to which He freely underwent, and all those sacrifices to which his spirit joyfully met. Merge with Him. Do not complain that you are not fulfilled in your requests! That waiting time that seems empty to you is full of graces if you wish. Take everything patiently. That endurance that you have in the trial period is already a gift whose importance you will see in Paradise.

Children, I bless you with the hand of the baby Jesus. With you, He bless those you love and also your deceased. On the liturgical solemnities of the Church many souls are freed, but even those who remain in Purgatory have great refreshment from the mercy of God.

Goodbye, children! I love you, and I embrace you one by one.

## **In memory of the Holy Innocents**

28<sup>th</sup> December 1977

My children, be welcome and be blessed for your visit, so rich in faith and love! I welcome you into my arms and I promise you assistance and help in all the events of your life, so that you can always do your duty well and can, with the mission that was assigned to you, collaborate in spreading the kingdom of God in the world.

The Holy Innocents, which the Church remembers and celebrates today, are a sign for you. They, without knowing the faith, gave their blood for Jesus and paid for the sins of human selfishness with their lives. You know how painful the sacrifice of innocent souls is to my heart, and yet in the world all that is done is to carry out this immolation.

You understand that I want to talk about those babies who are aborted and who are not granted the right to live! They are sins that cry out to Heaven for vengeance and that attract punishment on families and society. But there are also other innocents who are sacrificed by human malice: they are those who are scandalized and, by losing innocence, they also lose the taste of virtue.

Children, may your visit be directed to give consolation to the heart of Jesus, and be as a promise to want to protect children and young people from evil as much as possible.



Children, be holy! May the grace of God always dwell in your souls, so that every sacrifice you make takes on the value of a gift of infinite value.

The Holy Innocents now enjoy in Heaven the fruits of a short life, spent for the Lord. May the children sacrificed by human selfishness have from you, in the communion of saints, that baptism of desire with which they were deprived, and enjoy the beatific vision of God. And may the example of your blameless life be a guide to those who by inexperience and young age could fall into danger.

For all you do and will do, I bless you! Be custodians of Jesus in the hearts of the good, and bring his perfume everywhere.

Goodbye, children! I love you so much!

## **May our Family be a model of yours**

29<sup>th</sup> December 1977

My children, see me with the eyes of faith here among you. I am the mother of Jesus.

Our beautiful family must be a model of your natural and spiritual family. Peace, order, and grace, which made our family the admiration of angels and men, must also characterize your family. Yes, children, you must at all costs bring and preserve peace everywhere, but especially in your home. Peace is like silence; a trifle is enough to break it. A word, a gesture, a neglect,

sometimes become like a spark that triggers a fire, or thunder followed by a hurricane.

Keep peace! Be meek! Don't you see in the world how much agitation and how much violence? Still, you don't build on these things. The painful situations that are created everywhere should be resolved through dialogue, as reasonable people do. One should listen to the voice of conscience, not be lovers of rebellion and fratricidal war.

It is necessary to love peace in order to build it. Giving up natural selfishness is difficult, but if everyone is committed to his own field of work and where he carries out his duties, even in command, to be fair, it would lead to all those benefits they must enjoy.

Children, how painful it is for a mother to see disagreement, hatred, and the difficulty of understanding each other among members of the same family! The human family is my family! I would like that everywhere one worked together to have a true peace based on charity and justice.

I look at you, and I would like each of you to have the features of my Child. He came into the world as Prince of Peace, to restore that harmony which was to unite men to God. But how many are those who take advantage of his teachings, and use the means made available to them to keep firm the bonds that unite with God? And, if the Law of God is not observed, how can peace of heart be had? And how can this precious gift be brought to souls if one does not possess it?

Know, children, that if you lose your serenity to the point of having hatred within you towards someone, Jesus hardly dwells in you. Indeed, I can tell you that you do not have his features. I tell you with certainty that peace among men must begin right from you, because a good heart always willing to forgive, love and understand others, becomes like a powerful projector destined to communicate the strength of God to humanity.

Behold, you are my children and I love you with the heart of God, but in my family, I want there to be order. Each in his place, each with his own commitment makes a gift to others of his own effort, of his sacrifice, of his own prayer. Each gives and receives something. Life is an exchange of gifts, and nothing is humiliating when it brings benefits to others and gives you those means with which you can live and have.

Natural order is based on work. There are those who work with the mind, some with arms, but no work must be considered demeaning, since it can be sanctified and offered to God. The housewife's work is the most useful, even if sometimes it is not understood and poorly rewarded. But who better than the mother can, in the exercise of her duties, exercise all the works of mercy which are the code on which the final judgment will be based?

The order that reigned in the Family of Nazareth bore an imprint of holiness, because it was spiritual, moral, and material. That duty that called to recollection to raise

hymns of praise to God was considered the most important work; then, obedience established the moral order; and finally, the activity, which gave no place to idleness, established peaceful relations between us, since in time and place everyone carried out his duty.

What a joy, if I think that you too can bring this light, this faith, this grace into your homes!

Your families must be oases of peace and, if the defective behaviour of any member were a threat to peace, know that you have received a greater amount of graces and that therefore you must be doubly exemplary.

Know how to defend yourself also from external dangers, as we defended ourselves when death threats thickened on our heads. Listen to the divine words, as Joseph listened to the angel's command. One had to flee and go to Egypt.

Children, escaping evil is a duty when the grace of God must be saved. Too easily spiritual life is put at risk because bad opportunities are not escaped. How many dangers threaten families, youth, nations! There is no fear of losing the faith, the necessity of sin is admitted, and Paradise is lost. Running away from dangers also means knowing how to turn to those who can help you save the salvable.

Goodbye, children. Make an ever more careful study of your soul, in order to acquire that resemblance with Jesus who forms my delight.

## **Raise your thanksgiving prayer to God**

30<sup>th</sup> December 1977

Beloved children, how grateful I am to you for having wanted to offer me this sacrifice and having come to pray with me!

The ever more urgent needs of the moment demand a lot, a lot of prayer, and I can only solicit it from every side. Always pray, children! Pray orally and mentally. Pray with the Church, with the family and alone. Pray with work, offering it to God, and put a pinch of love in all your actions. The current moments, so full of electricity and hatred, can only be transformed with the help of God, who must give the agitated hearts and confused minds the peace and light they need.

Yes, children, pray for you and for the whole Church, so that it may relive in it that faith that without errors can be practiced in the comfort of all. Pray by reciting the Rosary, because it is the ever-present weapon for fighting evil. The night of error, violence and evil must be illuminated by the light of the Gospel, and the Rosary is the lamp that brings this light to you.

Today I invite you to raise your prayer as a thanksgiving to God for the gift of life, which this year too has allowed you to prolong. Some people who attended your prayer gatherings are no longer, they have preceded you in the other life. Time has been granted to you: thank the Lord! Every moment of life is worth an eternity. It is not to be despised what is a source of

earnings! Well then, the biggest gain for you is to get to Heaven. Every moment is a gift and a means.

But another reason must spur you to the thanksgiving prayer. You have kept the faith. You will understand the preciousness of this gift in Paradise! Many did not receive this gift, and for them you must pray that, with those means that God believes appropriate, they may have faith. Many however, even among Christians, many young people, perhaps even your children, have lost their faith because they have not been able to appreciate it, preserve it and increase it. The talents they received have not trafficked, therefore the threat of Jesus has come true: *"Whoever does not have, even what he believes he will have will be taken away."*

You have kept the faith and you must be grateful to God. Human weakness, however, could play some bad tricks. Temptation and sorrow could be an occasion for you to lose your faith. That is why it is necessary for you to commend yourselves to God with prayer! That gift which was given to you in preference to many and which you have preserved by collaborating with your goodwill in the grace of God, must accompany you throughout your life. Faith is one of the golden keys that opens the door to Heaven.

And now, children, as I bless your every effort made in the year that is about to end, let us ask together to be able to work for the Lord every day of your life. Therefore let my grace descend upon you, of which I am Mother. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit come down, so

that you may always be living stones of the Church, and may an ever more lively desire for humility descend into your hearts, making you more and more dear to the Lord, and keeping you in that awareness of being misery and sin, from whom infinite graces will come to you.

I bless you, children, and I wish you a happy new year, the most beautiful of your life. See you later!

## **"You, Lord, we praise!"**

30<sup>th</sup> December 1977

My children, be peace to you and grace and all good! I am your Mother and I desire to underline, as if continuing the previous lesson, the reasons why your prayer must rise as a hymn of thanksgiving to God.

During the year you have spent, you have done so much good. Perhaps not all that good that the Lord wanted from you, but certainly you have received an infinite amount of spiritual, moral, and material help from Him to be able to live your life as Christians and make the graces you have received bear fruit. I am not going to list what you have accomplished. Know that if Jesus said that nothing can be done without Him, you can say that Jesus has been continually at your side as Father, as Brother, as Friend and above all as Son of God, to give you the opportunity to earn eternal life.

Your life has been all grace so far, even if you have sometimes corresponded badly. But when, driven by an

internal movement, by a divine force, you wanted to communicate with God, to live in his grace and to exercise the apostolate by doing good to your neighbour, you did not realize that the starting of all that good you did came to you from Heaven, from God himself.

Many people have been helped by your example, by prayer and by your action. The elderly and the sick have felt thoughts of faith reborn in their hearts, and hope has given joy and confidence in daily combat. Priests have had help; young people have seen you as models.

You are few, I know, but it is not the number that matters, it is the quality. In the workplace, a true Christian becomes like a lit lamp and, even if the wrath of Satan triggers battles and opposition, the fruits are equally valuable and give that good wine, the fruit of sacrifice, which makes your Mass important.

Now, however, I would like you to feel the duty to thank the Lord also for that evil that you have not done only because He himself has prevented you from doing so, he has preserved you. How many young people, how many parents have fallen into the traps stretched by the world with its vanity, its lightness and all those pitfalls that attract souls to make them walk along forbidden paths!

The Lord has defended you, held out like a wonderful net of graces and showed you the beauty of virtue, the greatness of the gift of grace and faith. It has given you enthusiasm for good, and has led you to the most arduous but safest road.



For all this you must thank the Lord. If you keep in mind the dangers from which you have been preserved and in which others have fallen miserably, you must really think that you are a favourite. It is true that sometimes you have had regrets, because you missed success in some of your aspirations and you have not been able to fully realize yourself in many things, but know that many times precisely the failures are special graces through which you come to fulfill the will of God, which is holiness achieved in hiding.

At this point I would like to show you the magnificent design of love that Heaven has woven for each of you, to bring out from your heart that beautiful song of thanksgiving which is the exaltation of the magnificence of God in Heaven and on earth: *"You, Lord, we praise!"* Oh! yes, sing it with faith and love this hymn, and let it count as preparing you to receive other gifts, other favours, which will help you in body and spirit.

I bless you, children, one by one. My affection for you is constant. Let yours be for me too. Good night!

## **To the young people**

1<sup>st</sup> January 1978

My children, I see you tireless in prayer, and I am tireless in addressing my word to you. Today, then, it has a particular imprint because it is a wish that must give you a program for the whole year that you have started.

Eight days after his birth, my Son was circumcised, and the name of Jesus was placed on Him. It was the first bloodshed. That drop of blood would have been enough to redeem humanity, but He wanted to give men a sign of infinite love, sacrificing all of himself on the cross. Well then, you too are asked at the beginning of the new year for a drop of blood, a sacrifice. Will you be so stingy as to limit your generosity and not want to give with all your heart what you can give?

What am I asking for? A specific commitment to preserve the grace of God in you, so as to make your actions divine. I ask you for a commitment to avoid even those imperfections that weaken the fervour and that can lead to lukewarmness. I am asking small and big things for each of you, but that will make the holiness that God desires flourish in you.

You too have a name that I keep written in my heart. Yes, I know you and I love you, not only with the name you bear, but also with the defects you have; but the name that makes you brothers and makes you like my Jesus, it is that of Christians. To give prestige to this name that distinguishes you in the world, you must practice the Gospel. In this wonderful book of life, I invite you to find a word that does not indicate love and charity. The Gospel is the poem of love!

And what can you do better during this year that presents you with so many uncertainties? You must love! If living in the grace of God is making love live in you, the search for perfection is your response of love to God:

an answer that would not be complete if you did not try to exercise that charity with the brethren which is the basis point of the Gospel.

With these teachings and with all the affection that overflows from my heart, I embrace you by saying: happy new year, and peace, the fruit of grace and harmony between hearts, be always in you! Blessed are you, if you understand the need to sow good, you can cultivate peace everywhere. I, Queen of Peace, will be its custodian.

Goodbye, children! Don't give up your weapons, even if the rows get thinner. Your constancy will be repaid, but let it become enthusiasm so that it can have the strength to draw others.

## **What wanting peace entails**

1<sup>st</sup> January 1978

My children, don't tell me I speak too much! I am a real Mother, and all occasions are good for me to stay with you. I encourage and rebuke, I counsel and advise against, always in the name of the affection that unites me to my creatures.

I am the Mother of God, and all that is impossible for earthly mothers to do, by the omnipotence that God gives me I am able to do it. That is why, after centuries and centuries, my maternal action still continues and it

continues uninterruptedly in favour of all men of all times, and so it will continue until the end of time.

When a mother loves, she knows no pause in her actions and so, even if ingratitude and malice hurt her heart, she continues to love and to do all she can for her children.

I am one of these mothers, who really loves and deeply. If a mother loves her children, she wants to see them good and perfect. She would like a good position for them, and that everyone should honour them. Remember that mother of the Gospel, who asked Jesus that her two children in Paradise be placed one on the right side of Jesus and the other on his left? Children, do not be surprised if I also ask to have you near in Heaven and that a great glory be reserved for you, by that love that binds you to me!

A good mother would like to see her children all tied together by true affection. Discord, quarrels, grudges make her suffer. So it is with me, and everything that destroys peace in the world is a great pain for me.

I am the Queen of peace. My desire is to restore order among nations, peace in families and give peace to souls; and my action is understood in this way: to be a true mediatrix of peace. But, children, my action is not enough! When the angels announced peace on earth, they indicated a requirement that cannot be missing: *"Peace to men of good will."* It is necessary to want peace to possess it, and to want it is not a simple feeling, but involves a renunciation of one's self, one's

selfishness, and an active participation in the needs of others.

Of course, just as you need two sides to make a war, so much so that you say that a soldier alone cannot do it, so in order to make peace, the two sides in conflict must have desires for harmony. Such behaviour is difficult, up to the point that God's intervention is needed.

When does peace between men cease? When the work of God is not accepted, when his existence is denied, when his Law is rejected, whereby the law of the strongest, of the most arrogant and of violence enters. When does peace fail in a family? When some members lose the faith, they reject the Sacraments and make their god their own self. When do friends or relatives lose peace? When they make divinities of their interests and the futile things of life, and they are ready for any quarrel in order to maintain or procure such passing goods.

Peace is the fruit of grace and goodwill. If it is necessary to turn to God because He alone knows the meanness and depths of the human heart, you understand that in order to have peace everyone must cooperate to obtain it with a fervent and constant prayer. Reacting on oneself, on one's personal defects, becomes a necessity and a preparation for the preservation of peace.

Children and young people must be prepared for this peace, which is harmony. What will be said of those parents who, constantly fighting each other, only embitter the hearts of their children, giving them bad examples? It will be said that they foment war! Oh, how

prudent and cautious all adults should be, who with their behaviour leave indelible marks on children's hearts many times! And how should children know that those quarrels, those games that prepare for violence, must be avoided and that, if they do not learn, as long as they are young, to know how to share what is good, to accept and to dialogue with others, they will reach the point of not understanding each other anymore!

Children, Christmas has come and brought the Saviour, and it is beautiful that the Church lets ring again her invitation for true and lasting peace. However, it will be necessary to restore everything in the light of God and bring Christian practice back to families, made of prayer and of attendance to the Sacraments; and an education based on the gospel principles of humility and charity will have to be imparted if the triumph of brute force crushing the weak is not to be seen.

Children, the real strength is that which makes one masters of one's self and which, in patience and with charity, knows how to wait to overcome the obstacles of life. At this moment I desire to grant you peace of heart, and I give you so much willpower that, in the face of difficulties, you know how to choose the best behaviour. The peace of the world and nations depends on the peace of heart and mind of those who govern them. Pray for the light to shine between the darkness, and that they accept to be illuminated. Goodbye, children!

## Accept your cross

3<sup>rd</sup> January 1978

My children, here we are united for the divine lesson and for prayer, which must give your soul comfort and relief.

How should I start my lesson today, while a new year opens up to your eyes and certainly not with many rosy prospects? Behold, I wish to point out the cross to your gaze, and I say to you with confidence: with this sign you will win! I do not promise you human consolations and fortunes. I do not tell you that this year will be painless for you. I only tell you that if you love the cross, it will be it that will carry you and make you victorious in the most bitter battles of life.

Do you want to have a practical teaching? First of all try to look at those sufferings that seem unbearable to you with serenity.

That shadowy and difficult character, which before making others suffer makes you suffer, is the cross you have received. Look at this cross with a very strong desire to smooth its corners so as not to make anyone suffer: you will become more malleable. That wanting to see flaws everywhere, which makes many unbearable, is a cross. Try to analyse yourselves to see virtues instead of vices, and the air will become more serene. That discontent that makes you want to isolate yourselves from the people who live with you is a temptation and a

cross. Try to love those people strongly, and their company will be dear to you.

Sometimes you would like to make yourselves useful to others, and your collaboration is rejected; your self-love suffers, and the rejection becomes a cross. At that moment try to make yourselves little, and immerse yourselves in the heart of my Jesus: you will feel the joy of pleasing Him, and the cross will no longer weigh you.

Are you betrayed in your dearest affections? Does it seem impossible to you to get your word and your love to the people you care about? Here is a big cross. Then try to give the exuberance of your affection to the One who will never betray your life. Give everything to Jesus: the cross will seem lighter to you, and with patience and security you will know how to wait for the return, and order will be restored in peace.

Do you have desires that seem unattainable, that give you restlessness and that take away your serenity? It is a cross! Try to put it, with adherence to the will of God, on the shoulders of Jesus: He himself will carry it, and you will no longer feel its weight. Maybe you would like to have gifts that you have not received? Would you like to own what you don't have? You would like to do, and everything contributes not to let you do? It is the cross: accept it! Your limits of culture, intelligence, wealth, and strength are held in high regard by the Lord, who will reward your goodwill.

Years go by and you are no longer young, largely. Every day, new ailments make difficult those actions



that you once did with so much energy: it is the cross! Human life is like this. It is necessary to look reality in the face, and not to regret what is lost, but to rejoice in what awaits you. It will be enough for you to say every day: I did everything of good that I could have done.

One thing must be close to your heart: to do your duty day by day, which is like saying the will of God. If the Lord calls you to prayer, pray with love. If He wants you to renounce to stay close to a sick person in body or spirit, renounce. If the work requires an uninterrupted activity from you, sanctify it, carrying it out with precision and love. If you are given a rest to be in good company, enjoy it, and participate happily in leisure too.

In short, in all these references everyone can discover himself and can analyse his own situation, to make pain, suffering, the cross sweet, and so that your cross ought does not weigh on the hearts of others. I know, children, that many times you feel weak in front of the enormity of the sorrow that hurts you, but at that moment it is appropriate to compare your sorrows with mine. On the contrary, I give you some advice: ask the Lord that, by those sufferings to which the will of God subjected me and which I accepted with love; may you be helped or set free.

Now I bless you, children, and I wish you an ever-greater endurance of all those annoyances that are part of your daily baggage. I bless you, inviting you to always give a hand to those who, fallen under the weight of the cross, are not able to lift themselves up; to those to whom

despair prevents from raising their eyes to Heaven; to those who, under the weight of sorrow, say they have lost the faith.. How many suicides avoided, if there were pious souls ready to give thoughts of trust and faith. All can be remedied with prayer and faith!

Children, be the strong ones who never waver in the face of danger. Be the brave ones who know how to jump into the sea of life, to save those who are about to drown. Goodbye, children!

To my ministers present, my embrace, and my strength. To the religious, my goodness. To the mothers, my patience. To the young people and the children, my love for purity. To all, my song of love which, after having resonated in your hearts, may rise up to Heaven and point out to you your Homeland.

## **I point out to you the Magi**

8<sup>th</sup> January 1978

Dear children, dear to me, peace be with you. Here we are, as in the little Bethlehem house, to remember the visit of those kings, so wise and so good, who deigned to visit me and to offer my Child, whom they recognized as God, their precious gifts.

I must remind you of a difficulty encountered by the Magi during their journey: that mysterious star, that had guided them even on different roads to Jerusalem, disappeared, so as to leave them fearful and uncertain.

I will dwell on this fact to show you what is happening in the life of Christians, even the best. One would like to know everything clearly. One would like a special light to illuminate the mind, and derive from it security in one's choices and behaviour. Some ask themselves: *"Will I be on the right path? Will I do well? I would like to know if the Lord is happy with me"*, and many other phrases that denote insecurity.

I point out to you the Magi, and I answer you that it is necessary that every now and then there be a lack of light, because, walking in the dark, one has to exercise more faith and humility. I look at your heart, and I tell you how happy I am with the good will that you show me. Even if your weakness allows you to fall, how much benefit comes from the humble recognition of your limits! Consider that sometimes, just for the doubts, the uncertainties and darkness from which you are dominated, you obtain light for the lapsed.

If the Magi had not lost the guidance of the star, they would not have turned to King Herod, and the priests, the Pharisees, and the whole city of Jerusalem would not have been made aware of the prodigious birth of the Messiah. It is true that no one moved to go looking for Him, but in the meantime, they had not missed the call.

When you would like to know more, when you would like to understand more, offer this sacrifice to the advantage of those who, in their sleep, indifference and in the death of sin, do not ask and do not desire to improve their relationship with God! It is evident that

darkness does not always last for those who desire the light of the spirit. The Magi, leaving the city, saw the star again, and, if you are constant in the search for God and in prayer, leaving the worries too human that distract from the thought of Heaven, you will find again that serenity and peace that are like the handmaids of those who live in the company of the Lord.

The Magi came and, although they were different in language, race, and habits, they found themselves together, and they agreed in expressing their feelings of adoration and praise to my Son. Thus, my children, if in your hearts you know how to keep the grace of God, human life will not be difficult for you, even if the differences in character, habits and ideology could give rise to difficulties.

Right intent and good conscience bring to completion the works of God, who watches over those who do them, making the pitfalls that turn against them vain. Even the Magi, after a short stay in Bethlehem, returned to their countries by another way, having been warned in a dream. Everything serves the Lord and, when you least think about it, He intervenes and solves your problems, perhaps diverting your plans but saving you from the dangers. Children, trust in God, who is Father and who cannot betray your trust and your faith.

The visit of the Magi was a gesture of love and providence, as well as a manifestation of faith by other peoples, to whom the Gospel would have been preached after many years. It was also a fulfillment of the

prophecies, and it was for this visit that we could have those means that would have served us to move to Egypt, being, my Child, sought by Herod. What magnificent designs of love in every part of the life of Man-God and also in the life of each of you!

How many things, which you currently judge as misfortunes, will one day be revealed to you as providence and as a favour from God! Never stop to think about your sufferings, especially if they are caused to you by some people you think are enemies. Look up! Know how to sanctify every little suffering, and maintain trust and peace. You will find that those things that seemed to go wrong in every sense, the Lord has used them for your spiritual profit and sometimes also to protect you from the dangers. Never let yourselves be deceived by the devil, who would like to bring you to despair in the darkness and in the contrarities.

Children, I bless you also on behalf of the Magi kings, who are celebrated solemnly in Heaven today echoing the voice of the Church. May the gifts they brought to Jesus be poured into your hearts at this moment: the gold of the pure love of God, the incense of fervent prayer and the myrrh of your sacrifice. With these gifts you will be able to make your journey happily, not to go to the land of exile, but to the Promised Land, Heaven, where we await you.

See you again, children and be holy!

## Learn to ask with humility

9<sup>th</sup> January 1978

My children, be peace to you and grace and all good!  
I am here with you. Rekindle your faith and trust!

I live in your houses, because I cannot abandon those children who were entrusted to me by the Father so that I can guide them along the way the way of salvation. I am with you when you rejoice, when you cry, when you stay up, and also when you rest. My presence is necessary for you, since I am a Mother to you and, as such, I must raise you up in the spiritual life that was entrusted to me on the day of your Baptism. But I must also help you in human matters, by that precept of charity that also concerns me as it concerns you.

What does the Lord command? To love God with all your heart, with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself. And aren't you my neighbour? Am I not the same as you, with the same duties and rights, also having your same nature? You are therefore right to invoke me, for by virtue of God I am present everywhere, and you are right to have recourse to me in your needs, because I am bound to grant your desires.

However, everything must be done in harmony, and you must accept those desires which I express to you, and which must help you to rise to the high peak of perfection. The Magi, who came to worship my Child, accepted me as a counsellor, and adapted to the needs of our poverty by sharing the concerns of our little family.

When you go to Jesus or come to me, you must give and receive in harmony of mind and heart! Many times, children, the requests you make remain unanswered, because they are based on selfishness and you don't want to share and accept what is offered to you as a gift of love, even if it is covered with that word that is so scary and which is called sacrifice. Learn how to understand me, children, and learn how to ask with that humility that does not make you overbearing, but convinced that you do not deserve anything.

May the new year that you have started, be a year of grace that scores for a real flourishing for your inner life. There are several categories of Christians in the world. There are the unworthy of this name, and you must not belong to it. There are the mediocre ones, who often keep their foot in two shoes and who want to serve God and mammon; you also must not belong to this category. Then there are the fervent ones who commit themselves to be as God wants them, that is, holy; you must be of these and, even at the cost of sacrifices, you must reach that goal.

Children, I bless you all, and I promise you that, when you gather in this place, many graces will be granted to you. Put many intentions and trust in me. Take my blessing to your sick and call many people to this cenacle: you will have peace and joy!

## **Jesus Christ is present in the world**

10<sup>th</sup> January 1978

Children, how beautiful it is to be together and remember the mysteries of our faith that make us communicate with God, and how beautiful it is to make of our hearts a great unity, in which God can take up residence because love reigns in it!

Christianity is all here, true religion is all here: to love God and to be faithful to Him in the service of the brethren, who are like his living face. Therefore, if you want to be true witnesses of Jesus Christ, make sure you see Him constantly present.

When temptations assail you, when the will gives in, when your strength is failing and a sense of rebellion leads you to refuse to love God, and to deny your affection to the brethren, consider that Jesus is there to help you. He wants to remind you that, although He is God, He humbled himself until He appeared equal to you in everything and that, by depriving your neighbour of your love, you bring Him a real offense.

The presence of Jesus Christ in the world is not a fantasy or an imaginary fact. He, who is the eternal Word of the Father, in whose name all things came to life, is living in his divine word, He is the Word, which is still handed down in the Gospel and of which Jesus said that not a single syllable will be lost. The Word is alive, the Word made flesh, as in the hut of Bethlehem, in every Tabernacle where a consecrated Host is kept. This Word



is present in the Church, who makes of everyone a single body, his Body. Members of one body are Christians and all who, loving God and neighbour, live according to that divine Law which is impressed by the will of the Father in every man. Each member must love his body; every Christian must worry about living and that others live the Word, the divine Word.

Your mission is great, children! If I was chosen to give a human body to the Son of God, you were chosen to vivify his body through grace and love, and to give the Word that splendour that faith, practiced and lived, brings to the world.

Children, the Lord's Christmas will never be celebrated enough, since the Word must continually celebrate his birth in souls! When physical or spiritual fatigue leads you to put off or give up what is good and right to do, you consider that you could become guilty, like those mothers who want to end their pregnancy and give up the joy of their motherhood.

If every Christian has a duty to live, he also has a duty to communicate life. To put the good that can be done on one day to another time is to send back the nourishment to the Word of God who, through you, must live.

The grandeur, the immensity of God, the smallness of a child born in a cave, have their wisest and most complete manifestation in that mystical body which is the Church. Each being, which constitutes a small cell of

it, can perform divine works and make it flourish again in grace and the Holy Spirit.

Each one of you, however miserable and incapable, can contribute to the renewed birth of the Word in all the days of his life; an indispensable thing, to stay small and not be flattered by human greatness and not even by those gifts that could make you proud.

Here, at this point, I am fond to remind you of the Gospel deed. Jesus had entered a synagogue, and had started to instruct with authority amazing everyone, when a demon-possessed man shouted: "*I know who you are: the Holy One of God!*" Jesus silenced him, and ordered the devil to come out of that body. The devil obeyed and everyone was seized with fear.

I make you reflect on the words of praise pronounced by the devil: "*You are the Holy One of God.*" Sometimes you may feel this expression within yourself, or addressed to you, and it could be flattering to you. Even if your life presented all the prerogatives of the good life and even if you did good for the whole Church, remember to always behave like Jesus. Who more than Him could have agreed on the truth of the words of the devil? He was and is the Holy of holies, but the devil would have had a great revenge if Jesus had accepted his praise.

Children, let your rectitude of intentions and your genuine and constant faith be your guide, and never be drawn or proud of the praise or satisfaction of your work, so that the devil may not rejoice and spoil the works of

God. Better that you accuse yourself and slander yourself, rather than enhance that holiness which, although it is a duty for everyone, is so difficult to conquer!

Children, I bless you all and help you grow. Let yourself be nourished and lead. See you later! Be good to everyone.

## **You must look at the year that comes**

11<sup>th</sup> January 1978 (in Muggiò)

My children, peace be with you! I am Mary of Nazareth. I am here, as Mother and as your Sister, to give you comfort and help. I have no other desire about you than to see you happy, of the happiness of those who lead a good life and who spend it all in the service of God. What would be the worth that, humanly, you could say that you had everything and that your interests were going quite well, if you didn't have that happiness that only God can give?

First of all, however, being the first meeting you have in this new year, I want to invite you to clean up everything that may have damaged your spiritual life, and therefore happiness.

I would like perfect sorrow, which would have the power to erase, as if by a sponge, all that you have done wrong and what you have done imperfectly, that is, that good that must have been like good wheat, with which

you have had to fill the eternal granaries, and which instead many times brought with it many defects, whereby it must be well cleaned by sorrow and penance, or purified in Purgatory. But I would also like you to feel sorrow and regret for not having generously corresponded to the will of God, whereby much good, that ought to have been done by you and that would have brought spiritual advantage to other souls as well, you did not do.

After asking for forgiveness for all these past things, you have to take a look at the coming year. As good traders do and all people who care about their interests, you have to make a kind of estimate to see what your concerns for the future can and should be. I do not tell you that you will have to get anxious, since Jesus taught you to live by the day, but it is necessary to keep in mind the goal to which you are directed and the good that you are called to do with the help of God.

First of all, keep in mind the brevity of the journey you have to travel. Every year, some members of this spiritual family arrive at the other side. They have a special protection, being Rosary devotees, but works cannot be lacking. The road is short, but it is easy to lose the straight line and allow yourself to swerve. It is therefore necessary to make a firm commitment.

This time which the Lord gives you must be used well, and you must think not only of yourself, but also of those who live close to you. Everyone is in charge of the salvation of his neighbour. This is why your life, even in

its brevity, has a great value: you must be instruments of salvation.

The human family is like a great unity in which no one must live only for himself, since all its members are like the branches of the same tree and all must be vivified by the same sap. This is the thought that from the beginning of the year until the end, from the dawn of each day until sunset, must accompany you: I must help Jesus in the work of redemption.

All that obtains help from Heaven for you and for others, all that is edifying and can bring others to good, all that can build the kingdom of God within you and in others, it is good to do it! This is the whole positive part of your life, which is transformed into grace and wisdom, into virtue and works. It is easy to understand that the work to destroy what is negative in you and in others must be continuous.

A day must therefore be full of "yes" sayings to the Lord, to his loving requests and to his request for service, which can come directly or indirectly from the souls thirsting for love and salvation around you, and also from those who reject you and deny you love and friendship. Your joyful response in the name of the Lord, who loves you infinitely, to all the brethren, is the most admirable construction of the kingdom.

Anything negative that can try to stifle the good intentions, the good desires, the good works, must be combated at all times in yourselves. And in others? Oh! yes, also in others, but with this divine system that is

summed up in a few words: to overcome evil with good, to overcome hatred with love. These sentences are equivalent, because there is no good, if there is no love.

Thus, every day you will present your "yes" to me so that I may offer it up to the Father, like a fragrant and precious bouquet of flowers, picked in your flowerbed, your soul, and picked in the garden of God, which is the Church.

How much you will rejoice at the end of this year and at the end of your life, if you have been able to put my words into practice, which are only the echo of those of my Jesus!

And now I bless you, children. To the religious present, I recommend insisting that a nice prayer gathering be held monthly in their home. How much good souls deprive themselves, just because some let themselves be dominated by preconceptions and human respects! How much responsibility before God and how much more purgatory! I bless the children present. I bless this house and all those who frequent it.

I will give special graces to those who honour me. I am Miraculous in fact and, if your faith is alive, miracles will not fail. You have already obtained many graces, even without your knowledge.

See you later, children! I love you so much!

## What I require from you

13<sup>th</sup> January 1978

My children, how filled with consolation are for my heart these encounters with young and no longer young, who, after a day of work, come to hear like good night from the Mother and to receive the go ahead for the following week!

How much I would like to help you, above all to correct those views, not always exact, that you have of your groups, and how much charity I would like to spread in your hearts so that you can truly make a beautiful unity! But there is a lot of goodwill in you, even if everyone has their own flaws and character. I ask you to see prayer groups as assemblies of souls that tend to perfection, even if, being all called to participate in them, they may show some defective sides.

*"Who among you is sinless, throw the first stone"*, said Jesus one day, and with those words spontaneously the proud walked away, while Jesus had the word of forgiveness and encouragement also for the adulteress. Everyone is invited to pray, and all those who wish to improve themselves enjoy the mercy of God. Jesus said to that woman: *"Go in peace and do not want to sin anymore!"* I too say it to everyone: if you come under my cloak and entrust yourself to my custody, you must firmly want your conversion!

Therefore I do not authorize you to send away anyone, because judgment belongs only to God. Instead,

I demand that the wicked also be considered as souls to be saved, and that they be welcomed as one welcomes the sick person to whom the means to heal must be given.

I also demand that the defects of character be corrected little by little, even if the Lord is very indulgent with those who, having a difficult character, suffer and make people suffer. Those who therefore realize that they have a strong character, try to soften it, while those who are too weak must try to strengthen it. The apathetic characters will try to shake their coldness, and the fiery and enthusiastic will try to moderate themselves.

The sense of balance and equality of temperament, which serve to preserve tranquillity and peace in all environments, must be kept in mind so that exaggeration does not enter into the things that worldly people call fanaticism. What I recommend to you is that you take into account the wishes and needs of others like yours, so that no place is left for selfishness which triumphs in the world.

This relentless work among the children who love me will also bring benefits to your families, where peace will reign, because you will be able to speak and keep silent in due time and keep in place the nerves that sometimes rebel against the command of the brain.

Children, you are all dear to me and, in a very particular way, are dear to me those who have connatural defects, which they have inherited without their fault perhaps from ancestors or depraved relatives. Poor children! How much pain and how much goodness you



must employ for them too! Oh, do not be afraid that they will bring you to ruin by approaching them!

It is I myself who defend you and, as I call and recall those who, attracted by drugs, make it a necessity, so I call these children who feel the call of evil and who only with your kindness and your prayer will be able to resist.

Children, believe me, I am your Mother and I do not spare anything to guide you, to enrich you and beautify you spiritually. I desire your will determined for the good, your right intention, and everything, even your mistakes and your falls, I use them for the best for you.

I bless you, children! Know that the good that you would like to do and that particular situations will prevent you from accomplishing, my Lord will consider it as done and will reward you for it.

Goodbye, children, and good night to everyone! I will always be happy to solve your problems, even if I don't say your names.

## **To the young people**

15<sup>th</sup> January 1978

My children, I am with you! I am the Virgin of the light, and I want to give light to your minds, so that you may better understand those truths that were revealed to you and the truths contained in the book of life, which is the holy Gospel. If you have supernatural and divine light, the way appears more viable to you, the difficulties

and obstacles do not frighten you anymore, you know how to appreciate the right values, and sin appears to you in its ugliness.

I give you a light that is not mine: it is the spirit of the Lord that gives it to me, and reflexively to you! But you always ask for it, because it is a gift. One needs to be enlightened in life. All material events, all spiritual and moral needs, require this light. The uncertainties in which you sometimes find yourself, and the difficulty of choice, demand a divine light that thins out the darkness and shows you the right way.

Learn to see me always at your side as the one who, having understood and known the beauty of virtue, wants to point it out to you; like she who, having been filled with grace, can obtain it and help you to flee from sin, which is the worst of all evils.

Sin reigns in the world. There are those who do it unconsciously, not realizing that it is the cause of all evils, and these deserve your pity and your help, with the mercy of God. But there are those who, by decisive will, by rebellion to God, and not wanting to accept the command to obey his Laws, prefer to play with death and destroy a destiny of happiness. This is the category of sinners for which prayers, actions and sacrifices must be offered. Oh, don't think your life is spent unnecessarily, if you target these souls who lack light!

You saved a soul; you predestined yours: that is what I tell you! The group of young people must be at the forefront of this work! This is why I bless those who visit

the sick and the elderly, consecrating them to me, and I bless those who, by sowing my word a little everywhere, give light to souls. Your commitment is a true mission of salvation, which will have the same reward reserved for those who, leaving their homeland and family, dedicate their work and their life to unknown people. Act with faith and enthusiasm for the triumph of the kingdom of justice and peace: everything else will be given to you in excess.

Goodbye, children! The heavenly Mother loves you and blesses you all.

## **Jesus is the Lamb of God**

15<sup>th</sup> January 1978

Beloved children, so dear to me, be blessed for all that you have done, that you do and that you will do, to render to my Son and to me that honour that always returns to your advantage. I desire that you more and more and better try to perform those acts of worship which are due to Jesus, as Son of God, and to me, as his Mother, because from what you do derives that protection and that help that makes you grow in wisdom and grace.

You need wisdom, children, and none of you can possess it or can give it to yourselves if you do not receive it from above. What you receive in this place is destined to make you acquire the wisdom which, through prayer, is given to you. As if you want to draw water,

you take your own container to put it in, so if you want to fill yourself with wisdom, which is like saying with divine light, you must prepare your hearts and minds to welcome it. Dispose your hearts with a lively desire for good and your minds with feelings of humility, so that light, wisdom, will be abundant!

Yes, you all need this gift of the Holy Spirit, and I obtain it for you and make you custodians; so that you in turn can communicate it to others and make everyone aware of the great gift.

Wisdom does not require culture; it is not a monopoly of some. Try to think of some of your mothers who perhaps could not hold the pen; and yet, what reasoning and what advice they knew how to give! They seemed wise, not in letters, but they knew well the letter of the letters, that is, the sacred Scripture in its content and they knew how to put it into practice to the dot.

Ask the Lord for wisdom to understand his desires and to know how to do his will, even when it costs sacrifice and is contrary to yours.

Today allow me to introduce you to my Jesus, whom I sweetly called "my little lamb", truly as such! Already the prophecies presented Him as the Lamb who was to be led to the slaughterhouse. In fact, He suffered a cruel death, to which He submitted obediently and out of love. But what was this Lamb to do, wonderful in his sweetness and goodness, who could say to all men of all times: "*Learn from Me!*"? He had to take away the sins

of the world. So said John the Baptist, pointing Him out to the crowds who came to him to be baptized.

Jesus is the Lamb who, with his life, passion, and death, erases the sin of the world. With what love should one invoke Him like this! With how much gratitude, trust and hope one should thank Him and ask Him to make his action more effective!

These feelings really lack, because one does not have an exact knowledge of sin, and because everyone believes himself to be either just or justified. Usually in fact, when a soul sins, it does not blame itself. Perhaps he will accuse the environment, his friends, the situations that made a certain behaviour necessary. It is difficult to see the evil done and the roots from which it comes in the light of God. This is why that little white Lamb, who at Christmas began to live and die for men, is often forgotten and his sacrifice of love ignored.

Certainly, sin, already serious in itself since it is a disobedience to the Law of love, perfected by Jesus himself in the world, becomes even more serious if one thinks that that Lamb is the Son of God. But what responsibility for those who do not want to recognize evil, justify it and legalize it, giving it the widest diffusion, while they do not take into account the immolation of my Son, who continues to offer himself to expiate and to re-establish bonds of friendship between God and man!

But I want to suggest another thought that must give you light and wisdom. Every Christian is closely linked

to Jesus, so as to become like Him a royal priesthood. Every Christian therefore has an assignment: to immolate the victim and to share in this immolation. But how will these actions that go beyond human possibility take place?

Children, there is a divine action that takes place in the world at all times. It is the immolation of the Lamb! It is the Holy Mass, which renews mystically, but really, his sacrifice. Oh, how I would like to make you understand the infinite value of this immolation, which reaches all men in the most extreme points of the earth! Indeed, I want to tell you that it reaches Heaven and earth, all creation.

If your immolation, that is, the sacrifice of your life for itself, can be of very little value, and even be nothing, inserted in that magnificent gift of Jesus to the Father, it assumes infinite value, in comparison with which nothing resists and by nothing is overcome.

Children, the uncreated wisdom is Jesus himself, of whom I am Mother. May the Father place in your heart a desire for infinity, and want to make every Mass, which you will attend for the future, an excellent gift to God that will bring help and grace to all humanity also through your means.

Now I bless you all. Children, I love you very much and nobody is unknown to me. To the expectant mothers, my assistance. To the children, my protection. To all, an affectionate kiss. To those parents who weep over the

bad behaviour of their children, the promise that, through the Mass and the Rosary, they will obtain their salvation.

## **Religion is essential to live well**

17<sup>th</sup> January 1978

My children, how dear your prayer is to my heart! How much joy your goodwill brings me, determined to work to bring about that kingdom of God that can bring all men to salvation!

See, children, how great is the goodness of God, who, even after the fall of man and after continual sins, does not cease to love his children and to carry out everything that his infinite wisdom has, to save everyone.

Certainly, salvation is a gift that the Father does not force to accept, but that He offers to everyone. See how great human ingratitude is, which rejects this salvation and rejects faith, rejects religion by saying it a useless thing! You see, in fact, men who say they are sufficient for themselves, and create for themselves divinities in the things that they believe of great value. How much disappointment they will experience on the last day, when they understand that everything they loved did not deserve their affection, and everything they were attached to, will be inexorably far from them!

Children, religion, which establishes bonds of obedience and love with God and with men, is the ark within which they can find the strength to live those who

are in the world and which gives entry to Paradise. As those who despise the inheritances left by their father and uselessly waste them would prove extremely ungrateful, so those who do not accept the faith, considering it of secondary importance, seriously sin against God, who will be able to deprive him of this precious gift to give it to those who receive it better and with more love translate it into practice.

Religion surpasses all the sciences of the world in value and usefulness, just as heaven surpasses earth. The study of religion therefore deserves all your attention. From it, in fact, derives that good conscience that can give individuals not only apparent, but internal and sure happiness, since, by practicing religion and exercising charity, God comes to dwell in the soul bringing that happiness of which He is the source inexhaustible.

Religion shows the way to get to the heart of God, but also to practice those social duties that are part of the life of the world. For this reason, one could confidently say that a true believer must consequently be an honest citizen. In the world the law of the fittest triumphs, and there are always those who play the lion's part, whereby the needs of others are suffocated and there is no fear of harming anyone exercising violence. The true believer knows how to share what he possesses with the poor, knows how to understand the needs of others, and respects not only the personality of others, but also their rights.



Parents are the first educators. They are therefore those who, by word and example, must open the hearts of their children to that supernatural light, which is given with Baptism, but which is also increased when it is impetrated with prayer and desire. How many are the modern parents, who understand this need, ask the Lord for help in order to better make God known and loved to their children?

The valid help for parents are the educators. They have the task of making the faith appreciated more than anything else. The importance of this teaching also derives from the fact that all knowledge comes from God, just as every authority comes from God. And as, knowing the Law of God, children will learn to love and respect parents despite their limitations and imperfections, so from the lessons of the educators they will learn to respect all creation: from the insect to the tree, from the dog to all the people of the world, since the author of everything is not man but God himself.

The best teacher of religion, because the task has been entrusted to her by God himself, is the Church. The infallible magisterium of the Church is entrusted to the Pope, who rules the fate of the Church. The only infallible and timeless custodian is Peter's successor, whom I ask you to remember right now and for whom you must always pray. The bishops, united with him, are also endowed with the supreme gift of teachers of faith.

Unfortunately, the difficult moments you are experiencing bring so much distrust and confusion to

your minds. This is why religion, based on the study of the Gospel, on the acceptance of the truths gathered in the Creed and on the Commandments, which form the moral law of men, is indispensable for living well.

To these principles, entrust your mind and your intelligence! Let them argue those who dislike being directed by God or the Church, on the convenience of religious teaching in schools and everywhere. You know that if you know God better, you will love Him more, you will serve Him better and you will enjoy Him for all eternity.

I bless you, children! See you later!

## **To the Seregno group**

18<sup>th</sup> January 1978

Children, you have done very well to come to this prayer meeting today, in which the Church begins a prayer octave for the union of Christians!

I am the Mother of the Church and it is very important to me that my Son's most ardent desire be fulfilled: *"That only one sheepfold be made under one shepherd."* But what would the value to all be with the Pontiff of Rome, when these children were not united with each other with a bond of brotherly love?

Here is the true meaning of this octave: to ask the Father that all those who recognize in Jesus the Son of God and the Redeemer of mankind, try to love each

other, to respect each other and to help each other. How can you help yourself? Perhaps by accepting the errors, of which Satan has sprinkled the truth? No, but all going, with a keen desire for the common good, in search of the truth, which can sometimes seem veiled and not be interpreted rightly. Each one must commit himself and ask for light through prayer, so that the spirit of the Lord may manifest itself.

There are many Christians who are far from the true Church in good faith. Their belief, accompanied by a good life, can ensure salvation. But there are also many who, although they know they are wrong, spread it and do not try to correct themselves. For them it is necessary to pray, so that the wills are moved to the good, and that they do not introduce to others difficulties and obstacles. Then there are those who feel they should not love those who think differently from them. They are the so-called Pharisees who, loyal to exteriorities, do not aim for substance.

You must love everyone so that only one heart and one soul can be made of all Christians. When in a family there is the father who directs, and the children who, disciplined and full of love, obey, everything proceeds in order and even material interests go well.

The Church is the great family of the people of God. It would be desirable that all the children who bear the name of Christians to follow Jesus Christ, huddle around the Pontiff and draw from his authority that light, that strength and that security that everyone desires. Let your

praying of these days be directed to this purpose. Whoever prays and helps the Church, helps himself, because each of you must be a living stone of the Church.

Children, I bless you and I help you. I am with you, and I make of each of your offerings a gift pleasing to the Father, with the offering of Jesus. Your group is particularly pleasing to me for the constancy and fervour that you carry. Keep going, and know that you will never be alone to take advantage of the graces that will be granted to you. To the religious, my embrace to bring to all the patients in the nursing home.

Children, be united, love each other and show everyone that this part, small if you like, of the flock, however, is faithful to God and knows how to bear witness to its faith.

Goodbye, children! I love you so much!

## **On the Feast of the Holy Family**

22<sup>nd</sup> January 1978

Children, so dear to me, how much I enjoy staying with you! I desire your good more than you desire it and, to get it for you, I direct all my suggestions and advice. You constitute a great spiritual family for which I have the responsibility, that I must guide to holiness and to which I must open new horizons every day, so that the apostolate that is indispensable today can be accomplished. That is why I give you my suggestions,

destined to preserve in this family of yours those virtues that will make it more and more flourishing and active.

First of all, the love that must bind you to God must never be missing! Each work, carried out personally by you, must be like a link in that long chain that unites you, which must bring benefits to all, having been done for the love of God.

The communion of saints is a reality in whose growth you must collaborate here too, and whoever attends this spiritual family must feel how to flow new life for the good that each one does also for the benefit of the others. If you love God and always act with the right intention, for his glory, everyone accumulates merits, which are like the wealth accumulated by well-run families.

Spiritual well-being then produces joy, which must be your particular characteristic. Joy is indispensable to Christians, it is a means of spreading the faith, but in this place, everyone must make a good supply of it.

If you think that for some saints it was enough to hear one word of mine and to have seen me only once to preserve joy for a lifetime, how much serenity, happiness and peace, must fill your heart if you find that a glimpse opens here of Paradise! Heaven communicates with the earth, the Mother with her children, Jesus with men. It is all grace that you receive, children, and if you know how to treasure it, you will not fail to fill your heart with joy, and you cannot help taking it everywhere.

Here, however, one must learn how to observe the Law of God and how to fulfill one's duties. There are many who feel the Law and duties as a yoke, but you know that when you love, you do not feel the sacrifice and even the pain turns into joy.

That zeal that makes you assiduous in prayer and apostles of good, also gives you that energy and that strength that makes you do every job inside the family and outside with so much joy. You will never say that, by coming to pray, you waste your time, because I promise you: you will gain in strength, in capacity and in activity, that time that you dedicate with prayer to the good of humanity.

These qualities that I have enumerated for you, which are valid for the spiritual family that you make up, you can make fall back on your natural family with the same results. Every family should have ours as a model! And where, better than in the family of Nazareth, love, and joy reign, in the observance of one's duty and in the diligence of prayer? Children, who will be able to save the family, which runs serious and grave dangers? Will not Heaven again show itself pitiful to earth?

But, let me tell you: I gave the world the Redeemer! God wanted to use a woman to bring salvation to men. Just as the greatest evil came to the world by a woman, so did the greatest good by a woman. The history of the world repeats itself continuously, and even today the woman can be at the salvation and perdition of the family. Woman, oh yes, call her that, not female!

Woman, which means lady, madam! She is like the heart of the family, and can, with her kindness, with her faith, with the strength of her sacrifice and with her serenity, be the mistress of the hearts of a house and give everyone the exuberance of her virtue, always available for all her loved ones.

From the father, the children will be able to draw strength, love for work, constancy in faith and good. The children will rely on the father for advice from him. His prudence, wisdom and honesty will make the authority of God shine in him, and although he is prudent in asking, he will be generous in giving all that paternal love suggests to him.

The Christian family is a reflection of the divine family. It is a wonderful gift made by God to humanity, so that in this cell, which comprises a large organism in its repetition, all men should find what is necessary for the soul and the body. The deviations, the evils that ruin the family, derive from the lack of recognition of one's provenance from the One who, after creating Adam and Eve, said: "*Grow and multiply.*"

The Laws of God trampled upon, despised, and not observed, have led to the breakdown of order and, having neglected the first Commandment, it is easier to transgress the fourth. Disobedience to God with sin generates rebellion in children, who make the family a purely material place of refuelling.

Children, by your holiness, acquired at my school, may those transformations which you also wish for the

recovery of society come. May your natural family be sanctified by your presence, and hearts love each other in God for everyone's joy.

Children, I bless you all. I bless your loved ones. Bring them here to me: they will have help and peace. The Holy Family, whom you honour today, intercedes for you, so that your and my desires may be fulfilled. Goodbye, and always numerous and good!



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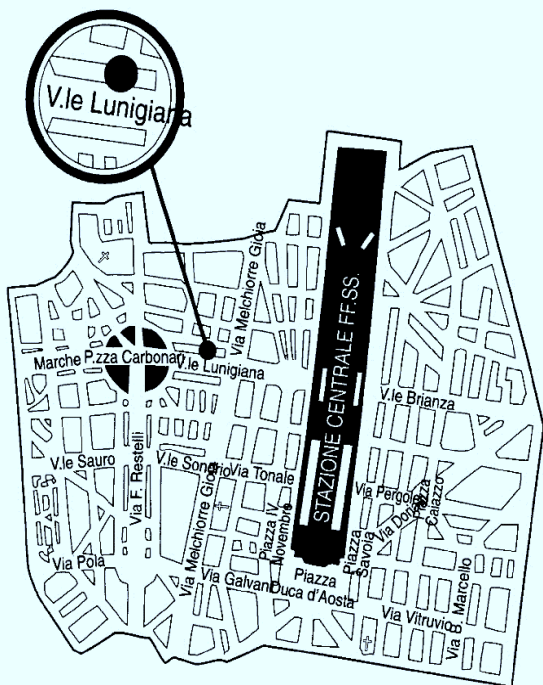


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The Message of Merciful Love was received by Mamma Carmela during a period which lasted some ten years, from 1968 to 1978. It ended in the year that Rome had at last lifted the suspension on the Divine Mercy revelations to Sister Faustina, who was subsequently canonised by Pope John Paul II on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2000 in St. Peter's, Rome.



In 1968, in the city of Milan, a widow with a large family, who had given her whole life to works of Mercy in her city, was praying one evening when she heard a voice that said: *“You will be another witness to my Divine Mercy. I will bless you and give you special graces. I ask your help as a beggar asks alms. Will you help Me? I want you to find new apostles, and once again spread my message of Merciful Love to the ends of this earth.”*

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1970 Sister Faustina herself gave a message to Carmela and her Mother of Divine Love Prayer Group, she said: *“It is not the first time that I come among you, but it is the first time that I wish to speak. I am Sister Faustina and I ask you to make with particular devotion the Novena of Mercy, so that all men will begin to believe in the mystery of salvation, which is contained in the devotion to the Divine Mercy.”*

Carmela Carabelli was born in Melegnano, Italy on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1910. She died in the peace of Christ on the 25<sup>th</sup> 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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